



Dennington News

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The Dennington Queen

Our pizza kitchen has been open since May (what a great run of weather we had for half term!) & has been doing a roaring trade.

Don't forget, if we're fully booked you can always order a take away! Our beautiful garden terrace is already proving very popular with customers either sipping cocktails, cold beers or enjoying our tasty burgers amongst other popular dishes. You can even still keep an eye on the kids having fun in the fantastic play area at the rear of the pub!

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Jon & Lorna Reeves



EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

Phew what a scorcher! I think it's fair to say that summer has definitely arrived, and with it all the challenges of keeping cool as well as ensuring your vegetables and garden survive.

Even in the summer heat there is a plethora of things to do in the village every week, so do keep an eye on the village hall website or follow us on Facebook to see what's on offer. There are weekly classes including pilates, yoga, dance and Qi Gong, as well as the regular coffee mornings and WI meetings (dates on pages 28 and 29) and another supper club from The Baking Jin on 18th July (see page 17), while the Summer Art Exhibition will again be in the hall over the August Bank Holiday weekend (see page 16). Film club is taking a break but will be back in September.

There is a concert in the church on 1st August and more Messy Mornings for kids (see page 7), while Dennington Hall Farms are hosting another of their very popular farm BBQs on the 18th September - and don't forget to catch up with their farm news on pages 26 and 27.

The latest from the Parish Council is on pages 22, 23 and 25 and Vivia tells us all about her Suffolk Show on pages 34 and 35, while our village personality is Kevin Shelver. Enjoy the summer!

Jo Denton, Editor

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DENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL



The summer is here at last and turning out to be quite warm! Nothing wrong with that, providing one doesn't spend too much time in the direct sunlight. We have had a good second quarter at the hall. Several new activities are emerging and the new Social Dens on Friday afternoons are proving to be popular amongst those with young families.

Marketing and Publicity. I am sure you will have noticed the massive increase in social media publicity for the hall and its activities. Gig Nonna (Vivia Bamford) has very kindly stepped forward and is doing an AMAZING job for us! Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Threads and click on the '*sign up for regular news and updates*' button at the bottom of our website. The website too is being 'updated and upgraded', so keep an eye out.

The bar goes cashless from 1st August. In order to make accounting much simpler and easier we are switching to a cashless system from 1st August, so please bear this in mind. We will however allow children to use cash at Social Dens and similar events where children are spending pocket money. Notices and announcements will be made so that you all remember for events after 1st August.

Have an amazing summer, and enjoy the hall activities. They are right here, and we have a truly brilliant location for parties and weddings.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTICES

Summer Messy Mornings: Crafts - Games - Sensory Play

August 6th at Badingham Church, 10am-12noon

August 12th at Dennington Church, 10am-12noon

Email revclairekiddy@gmail.com or text 07469718695 to book; children under 5 to have an adult with them please.

A Summer Concert of anthems, poems and songs by the Pastoral Quire on Saturday 1st August 7pm at St Mary's Dennington. Tickets £10 to include refreshments from vmaberly@gmail.com or revclairekiddy@gmail.com, proceeds to the roof restoration.

Services at St Mary's:

BCP Communion on July 5th at 8.00am, 2.00 Baptisms

Holy Communion at 11.00am on the following dates:

July 12th, July 26th, August 9th, August 23rd, September 13th

BCP Communion at 8.00am on the following dates:

August 2nd, September 6th

Benefice Service on August 30th, at 10.00am

Harvest Festival on September 27th at 5.00pm. This service will be led by the churchwardens and followed by the harvest supper.

Dennington Church is now signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme, which means regular gifts can be set up with gift aid paid straight into the church accounts. It can also be used for one-off donations. Forms and QR code can be found in the church..

Dennington Primary School will be having their last Collective Workshop on July 17th when we will be saying goodbye to year 6.

And a date for your diaries: **The Carol Service** will be on Sunday, 20th December at 5.30pm.

Reverend Claire Kiddy, Rector, Upper Alde Benefice

VILLAGE PERSONALITY: KEVIN SHELVER



Is Kevin the only Springbok in Dennington? One of two sons born to South African parents in Johannesburg – dad an electrical engineer, mum a personal assistant - Kevin's older brother Eric still lives in Cape Town; a small claim to fame is that their great-great uncle was the first Prime Minister of the country. His schooling was largely at King Edwards, an all-boys' establishment known for its sporting prowess, that counts cricketer Graeme Smith and rugby players Brian Habana and Malcolm Marx among its alumni.

Kevin left to complete National Service in the Army based in the Northern Transvaal (now Limpopo Province), which underscored the values imbued at school: good discipline, the importance of teamwork, and independence. These were busy but happy years for a young man growing up with a love of the outdoors. Kevin took a year out after the Forces to coach sports at various Johannesburg schools, little realising at the time that his future career was going to lead him in the same direction.

At 20, rather more mature than most other students, Kevin travelled south to attend Rhodes University in the small but attractive settlement of Grahamstown, an educational hub which boasted several well-known schools, and one place in the Cape which the early British settlers colonized in the 1820s. Life there was largely measured in terms of beer consumption per capita when the sizeable student body were in, or out, of class. Kevin

completed a management degree, with a one-year post-graduate diploma in education. At the time, the qualification was taken as an insurance policy – if nothing else materialised, Kevin felt he could always teach!

Kevin experienced the profound national transition away from apartheid: in 1990 Mandela was released from his Robben Island prison, and the first fully democratic elections were held in 1994. Indeed, it was only at Kevin's more liberal university that he first integrated with fellow South Africans of colour. He left Rhodes in 1997 and went to the Cape, working briefly in the health and fitness industry and hospitality. These positions allowed him to save for future travel plans around Europe and the USA, coaching tennis on summer camps on the East coast, playing rugby in Boston and then coming to the UK, where several of his friends were already ensconced. London was an exciting city for a guy in his mid-twenties.

Kevin chased and apprehended a mugger in Fulham at one point, and another at Waterloo Station on a separate occasion, before life began to take on a more settled aspect. In 2000 he secured his first permanent position in Marylebone teaching business and IT; the latter experiencing a skills shortage at the time. He joined the Thames Rowing Club and through it entered a vibrant sporting and social scene around Putney and Wimbledon Park. In 2004, now in his early thirties, Kevin moved to a school in Barnes and met Caroline, his future wife, who was teaching English. They bought a house together and Kevin committed to a future in England, having left South Africa some 13 years earlier.

By 2008 and seeking a less frenetic and expensive mode of family life – by now they had a son, Thomas – the Shelves moved to Somerset as a 'paired package' to teach at Millfield. Kevin was rather naively unaware of what this school, the premier sporting academy of the country and 95% boarder based, had to offer.

Rurally based in and around Street, then famous as the base for Clark's shoes, it had some 19 boarding houses.

Daughter Isla was born as Kevin became Assistant Housemaster while he taught business studies and coached the U18 rugby team, who made regular overseas tours including to South Africa and the schools he knew well over there. In 2014 the family moved into a girls' boarding house, with Caroline re-establishing her own career as a housemistress.

Life was good for the Shelves: Street had much to offer and the surrounding Somerset countryside provided an idyllic location in which to bring up young children. Kevin had developed some hobbies, doing some property renovation using skills he'd accrued during his twenties travelling the world and enjoying golf and tennis and mixing with a wide variety of teaching colleagues many of whom, like him, had arrived from overseas.

Caroline's parents had for some time had a holiday home in Westleton and the Shelves made regular forays across to Suffolk. Having taught for twelve years at Millfield they felt it was time to move on, and so arrived in Dennington in 2021, with Kevin getting a job at Framlingham College to teach business and economics. This offered him a short commute and family stability, with the children attending the same school. After security-conscious South Africa, Kevin in particular loves the freedom, climate, relaxed pace of life and genuineness of neighbours in this new location – which also allows for regular trips to watch the Hammers in London, Kevin having been a lifelong fan since getting the kit aged seven. He firmly believes in giving back to the community, joining the Parish Council in 2022 and becoming Treasurer for the Sports and Social Club this year, to make a small contribution to the village he and his family have grown to love.

As told to *Mark Kendall*

FILM NIGHT@DENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL

FILM NIGHT @ Dennington Village Hall is taking a break for the summer but will return on Friday, 11th September.

Our autumn programme is still to be booked, but we do have a special showing in October, for Halloween (or technically, the night before Halloween), of a psychological ghost story, ***The Presence of Snowgood***. A private investigator takes on an audacious local community where they seem to worship an ancient fabled crown and yet are not aware of the deadly horror and consequences that guard its true existence. At this special presentation, the director, Dennington resident Leigh Tarrant, will be interviewed about the making of the film and there will be opportunities to ask him your own questions. All films start at 7.30pm and the doors and bar open at 7.00pm.

David Pardey





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On 5th June a large crowd enjoyed a fascinating talk by Roy Tricker, a well-known expert on Suffolk churches, about the many rare and wonderful features to be seen in our village church. Did you know that the arcade roof dates from the 1300s? And that the font, still being used today, dates from 1400s, as does the font cover which has a carving of a bird on the top pecking at pomegranates?

The medieval pews towards the back of the church showcase 76 different bench end carvings, while the famous sciapod (a man with one huge foot over his head) can be seen on one of the bench ends; there are only two churches decorated with this design in the UK, and the other is a 19th century copy.

Another great rarity in our church is the beautifully carved parclose screens which separate the two side chapels. Under the reformation most lofts were dismantled, with only about 30 left in the country.

The event – followed by drinks and snacks kindly hosted by Anne and Bob Lawrence – raised £775 towards the vital repairs needed to the church roof. In other funding news, a preliminary “Expression of Interest” has now been submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund; this has been approved, allowing for an application to be made for the development phase, and further progress will be reported in the next newsletter. Other plans include setting up a Friends of St Mary's Dennington, as well as a small group interested in helping to preserve the church.

Jo Denton

*Roy Tricker in front of one
of the parclose screens*



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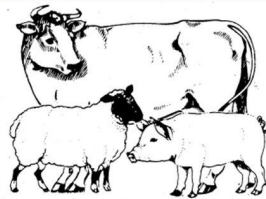
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The monthly draw for the village hall 100 club is done every month at the Thursday morning coffee mornings. The annual subscription is £12, and the monthly first prize is £25, second prize is £15, third prize is £10 and fourth is £5. If you'd like more information about signing up, please email dennington100club@gmail.com.

The April draw was done by Pamela Turner, the May draw was done by Collette Strachan and the June one by Vivia Bamford. The winners were:

	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
1st	Ray Dearing	Kate Viscardi	Marcus Church
2nd	Dave Sutherns	Jane Neill	David Pardey
3rd	Jackie Lee	Tristan Kendall	Mark Kendall
4th	Janet Wyatt	Pamela Turner	Frances Boscawen

Pamela Turner

NEW VILLAGE WHATSAPP GROUP

If you would like to join the new village WhatsApp group, please send a message to **07496 090976** with a request to be added.

This group is for general information of interest to people living in the village, including reminders about village events, as well as notices about emergency situations such as road closures, electricity faults or lack of water, etc.

The contact details of anyone who is a member of this group CANNOT be seen by others (unless already in someone's phone contacts!), members can only receive but not send messages, and you can easily remove yourself from the list if required.

Vashti Mouncer

DENNINGTON ARTS SUMMER 2026 EXHIBITION

28 - 31 August

Preview Evening - Friday 28th August, 6pm - 8pm

Saturday 29th - Monday 31st August, 10am - 4pm

In The Blue - Sherie Brinkley

Featuring the following artists:

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Sherie Brinkley

Maria Clarke-Wilson

Jill Draper

Joff Duck

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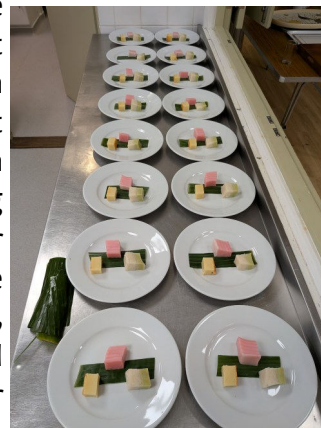


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A SECOND BAKING JIN SUPPER CLUB



Following the success of his first Supper Club in November last year, The Baking Jin will be organising another Supper Club in the village hall on **Saturday, 18th July**. This will have a similar format to the first



one but with a slight change of menu, from autumn to summer, though still very much modern Malaysian cuisine; Jin is delighted to be able to showcase his South East Asian heritage to the community in Dennington through food !

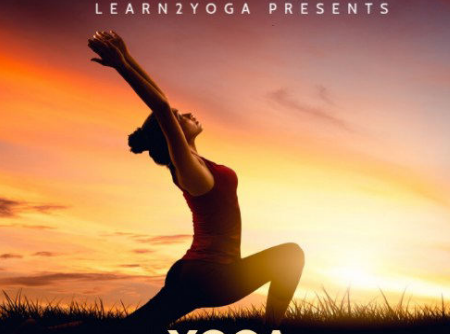
And Jin is delighted to announce too that ticket sales for last November's event helped raised money for both Cancer Research UK and the UK Alzheimer's Society, with both charities receiving £100.

For more information about the 18th July event, and to book a place for dinner, please visit Jin's website here:

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MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

The mobile library will be in Dennington on Friday, 3rd July, Friday, 31st July, Friday, 28th August and Friday, 25th September and can be found between 2.00-2.30pm outside the Dennington Queen.

Please send all stories or items to be included in the next issue, the last one for 2026 which covers October-December, to the Editor no later than 20th September. Please send via email to denningtonnews@gmail.com or post to Spring Farm House, The Street, Dennington IP13 8JF. Please supply any pictures and advertisements as jpeg attachments.

This term we have had many opportunities for the children to learn through trips and visitors to the school.

Swallows enjoyed a day out in London where they visited the British Museum and looked at sculptures from the Parthenon and a selection of ancient Greek pottery. In the evening, they watched a fantastic West End production of Oliver.



Chaffinches had a visit from police officers from the Civil Nuclear Constabulary. They got to sit in the police car and use some of the police equipment such as torches and handcuffs. They also tried on some police hats, helmets and jackets. Chaffinches listened to the different types of sirens and used their phonics knowledge to read the light up displays on the back of the car.

The whole school had a great day when we had a visit from athlete, Richard Potter. Richard told us about how he got his leg injury and his inspirational story from leg amputation to winning gold at the Invictus Games. He shared the motto that he lives his life by - “aim high always”, which inspired us all to try to do the same!



Richard led the children in a sports circuit which they all joined in enthusiastically, the whole school aimed high and did amazingly!

Jenny Turner, Teacher

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LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY

A big hello from the team at Framlingham library!

How are we halfway through the year already?! Our team is busy prepping for our Summer Reading Quest which is due to launch across our libraries on the 18th July. We welcome families to sign up for a summer of book related fun, and our theme this year is "Curious Creatures" with six new characters to meet. There's lots of activities to take part in, so please come along to the library this summer and get involved!

This week is the last chance to see the wonderful metal work exhibition by artist John Ash, upstairs in our Court Room. The sunlight catches the pieces just beautifully - but don't take our word for it, come along and see for yourself.

We recently hosted a sold-out author talk in the library with the wonderful Melissa Harrison who spoke about, read an excerpt and signed copies of her new book *The Given World*. It was an interesting and exciting evening, with a guest appearance from Vivian too. More events to follow, so please keep an eye on our Facebook page and the Suffolk Community Libraries website.

As well as our weekly Citizens Advice Bureau sessions on Friday mornings, 10.00am-12noon, we also have monthly drop-in sessions with our local PCSO. The next one is 10.00am-12noon on Thursday 16th July. Pop in to ask a question, let them know about something happening in your area, or just to say "hello" - they're very friendly!

We look forward to welcoming you to the library soon.

Rachel Gibson,
Suffolk Community Libraries, Executive Library Manager

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

New Councillors

We were delighted to welcome Faye Shirmer onto the Parish Council at our May meeting and look forward to working with her. We still have one vacancy, and a couple of residents have expressed interest, so by the time this reaches you, we may even have filled the seat at our July meeting.

Following May's County Council elections, Stephen Molyneux (Green Party) is now the County Councillor for the Framlingham and Wickham Market division. He can be contacted at Stephen.Molyneux@suffolk.gov.uk

Audit and Accounts

It's been a busy few months behind the scenes with year-end accounts, audits, and preparations for the two annual meetings. Dennington Parish Council has formally approved its 2025–2026 accounts, confirming another year of sound financial management and full compliance with all statutory requirements.

Our internal audit was very encouraging. The auditor praised the council's strong governance, clear record-keeping, and robust financial controls, noting that the Clerk/RFO continues to administer the council's finances to a very high standard. The auditor concluded that Dennington Parish Council maintains "an effective framework of financial administration and internal financial control".

East Suffolk Recycling – A Quick Update

East Suffolk's new Better Recycling scheme has now begun. The changes were introduced nationally and are something the council is required to implement - and like any big rollout, there have been a few teething issues. ESC would thank you for your patience while everything settles in. Residents are encouraged to download the

East Suffolk app. It's the easiest way to check what goes where, find your collection dates, and report any missed bins.

Neighbourhood Watch – Area Coordinator Needed

Our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is looking for a friendly, community-minded volunteer to become the village Coordinator.

The role involves:

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Thank You to Our Grass-Cutting Volunteers

A huge thank-you to the brilliant team of volunteers who regularly mow the sports club and village green areas. Their hard work keeps the village looking smart and welcoming for everyone. If you'd like to join the rota, we'd be delighted to hear from you, as many hands really do make light work.

Digital Mailing List

The Parish Council now has a digital mailing list to help keep residents informed about important village news, events and urgent updates. You can sign up to receive our digital updates here: <https://dennington.org.uk/newsletter/>. By signing up, you'll receive occasional updates straight to your inbox. Whether it's road

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A final reminder....

The Parish Council is here for you, the residents of Dennington. We would love to see more residents getting involved with the Parish Council. If you haven't been to a meeting before, do come along and say 'hello'. There is no pressure to talk during the Public session – you can just observe. Our future meetings for 2026 are:

Monday 6th July

Monday 14th September

Monday 16th November

Robert Wardley, Chair, and Lydia Kindred, Clerk & RFO
Dennington Parish Council

DENNINGTON QUEEN'S CRIBBAGE TEAM

The 2025/26 season duly ended with Finals night on April 16th and what a great season we have had. The team finished the season joint top of the league on points, just missing out on being champions when overall 'legs won' were counted. Additionally, Peter Nobbs and I won the Gent's Pairs competition, and we also managed to win the Captain's cup which is a singles competition.

We are now looking forward to next season which starts on the 8th September. Rather ignominiously, we also achieved an unwanted accolade, losing one of our final games 19-1 – the largest loss on record! You can't win them all!!

I am hoping to arrange a couple of get-togethers before the season starts – details will be issued in due course to team members. As ever, if you would like more information **please contact David Sutherns on 01728-638368.**

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Summer has arrived at Dennington Hall Farms, bringing plenty of activity across the farm and some welcome colour to the countryside.



A highlight of the season was Open Farm Sunday, when we welcomed around 800 visitors onto the farm. It was wonderful to see so many local families enjoying trailer rides, meeting livestock, climbing Bale Mountain and learning more about farming. We

are incredibly grateful to the many exhibitors, volunteers and members of the farm team who helped make the day such a success.

After an exceptionally dry spring, the recent rainfall has been a huge relief. The crops have responded well, and as we move towards harvest they are looking promising. The rain has also encouraged a beautiful display of orchids across parts of the farm. If you are out walking





on local footpaths over the coming weeks, do keep an eye out for them – they are one of the many signs that wildlife can thrive alongside a working farm.

Elsewhere, our conservation pigs have been busy

creating habitat in areas managed for turtle doves. Their rooting and digging helps create the patches of bare and disturbed ground that these increasingly rare birds need, while adding plenty of character to the farm in the process.

Harvest is now fast approaching, which means more tractors, trailers and occasional late evenings. As always, we are grateful for the patience and support of our neighbours during this busy time of year.

Finally, please save the date for our annual village BBQ for residents of Dennington and Badingham on **Friday 18th September**. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Laura Rous
Dennington Hall Farms



Dennington Village Hall Coffee Mornings

*Coffee mornings are held every other
Thursday, in the meeting room at
Dennington Village Hall, from 10.30am –
11.45am.*

*Come and join us for homemade cakes with
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The dates for the next few months are:

9th and 23rd July

6th and 20th August

3rd and 17th September

1st, 15th and 29th October

£3 per person for tea/coffee and cake

DENNINGTON WI

Typing this in the heat, I think we might need to have a talk on keeping cool. Since I last sent in a report we have had a busy few months at Dennington WI. We started at the April meeting with a talk on Shelter, the homeless charity. They explained the reasons this sometimes happened and the definition of being labelled homeless. Obviously with government funding shortages, offering a place to stay has become more challenging. The following month we discussed four resolutions put forward by the National WI to lobby government and agreed on pushing for more access to public toilets. At the same meeting Donna came and gave us all a short insight into the Qi Gong classes that she takes in the hall and had us do some of the exercise moves. June saw us enjoy a talk on silver and gemstones by Marianne Brane, on the difference between the two groups of stones, organic and inorganic, allowing us to see these in their unpolished state, and teaching us how to look after them and how to be aware of the different qualities of silver that is sold.

Forthcoming fixtures:

8 July: The Forgotten Bees by Hawk Honey

12 August: WI Garden Party at Todd's Farm, the home of our Chair

9 September: From Office Boy to Judge by Malcolm Knott

Julie Steward

CALLING ALL QUIZ FANS!

Friday, 9th October at Dennington Village Hall offers you the chance to impress your friends and neighbours with your erudite knowledge (or, at least, have some fun)! Dennington Church is holding a Quiz Night to raise money towards the repair of the church roof and you could be in with a chance to be part of the winning team. Put the date in your diary and your electronic calendar, and start assembling your team.



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Buses towards Framlingham	482	482	482	482	482
Diss, Bus Station	-	10:15	13:21	15:33	18:21
Diss, Station Road	-	10:19	13:25	15:37	18:25
Eye, Castleton Grange	-	10:31	13:37	15:49	18:37
Eye, Hartismere Hospital	-	10:32	13:38	15:50	18:38
Eye, Town Hall	-	10:33	13:39	15:51	18:39
Stradbroke, White Hart	07:10	10:48	13:54	16:06	18:54
Ashfield Green, Nursery	07:12	10:53	14:00	16:11	-
Laxfield, Village Hall	07:16	10:59	14:06	16:17	-
Badingham, Pound Corner	07:25	11:06	14:13	16:24	-
Badingham, White Horse	07:26	11:09	14:16	16:27	-
Dennington, Dennington Queen	07:29	11:16	14:20	16:34	-
Framlingham, Bridge Street, Shelter	07:46	11:22	14:26	16:40	-

Buses towards Diss	482	482	482	482
Framlingham, Bridge Street, Shelter	07:51	11:25	14:30	17:18
Dennington, Dennington Queen	07:57	11:31	14:36	17:24
Badingham, White Horse	08:01	11:35	14:40	17:28
Badingham, Pound Corner	08:04	11:39	14:44	07:32
Laxfield, Village Hall	08:11	11:45	14:50	17:38
Ashfield Green, Nursery	08:17	11:51	14:56	17:44
Stradbroke, White Hart	08:22	11:56	15:01	17:49
Eye, Town Hall	08:37	12:11	15:16	18:04
Eye, Hartismere Hospital	08:38	12:12	15:17	18:05
Eye, Castleton Grange	08:40	12:13	15:18	18:06
Diss, Station Road	08:52	12:19	15:24	18:12
Diss, Bus Station	08:56	12:23	15:28	18:16

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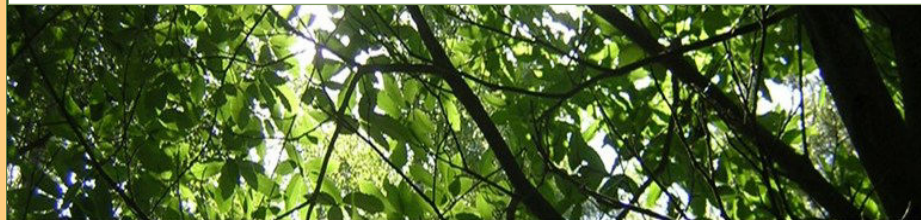
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FROM THE BAKING JIN KITCHEN: LEMONGRASS DRIZZLE LOAF CAKE

Summer always changes the rhythm of the kitchen. As someone originally from Malaysia, who is now baking here in Suffolk, summer baking always reminds me of home, tropical ingredients and flavours, warm afternoons, and cakes made for sharing.

One ingredient I've enjoyed recently is lemongrass. It's now often available in local farm shops and local supermarkets, and it adds a gentle citrus aroma that works beautifully in cakes. This is a simple twist on a classic lemon drizzle cake, fragrant, light, and perfect for summer afternoons in the garden.

Cake ingredients:

175g self-raising flour

150g caster sugar

2 eggs

80ml warm milk that has had 1-2 stalks of finely bruised lemongrass infused in it

80g melted butter



Lemongrass syrup:

Bruise 1–2 stalks of lemongrass and gently simmer in 150g sugar and 100ml water for 10–15 minutes. Allow to cool and infuse, then strain before using.

Mix all the cake ingredients together, pour into a lined loaf tin and bake at 170°C for 40–45 minutes. While still warm, spoon the lemongrass syrup over the top.

Jin

The Baking Jin

SCIAPOD DAIRY AT THE SUFFOLK SHOW

For me, the Suffolk Show starts the day after the previous one ends. One of my first jobs is to record how much cream and cheese we used, the weather, and any lessons learned to help plan for the following year.

This year, however, the real excitement began a couple of days before the show. I spent my time driving along sunlit Suffolk lanes bordered by hedgerows heavy with summer growth, collecting fresh cream and milk ready for the butter and cheesemaking demonstrations. There was an unexpected complication when the goats that normally supply my milk were unable to do so because they had recently been on medication. A supermarket-bought substitute was pressed into service, but unfortunately it didn't perform quite as hoped.

Wednesday morning at the show started quietly. Problems with melting road surfaces caused traffic delays, meaning many visitors arrived much later than usual. Fortunately, the stock owners, exhibitors and stallholders who stay on site overnight provided the traditional early rush before the crowds finally arrived in force around lunchtime, filling Trinity Park with enquiring minds and conversation.

One of the greatest pleasures of doing the show for more than ten years is seeing familiar faces return. Children who first made butter with me as tiny tots now come back as teenagers. Together we make, wash, salt and shape butter. Teaching families to listen for butter and helping them realise how much energy it takes to get the butter to form is a pleasure, and if we run two teams together it's marvellously competitive. On hot days,



presentation can sometimes be a little less elegant than intended, with edges softening in the warmth, but the enjoyment remains the same.

Mozzarella-making is always another highlight. Starting with warm milk in the morning, we transform it into cheese and then stretch it into mozzarella. Watching the curds form is always fascinating, as the milk thickens and separates before being worked into smooth, glossy strands.



This year, helped by the warm weather, we managed to stretch a strand right across the marquee without it breaking, drawing delighted reactions from onlookers as the gleaming ribbon of cheese stretched further and further overhead.

I am very grateful to Easton Farm Park for inviting me to take part each year and to the amazing stewards who keep me fed and watered and keep an eye on things when I take a break.

After two long days on my feet, there is still the packing up and endless washing up that dairying inevitably involves. The clatter of pots and utensils echoes around the now-quiet marquee, and the lingering scent of milk and cheese hangs in the warm evening air. It's hard work, but I wouldn't miss it for the world.



Sciapod Dairy is me, Vivia Bamford. I do foraging walks and talks and my cheese and butter making includes talks on the lost cheeses of Suffolk and teaching domestic dairy skills. For more information, contact SciapodDairy@gmail.com

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ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP: FORTHCOMING DATES

The next few meetings will be held on:

Monday, 20th July: Presenting and preserving the past with Janet Few

Saturday, 12th September: Family & Local History Open Day, Fromus Centre, Saxmundham

Monday, 21st September: Hands Across the Sea with Helen Baggott

The June meeting at the Fromus Centre in Saxmundham saw Clare O'Grady Msc, QG, talk about 'Pauper Ancestors'. In 1536 poor relief was made the legal responsibility of each parish, and by 1597/8 parish householders had to pay a poor rate levy. The poor could claim relief because of illness, unemployment or old age, and their names were recorded in the vestry (church) minutes, in overseers' accounts, or in a poor book. In 1834 compulsory indoor relief in workhouses was created with boards of guardians overseeing them.

In addition to the census records there are several places to seek information on this subject and the people involved. Local history groups or museums may have information about workhouses in their area, and there may still be a parish chest in some churches, even if the records are held elsewhere.

Maggie Strutt,
Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group

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PATRICK SPENCER MP WRITES:

One of the things I value most about Central Suffolk and North Ipswich is the strong sense of community that runs through our villages and the town of Ipswich. Whether it is a village fete, a local sports club, a church event, a charity fundraiser, or neighbours lending a hand, there is a spirit of generosity and involvement that makes this part of Suffolk such a special place to live.

Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy everything our area has to offer. It is also an important season for many local businesses, cafés, pubs and attractions that contribute so much to the character of our communities, so please do support them by shopping local wherever you can.

The warmer months can bring challenges as well, particularly during periods of very hot weather. One of the real strengths of our area is the way people look out for one another. A quick phone call, a knock on the door, or an offer to help with shopping can make a real difference to a friend, neighbour or family member who may need a little extra support.

Our parks, playgrounds, footpaths and public spaces are among the many reasons people choose to live, work and visit here. They are enjoyed by residents of all ages throughout the year and are often maintained and enhanced through the efforts of local volunteers and community groups. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gives their time to local charities, churches, sports clubs and community organisations. Much of their work happens behind the scenes, but it plays a vital role in bringing people together and strengthening our communities.

As always, I am keen to hear from residents across Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, so please do get in touch. You can contact me at Patrick.Spencer.MP@Parliament.uk or on 01728 726612 or sign up for my monthly e-newsletter at www.patrickspencer.co.uk.

DIARY OF EVENTS JULY-SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
06/07/2026	PC meeting	Village hall
08/07/2026	WI	Village hall
09/07/2026	Coffee morning	Village hall
16/07/2026	PCSO	Library
17/07/2026	Primary school service	Church
18/07/2026	Launch of Summer Reading	Library
23/07/2026	Coffee morning	Village hall
01/08/2026	Summer Concert	Church
06/08/2026	Messy Mornings	Badingham Church
06/08/2026	Coffee morning	Village hall
12/08/2026	WI	Village hall
12/08/2026	Messy Mornings	Church
20/08/2026	Coffee morning	Village hall
03/09/2026	Coffee morning	Village hall
09/09/2026	WI	Village hall
11/09/2026	FILM NIGHT@DVH	Village hall
14/09/2026	PC meeting	Village hall
17/09/2026	Coffee morning	Village hall
18/09/2026	Dennington Hall Farms BBQ	Dennington Hall Farm