

Dennington News



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EDITORS VOICE

A very warm Welcome to you all!

New Beginnings.

Welcome to our very first issue of the brand new quarterly Village News-letter. Hopefully with your help we will endeavor to fill these pages with the stories, lives , events and everyday happenings of our wonderful Vil-lage, Dennington. We hope that this will become a regular, relaxed and informative publication within every Dennington household.

We welcome all news and stories. Everyday successes. Those artistic ones amongst you who's talents may lie with the brush or the pen. Those of you who know an unsung hero:- a 'good Samaritan' who you think may deserve some recognition. Photographs old and new as well as memories and news of forth coming events.

If you have something that needs to be seen or heard, we will be your can-vas and your voice.

Until next time

Sally O'Keeffe (Editor)

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 2015.

Via email: denningtonnews@gmail.com or post to: Red House Cottage, Dennington, Woodbridge, Ip13 8AQ

Please send pictures as separate attachments, preferably saved as jpgs.

In future editions, space will be available for advertising. ¼ page - £10, ½ page £15, and full page £25. There is no VAT. This will help us cover costs. Please contact the editor for further details.

St Mary the Virgin Parish Church, Dennington

We are delighted to say we had a brilliant Plant Sale on 2nd May and raised over £1000.00 for church funds. Thank you to all of those who both supported and assisted us. The church is always open during daylight hours for reflection and regular services are



held as detailed below. The Family Service and Morning prayer last for about half an hour with coffee/tea and biscuits afterwards.

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

Dennington Consolidated Charity.

This ancient Charity is in place to help the residents of Dennington. It was created for those in need and if you feel you need help that is not available from the state please apply to our Clerk Peter Lamb - Clerk to the Trustees. Coach house, The Square, Dennington - giving your reasons for needing financial help. We award small grants for higher education and apprentice schemes. We also operate a "nursing fund" and if anyone you know is taken poorly and would like a visit or card please contact , in confidence Robert Wardley on 638298.

The Charity has also supported major projects in the village such as the Village green with its shop, the allotments, the village hall, the tennis court and the Church.

A History on the founding of The Dennington Sports Club

In 1954 Ken & Sheila Missen arrived in the Village and took over the Post Office. Running a post office in those days was also a place where Village news, "gossip" and views would be aired by customers while purchasing the things they needed.

A group of youngsters who only wanted to play football, but had nowhere to play, started playing on the Village Square but when a window was broken with a football Ken became involved in the problem, suggesting a Dennington Sports Club be formed and seeking permission officially from a farmer to use his field to kick a ball around on. The word was spread and on May 31st 1955 a general meeting was held in the Old Village Hall (houses are now on the plot where the Hall was situated) it was very well attended by all ages, and they unanimously agreed to form a Sports Club. A Committee was formed with Major, The Hon. G.N Rous being elected Chairman. Ken Missen : Secretary, Charlie Ward : Treasurer, Bill Jarvis, and Jimmy Lockwood.

The first football pitch was on a meadow owned by Farmer Maurice Steward, what he didn't mention was that it was a meadow he kept cows on! This meant quite a bit of work had to be done before playing a match began. (And no I do not mean cutting the pitch, but a bucket and shovel were very handy indeed!!) Several friendly matches were played that first year.

Mr Rice offered a meadow for games of cricket. Bowls were played on the lawns of Mrs C Steward, The Lodge and at Mr Mann's, Elm Hall. Tennis players had the use of tennis courts at Jill & Russell Heffer's, Jeremy's Acre, Badingham White Horse, and Tommy Coy's, Whitmore Farm. Free tuition was being offered by Mary William's Head Mistress of Village School and Sheila Missen from the Post Office.

Of course the main problem was finding one venue all the different sports activities could use.

The ideal site would be "the old cricket meadow" now the present Sports meadow, this meadow belonged to the Church.

When the new rector, Rev James Gilcrest arrived in the Village it emerged that Ken Missen and the Reverend had both served in the 8th Army. The Rev. with the English and Ken with the New Zealanders and they both served in the whole of the North African Campaign, with so much in common they had a lot to talk about and were great friends.

Ken eventually managed to persuade the Rector to approach the Church to ask if the Sports Club could purchase the meadow. The Church Council agreed the field could be sold for the sum of £350, a large sum of money all those years ago. Ken Missen applied for a grant from Suffolk Play-ing Field Association, and was awarded £150, a condition of the grant was that the deeds be held by an independent body i.e. The Parish Council. This would ensure if the Sports Club failed the Parish Council would maintain the field until a Club was reformed and the field should be held in perpetuity as a Sports Club. This was agreed by both sides. The Committee then received a lot of support from the Village residents, fund raising began in earnest; jumble sales, cake stalls, whist drives, social evenings in the old Village Hall, bring and buy. The rest of the money was raised. The Sports field was purchased. Support to maintain and run the Sports Club is as always imperative. As the Club has developed there is now a Bowls Club, Tennis Club, Football Club, Badminton Club, Cricket Club, Friday night Club section. At the mo-ment not all clubs are active. There is also a lovely children's play area. Each club section is responsible for its own expenses. All members of all clubs help with main Committee fund raising events, to pay for overall expenses ex: insurance, re-roofing the Sports Club pavilion, drainage of the field and making sure the equipment in Children's area is main-tained to a high standard. All committee members are unpaid volunteers. The Village is so lucky to have a Sports Club with its own premises, please continue to use it and give it your valued support.

Dennington Bowls Club

The Bowls Club is situated at the far end of the Sports Field, near to the footpath end.

It is in regularly used during the Bowls season –May to September. At the moment there are 24 playing members, but we are always looking to increase our membership. New members pay no fees for your first year of joining.

If you are interested in learning to play all you need is a pair of shoes with a flat sole as we have spare bowls at the club.

Dennington Jubilee Hall

We are delighted that, in a joint venture with the Sports Club, we have helped launch the Dennington News. A village without a voice makes for a disjointed community, so we very much hope you will not only read it but engage with and indeed participate. As some of you will know, work is about to start on the refurbishment of the Village Hall. This is long overdue. The first visual signs will be the rebuilding of the road entrance. Our hall is unique – and once refurbishment is complete, it will be a Hall we can all really be proud of.

On Saturday 19th September, we shall have a hog roast or similar (as we did before) at which we will make a full presentation on the work we will be doing. You are all invited to attend.

Please come and participate in the growing number of Hall activities. These are joint ventures with the Sports Club and will become much more regular as time goes on. Keep an eye on the website and the newsletter calendar. We very much look forward to seeing you!

For bookings, please contact John Watterson on 638730 or email

johnwatterson17@btinternet.com .

James Maberly-Chairman

Badminton Club

The Badminton Club that usually convenes on a Monday evening at the Village Hall is currently on hiatus for the Summer months but will begin again in September.

All abilities welcome.

For more information look out for the next issue of Dennington news.

Neighbourhood Watch

If you would like to register your valuables visit :- www.immobilise.com

Call an SNT Officer on 101 or Write to: Suffolk Constabulary, Saxmundham and Framlingham Safer Neighbourhood Team, Saxmundham Police Station, Station Approach, Saxmundham. IP17 1BW

Dennington Allotments

We have 19 plots in the village beyond the village green, with 32 members. It is a very attractive site, used as a walk by many in the village. At present, all the plots have been taken. However, it may well be possible to share with a member.



The rent for a full plot is £35.00, £25 for a half and £12 for a quarter plot. This includes public liability insurance and use of water.

We have a communal social area with fruit trees at the top and two members keep bees. In the summer, we have a barbeque and try to get together informally in January in the pub.

If you would like to contact us about the allotments, here are the details:

Secretary: Pene Welham Tel: 01728 638756
email: pene.welham@btinternet.com

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES Saxmundham Mobile Library route 5.

The Saxmundham library van stops at Dennington Square every 4 weeks on a **Tuesday between 10.25 and 10.45**. If you miss this at Dennington the bus also stops at Brundish Crown on same day between 11.00 and 11.20.

2015 DATES: 9th June - 7th July - 4th August - 29th Sept - 27th October - 24th November - 22nd December.

Dennington Parish Council

The council meets several times a year to consider what will make a difference to the people who live and work in Dennington – improvements to road safety, drainage, overhanging trees and planning to name a few. Recently we have had the village seat repaired and replaced several of the oak posts. (Our thanks to Tree Incarnate who have done this work free of charge). The remaining posts are due to be replaced and work will start soon to repair and refurbish the bus shelter. In addition to this, the picnic benches on the Village Square should be re-varnished and repaired in the near future. Drains and potholes cause concern to many, and the Council reports these to Suffolk Coastal as promptly as possible. During the past year the Council have considered 18 planning applications, taking into account the views of local people when making recommendations. The next meeting date is July 20th and everyone is invited to attend. Meetings start at 7pm unless stated otherwise.

There is currently a vacancy for a parish councillor. So why not become involved?

Do you live or work within the village?

Are you interested in what happens in Dennington and the decisions that are made?

Could you spare a small amount of time (we meet approx. 6 times a year, plus time for planning meetings)?

For an informal chat please contact any of the Parish Councillors listed below or the Clerk.

Robert C. T. Wardley	Tel: 638298	Matt Lunn	Tel: 638070
Robert C. Rous	Tel: 638712	Mary Mann	Tel: 638284
Kathy Whitbread	Tel: 638335	John Calver	Tel: 638310
Doris Dearing	Tel: 638322	Nicholas Watts	Tel: 723617
Clerk: Ruth Hart	Tel: 685622		

Dennington WI

Dennington W.I is a small, very friendly W.I with 30 members.

We meet in the Village Hall, on the second Wednesday of the month, at 7.30pm.

Our programme is very varied and we enjoy some excellent speakers.

This is displayed on the notice board at the Village hall.

Visitors are always very welcome at meetings to see what the W.I is about, before deciding whether to join.

The next meeting is 10th June when Genevieve Christie will speak on " Full Circle and Flip Side"

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

We meet fortnightly at the Village Hall

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

All of the dates are Thursday mornings and start at 10.30am.

11th & 25th June/9th & 23rd July/ 6th & 20th August

If you need a lift, please let us know.

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

Call Binkie 638813 or Maggie 638963

Dennington Cribbage Team

The Dennington team was a founder member of the Mid Suffolk Cribbage League which consists of sixteen teams from Saxtead, Leiston, Aldeburgh, Laxfield, Bruisyard, Yoxford and Saxmundham. Our home venue is the Queens Head and we play on a home and away basis every Tuesday from September to April. The team consists of eight players but allowing for holidays and illness at least twelve members is ideal. We are in urgent need of extra players and would be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in joining us, be they beginners or experienced players. For further details contact : Alan Dyne 638166

The Dennington Queen is a privately owned village inn which dates back to the 16th century that has a reputation for making everyone feel welcome. The Dennington Queen also caters for functions large or small. We are open to any ideas or needs you may require, our aim is to achieve a well organised and stress free day for you. Feel free to contact us for further information.

Our upcoming events for the next few months:- Our annual 'fish week' where all the specials will be fish including the following lobster, skate, crab and scallops (normal menu still available) from 24th -28th June.

We'll also be hosting a food and wine tasting evening on the Thursday 9th July where our local wine supplier will be holding a talk on wines from a certain country and our chef will be creating a 4 course menu based on the food of that country - pre booking a must on this one.

We'll also be holding a summer BBQ one Sunday in August (date TBC) with live music too.

We look forward to seeing you!

Open 7 days a week 12-2pm & 6.30-9pm

01728 638241/info@thedenningtonqueen.co.uk

Tennis Club

A new tennis court to replace the old was officially opened on 14th September 2013 by Christine Truman on the day of the Village Fete. Joining Fees are: Family £30, Individual Fee £10, Court Key £4

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

Booking forms are displayed on the notice board outside the Village Hall.

Membership forms and keys can 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 Primary School

Dennington Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School is a small school. Each class is made up of mixed year groups and offer a welcoming and friendly environment. Its small numbers mean that each child is able to shine and friendships are often formed across different year groups and classes. Staff offer a tailored approach to teaching that fits each child's individual needs. The children work closely and effectively together, and love coming to school each day.

A recent Ofsted report stated that Dennington is a 'Good' school where they 'are successful in extending pupils' horizons and aspirations'.

The school offers a 'Stay and Play' drop in session for children 3 and upwards every Tuesday 2.15-3.15pm during term time. A perfect place to meet up and chat, share advice and experiences. Activities provided by an experienced Early Years practitioner. Refreshments available.



Dennington Primary School

Open Day! 11th June 2015, 9:30 – 12:00

We would like to welcome you to Dennington Primary School



A caring community where every child matters



A rich and diverse curriculum



A stimulating learning environment

"We are very proud of our school community and have lots to offer"

RSVP on 01728 638206
www.greatsmallschools.co.uk

June

9th June Mobile Library

10th June WI-Full Circle Editions and Flipside – Genevieve Christie

11th June Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

11th June Dennington Primary Open Day

25th June Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

July

1st July W.I Guided Tour Of Sizewell

7th July Mobile Library

8th July W.I-Garden Party

9th July Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

9th July Food & Wine Tasting at Dennington Queens Head

11th July Dennington School Summer Fayre 12-4pm

23rd July Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

August

4th August Mobile Library

6th August Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

12th August WI event (TBA)

20th August Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

Summer BBQ and Live Music at the Dennington Queen TBC