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OBITUARIES MRS JENNY DAKIN 1947 - 2023



We are sad to announce the passing of Jenny Dakin of L'Ecole, Assington on 10th June. She passed away at her home surrounded by her family, after a battle with cancer.

Jenny was born in Surrey and from a young age dreamt of being a dancer. At eleven she received a scholarship to London Arts Educational School and afterwards she pursued her dream of becoming a professional dancer. It was on stage in London where she met her husband, Peter, a singer in the same show. After a successful career, they decided to leave the theatre and move to Shropshire to run a farm and raise a family. They have three daughters; Penelope, Catherine and Philippa. After retirement and with two daughters now living in Suffolk, Peter and Jenny made the move to Assington. Despite having only moved to the village three years ago and during the pandemic, they were immediately welcomed by the Assington community and made to feel instantly at home.

Jenny loved nature, especially birds and flowers and would enjoy sitting in her garden with a cup of tea, visiting the bluebells of Arger Fen or buying more plants in Perrywood.

Jenny was a very much loved wife, mother and grandmother as well as a dear friend to so many. She will be remembered by her constant positive outlook on life and beautiful smile.

MRS JILL THOMPSON

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Mrs Jill Thompson, late of Boxford, on 3rd June 2023.

Jill and her twin sister Joan, Mitcham (as they were then) grew up in Assington, and they both retained a great interest in life in Assington.

Some years ago Jill showed us some photographs of the

Assington activities in which she and her sisters participated when they were growing up.

On this photo, I believe Jill is the third person from the right.



We send our condolences to all the family members of both Mrs Dakin and Mrs Thompson.

FLOWER COUNT IN THE CHURCHYARD

From Nick Miller

ASSINGTON CHURCHYARD IS A COUNTY WILDLIFE SITE - Who Knew?



Simon White recently received a challenge from the local group of Eco-Churches, to see if we can increase people's awareness of "God's Acre". Churchyards are among the few remaining refuges for natural flowery grassland, and Assington's Churchyard is listed as a County Wildlife Site, for its exceptional array of lovely flowers.

Eight of us recently met at the Churchyard on a hot sunny day, took a closer look, and agreed to plan a special day for next year, for people of all ages to find out a little more about our beautiful grassland flowers, with some entertaining activities.

We made a count of the flowers we could find, which comes to over fifty, including some rarities, such as the Calamintha which is only found in specific areas, one of which happens to be in our part of Suffolk, and the Smooth Tare, or Vicia Tetrasperma, which has a tiny pale pink pealike flower, and is one of the Vetch family.



This photograph of the wild strawberry found in the churchyard was taken last year. The plant is still there, close beneath a lichen-covered tombstone.

The Curchyard is kept beautifully mown by hard-working volunteers, so as to keep a balance between natural areas and tended ones, and we thought the results are lovely to see.

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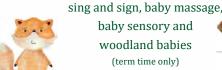
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PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Letter from the Rev Daniel Whiffin, Vicar of Bures with Assington and Little Cornard

Dear friends

This month the community of Bures Primary School say a fond farewell to

their headteacher. Ruth Slater is well loved as a caring and effective leader, and it will be sad for us to say goodbye. She captained the ship safely through the lockdowns of Covid and, throughout her years here, she has enabled the children and staff to dream big and reach high. I have personally found Ms Slater to be a great support in the partnership between our school and churches, and it has been a great privilege for me to work with her for a short time as a School Governor.

The people of Israel faced a change of leadership when their beloved Moses left. You can read about it in Deuteronomy chapter 31. Through Moses, God had burst them from the terrible grasp of the Egyptian Pharaoh and brought them to the edge of the promised land. Now, as they come to the hardest part of all, Moses will leave them, and the younger Joshua will take over. Perhaps Moses is anxious about what the future might hold for these people he has given everything for over many years. I expect Joshua was worried about filling the shoes of this inspirational leader. Then there's the people, who know that while they've listened to Moses, everything has gone well so far.

Moses' final words calm these anxieties. He tells all the people, 'be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God goes with you.' He then calls Joshua and encourages him with, 'the Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.' Will you join me in praying for Ms Slater as she starts a new chapter and Bures Primary School moving forward under their new headteacher, Michaela Harris. We pray that knowing the Lord our God is with us, we can keep dreaming big and confidently embrace the adventure to come.

Thank you, Ms Slater, for all you have done for our children and our community.

Hope you have a great summer, everyone!

Daniel





Assington church has its own website. The full address is https://assington_church.org.uk

JULY 2023 SERVICES IN ASSINGTON

2nd JULY@ 10.30am Morning Worship

16th JULY@ 10.30am Holy Communion

30th JULY@ 10.30am Benefice Communion

and on 9th JULY there will be a service in the BIG TOP, in Bures, @ 10.15am

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR VISITORS
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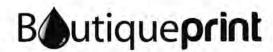
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'We have a special place in our hearts for Charlie who, some time ago, was the landlord of the Mutton. It seems that he has a special love of Assington too, he has offered to come with his famous one man show to tell us how he 'tort um orl ow to tork propa Suffik' in the film of 'The Dig'.

This is a one-off show at the village hall, the proceeds of which are a fundraiser for the Assington church project to install kitchen and toilet facilities.

There will be wine available by donation, (courtesy of John Symonds)

Please put it in your diary, come, bring your family and friends. It's going to be a real Assington village event Hope to see you there.

John S.

Charlie and "The Dig"

This is an intriguing and sometimes hilarious look behind-thescenes in the making of the Netflix film "The Dig" . . . a film based on a novel with the same title about the famous **Sutton Hoo burial ship** and the people involved.

Charlie will explain how a potential "scam" email from "The Dig" producer, turned out to be real, and was followed by a phone call from Ralph Fiennes.

Charlie will show how Ralph Fiennes, who played Basil Brown, and the other "Suffolk" actors learnt their Suffolk accent . . . and not sound like West Country pirates!

Charlie will also explain the extreme lengths Ralph Fiennes took, not only to play Basil Brown . . . but to become Basil Brown.

The talk is both informative and very entertaining.

THE SUTTON HOO BURIAL SHIP

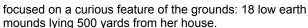
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EDITH PRETTY

The Prettys moved into the sprawling Sutton Hoo estate near lpswich in 1926. After a period of illness, the birth of her son and her husband, Frank's death, Edith Pretty withdrew from her social life. As she spent more time on her estate, she





Pretty had dream in which she saw the vision to dig. From experiencing her father's excavations at Vale Royal and from knowledge gained from her travels in Egypt, she knew that a professional excavation was needed.

She consulted the curator of the Ipswich Corporation Museum, Guy Maynard, and appointed local amateur archaeologist Basil Brown to start the work.

Pretty oversaw the excavations herself for two years, and



when the largest mound unearthed what looked like a huge ship burial, she knew it was of enormous historic significance.

The grave goods were spectacular – an enormous gold buckle, richly ornamented with niello inlay, a jewelled wooden instrument, silver bowls and gold coins, gold clasps ornamented with garnet and glass, and the iconic Sutton Hoo helmet.







ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Matters of Interest discussed during the meeting held at Assington Village Hall on Monday 22nd May 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Simon Thorogood, Andrew Hill, Bronwen Stacey, Tony Howcroft, David Wiles, Helen Wallace, Cllr Ian Jordan

In attendance: DCllr Lee Parker, Christine Hargan (Clerk) and three members of the public

Election of Chairman

It was resolved to elect Cllr Simon Thorogood as Chairman and he duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office

Election of Vice Chairman

It was resolved to elect Cllr Andrew Hill act as Vice-Chairman

- Declarations of acceptance of office were signed by all Councillors present
- Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation from Councillors None
- Appointments
- To the HR and the Standards Committee Cllr Stacey
- Finance, Cllr Howcroft
- Rrepresentatives:
- Assington Village Charity Cllr Wiles
- Suffolk Association of Local Councils Cllr Stacey
- Appoint Councillors to review planning applications for consideration ahead of meetings:
- Cllrs Jordan and Hill
- To consider the appointment of Heelis and Lodge as **Internal Auditor** Resolved to appoint.
- To consider payment of annual subscriptions to SALC Resolved to subscribe

County and District Councillor reports and public forum

Report DCIIr Parker:

Following the local elections there is no overall control of the District Council. The Green Party and the Liberal Democrats are likely to lead following the meeting on 23rd May. Various Councillor opportunities exist following the election. Whilst the leaders of the Council may rotate, the members in the cabinet should remain fixed.

Initially, DCIIr Parker will be with the Licencing Committee, but will look towards a move into the Planning Committee later in the year.

Planning

There were no Planning Applications to consider prior to publication of the agenda

Consider any planning application received since the agenda was posted

 Assington Autos, notification that additional documents have been published

It was resolved to wait until the additional documents go to the planning committee

 Full Planning Application - Erection of 2no. single storey dwellings and garages - Plot B1 and B2 (in lieu of the dwelling approved under planning permission DC/ 22/01624) | Land South Of 'The Nook' The Street Assington Sudbury Suffolk CO10 5LW

Whilst this application falls outside of the Neighbourhood Plan 8 plots had previously been agreed therefore the council resolved No comment.

It was noted that the applicants have not complied with the approved plans which specify the surface of the drive on planning application no DC/17/04161, the drive appears to be gravel leading to the highway and the approved surface is block paving. Cllr Hill to draft response to BDC Enforcement to inform them as it is important not to set a precedent of approved plans not being conformed with.

Reports and emails.

- Clir Wiles had volunteered to serve on the Village Hall Committee.
- Coronation celebration was well attended and enjoyed by over 100 people. Photographs have been provided for the Parish record. A plaque is now fixed to the wall outside the Village Hall.

Finances

· High Interest accounts:

as discussed at the previous meeting were not available for not for profit organisations, the best deal is with Unity Trust Bank with 2.3% interest gross. It was resolved for Cllr Howcroft and Clerk to open current and deposit accounts.

- Licensed Path, Footpaths and APC's Assets including the maintenance of the allotments and conservation area
- · No footpath issues
- Conversation with land owner was noted re the Thicks: BDC had requested permission to install a cycle path round the perimeter of the Thicks permission was refused.
- Allotments: the work to fence and additional water points not yet carried out, Cllr Thorogood to chase contractor.
- The re-designated Greens are regenerating naturally.
 Cllr Wiles to ask the groundsman responsible for the playing field to maintain them and consider a planting scheme which will be paid for from ClL funds.
- Resident comments re the speed watch have been received. Concerns from residents have been noted regarding their wellbeing due to the vigilance of the speed-watch group and the resulting correspondence from the Police. The main problems with people driving at speed were early morning around 7am and late afternoon; generally people passing through the village as commuters. Councillors asked that the speed watch group consider focusing more at those times. It was recognised that while non-compliance with the limit had gone up since The Street became 20mph, overall speeds have reduced significantly.
- Dog bins: Clerk to ask Sudbury Wardens to supply posts and to fit the bins. One by Threeways, and the other opposite the church track entrance. Clerk to contact BDC and Sudbury Wardens to notify of agreed locations.

Projects for CIL expenditure

Actions/ estimates related to CIL expenditure to be collected for the next meeting.

- Air source heat pump and solar panels for the Village Hall Clir Wiles to confer with Village Hall Committee on related projects and new defibrillator(s) purchase of additional machine agreed in principle, subject to quotation.
- Replacement noticeboards, CIIr Wiles to confer with a carpenter regarding the viability of renovation or replacement
- Footpaths: Possibility to improve the surface and reduce the size of aggregate to improve safety for people with disabilities and pushchairs near Centuries and also
- Investigate the replacement of multiple stiles at Sheepwalk Farm/Rice's Barn with gates to make them

accessible **CIIr Wallace** to consider a plan and confer with footpath wardens and land owner.

Access exiting the church possibility of mirror to aid visibility Cllr Stacey to investigate

EV charging points

Children sign (flashing) during school hours

Village sign - already approved

Village beacon

Flag pole

Replacement for bus service – transport for people Road narrows sign adjacent to Centuries and St Edmunds Close.

Neighbourhood plan to create a green space, patch of land opposite Hill could be considered for an additional green space but may be too expensive for APC to take on.

- Cllr Stacey has planted some primrose and cowslip plants in follow-up to previously-agreed actions.
- The following items were dropped from the list because the Parish Council do not consider them feasible Additional footpaths within the village from old school house to the church - this has been extensively tested with Suffolk Highways ad found not to be possible.

Bus stop to put a tarmac path on the A134 The PC do not own the land and the matter remains with the county council or the bus company.

Questions to the Chair

The village hall have been looking at acquiring a website for the village which would be partially funded by advertising Cllr Wiles asked if consideration would be given to upgrading the existing One Suffolk website. Clerk has already undertaken research for another Parish Council and agreed to forward on the research to Cllr Wiles.

Next Meeting Monday 31st July 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

When a car crashes, it's the amount of kinetic energy the vehicle has which determines the severity of the impact. This kinetic energy has an exponential relationship with speed, which means that relatively small changes in speed make huge differences to the result of a collision.



To put that into context, at 20mph a driver is likely to be able to stop if a child runs out three car lengths in front, while in the same situation at 35mph the impact would be equivalent to pushing the child out of a fourth storey (10m high) window!

(from brake.org.uk)

ASSINGTON SPEED WATCH



As a parish council we have received a number of comments regarding the community speed watch (CSW) initiative. While the general feeling appears to be supportive and grateful for the work that these volunteers do, there is clearly a significant number of people who are unhappy at the level of monitoring through the new 20mph limit.

The team is overseen by Suffolk Police and not the parish council. APC supported putting the scheme in place in 2021 in response to the support of a significant majority of residents consulted through the neighbourhood plan process. For those who are interested, "Community Action CA4" of the plan sets out the intended 20mph limit along with a possible community speed watch team being established. As most people will know this plan was put to a referendum where 94.4% of people voted in favour of it. During the neighbourhood plan process a village wide survey (covering every household in the village) resulted in 87% of people highlighting speeding traffic as a problem and 74% of people specifically supporting a 20mph limit.

We recognise that still leaves a good number of people who might not support the new speed limit and indeed we also recognise that keeping to 20mph is a lot more difficult in a modern car than keeping to 30mph.

Unfortunately Suffolk Police do not allow the CSW team formal discretion to not book residents or to only book people doing, say, 30mph+. The rules are rigid and are set by the police only – with anyone at 24mph or over reported. Typically the police state that the team should be made up of three volunteers; you will usually see three people at the side of the road but we understand the police have also given written authority to the team to operate with two people at weekends.

In terms of results, there has been an incredible 70% reduction in the number of drivers travelling at higher speeds (35mph+) through the village since the implementation of the 20mph limit.

Since the limit was implemented there has also very pleasingly been a reduction in the number of drivers reported by CSW – a near 25% reduction on average – suggesting more people are getting used to the new limit. As a parish council we hope this number continues to reduce to a level where the CSW team is completely redundant!

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After a hotly contested match with mixed fortunes on some rinks, an honourable draw was declared and lunch was served. A great day to remember and a fantastic start to our Centenary year.

And of course, our bowling season got underway at the end of April, with club matches, competitions and friendly matches with other clubs. So far our players are showing

great promise of things to come, with some great wins in different competitions. Here's wishing everyone a great season.

A big thank you to all of you who worked so hard to organising this very special event, and for looking after the Chelsea Pensioners when were with us – they told us all they had a fabulous day and have now asked up back to Chelsea for a return match!



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SESAW NEWS

We had perfect weather for lazing in the sun last month but a chap can't relax with all that tweeting going on. Not the volunteers, they don't have time to look at their mobile phones! I was worried about a little bird constantly calling until Mum told me to leave it alone.

Apparently, it is normal for a fledgling to spend time on the ground whilst learning to fly. If you see one, observe it discreetly, return it to the nest or place it on a branch away from predators. If it is injured, call the nearest wild life rescue otherwise wait for the parents who may be nearby waiting to feed it.

I also saw bees in the garden which prompted one of the girls to say: a swarm in May is worth a load of hay, in June it's worth a silver spoon but July is not worth a fly!

Hay was on the menu for the many rabbits we have, including two and a half year old sisters, Millie and Billie.



They have been with us for a long time because they had territorial issues on arrival. Since moving into larger accommodation they have become more sociable and like to 'help' on cleaning out days! They are very fond of each other and sit together, watching the world go by.

If you are looking for a new pet please visit us, 10am-1pm, Thursday to Sunday. Animals bring so much joy to families and those living alone.Some even rule the roost like me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Registered Charity No.1124029, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. Tel: 01787 210888, email: info@sesaw.co.uk website: www.sesaw.co.uk

Assington Horticultural Show 2023

Don't forget to start planning your entries for the Horticultural show on

Sunday 20th August.

Expect your schedules to be delivered mid July.

New classes include an International cake or pastry. Scones plain and Fruit Scones of any variety.

Succulents in a container.



Feed a family - Salad plants in a pot or container.

If you won a trophy last year, please can you return it in time for the show to 16 The Street.

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please deliver to Maxine at The Farm shop or myself at 16 The Street. All donations gratefully received.

Anyone wishing to be involved or help on the day please let me know. The more the merrier.

Happy gardening, Karen x

ASSINGTON RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES

Bill Milner (rainfall)

and Bob Cowlin (temperatures)

HISTORY annual rainfall:

2016	599.5	2017	571
2018	5		
2020	636		
2022	419		



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Allotments Secretary - Vacant. Interim Contact	Jenny Cutts	01787 211371
Assington Baby and Toddler Group	Rev Tricia Box	01787 227528
Assington Books, Village Hall (see post office for times)	Michelle Bourner	07954 221773
Assington Farmshop	Maxine Gardiner	01787 211610
Assington Post Office, Village Hall	Mon 1.30-3.30,	Wed 9-12
Assington Village Charity Secretary	Wolf 1.30-3.30,	W Cu 9-12
Boxford CEVC Primary School (office@boxford.suffolk.sch.uk)	Head: Mrs J Davies	01787 210332
Brownies, Boxford	Moira Grant	01787 210532
Church - Organist	Bronwen Stacey	01787 210354
Church - Reader	Dr John Symons	01787 210534
Church - Secretary	Emily Cartlidge	07967 724266
Church - Treasurer	Ian Clark	01787 211133
Churchwarden	Roger Britcher	01787 211133
Churchwarden	Bronwen Stacey	01787 211021
Community Choir	Nettie Osman	07957 394780
County Councillor (james.finch@suffolk.gov.uk)	James Finch	01473 264993
District Councillor (Assington)	Lee Parker	01787 376073
Doctors surgery – Sudbury	Hardwicke House	01787 370073
Doctors surgery – Suddury Doctors surgery – Bures	Bures	01787 227529
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1	Karen Wiles	01/8/211020
Horticultural Society		01206 263301
Leavenheath Cinema	Marion	
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Pub – The Shoulder of Mutton		01787 210334
Vicar (vicar@parishchuurch.co.uk)	The Revd Daniel Whiffin	01787 228292
Village Hall – Bookings	Karen Wiles	07983 002072
Village Hall - Caretaker	Paul Battle	07473 933320
Womens Institute, Boxford (annie-phillips@hotmail.co.uk)	Annie Phillips	01787 211729

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