

THE QUEEN'S



PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION



ASSINGTON

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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS! FRIDAY 3rd JUNE



**Please do come along and
join in our**

**traditional “street party” type
events on the Village Hall
playing field,**



PROGRAMME:

12.30pm start: Announcement of the winner of the best Jubilee decorated garden.

12.30pm onwards Family picnics on the playing field (**bring your own blanket, picnic food and drinks**)

12.35pm onwards "Decorate a Crown" activity

During the afternoon **'The Queen on the Screen'** will be shown in the Village Hall

12.45pm - 1.45pm : Music entertainment from Takin' Time local music duo

1.45pm Fancy Dress Competition (all ages and genders) : **The Best Dressed Queen.**

2pm A variety of **Races**, for both young and old. You will want to be a medal-winner on this memorable occasion.

3.30pm Vintage Tea Party: traditional refreshments for younger ones; strawberries and cream, and cups of tea for the adults.

4.00pm - 4.20pm African drumming demonstration

4.30pm Raise a toast to Her Majesty followed by the singing of the **National Anthem**

5pm Go home for a lie down.....and quick change
Followed by, at

7.30pm A Traditional Barn Dance in the Village Hall.
Dancing to The Hamlet Band and 'caller'.

DECORATE YOUR FRONT GARDEN:

We know how everyone rises to the occasion when the words garden and decorate are used: bunting, flags, and of course red, white and blue flowers would be a wonderful tribute to Her Majesty, her 70 years of dedication and duty, and, of course, to our village celebration! The judge will be “walking the village street” during the morning of Friday 3rd June. The prize will be awarded to the lucky recipient at 12.30pm at the Village Hall playing field at the start of the Jubilee Celebrations.



BACK INTO PICNIC MODE:

This is one of the few things we should “take away” as a positive from covid! I'm sure that you all by now have a beautiful tartan picnic blanket, and willow picnic basket just begging for an outing on this auspicious occasion! Tuck into a few bite-sized goodies, sandwiches cut on the triangle, all washed down with lashing of lemonade..... and if the sun doesn't shine we will go under cover.



BEST DRESSED QUEEN:

There are so many eras, styles and fashion items to select from for this fancy dress competition. Everyone - all ages and genders - is invited to participate in this last big chance to pay homage,all done in the best possible taste!



RACES:

Bring your running shoes or trainers. Commemorative medals are there to be won to remind you and future generations of your athletic prowess.



VINTAGE TEA PARTY:

There will be something for everyone: favourites for the youngsters and strawberries and cups of tea for the older ones.



LOYAL TOAST:

We provide everything necessary for this! Join us in a glass of something sparkly whilst we remember



EVENING BARN DANCE:

at 7.30

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Assington Jubilee



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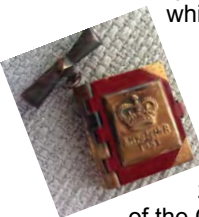
JUBILEE MEMORIES

With our thanks to Mrs Jill Thompson for sharing some of her treasured old photographs, the photograph below was taken, I



believe, during the Assington Coronation celebrations in 1953. The picture shows three local youngsters with their bikes, which were entries into the competition for the best decorated bicycle. Do you recognise anyone?

Although I missed the pageantry and excitement of the Coronation in 1953, owing to not having been born until a year later, I remember playing with a small memento of the coronation when I was a little girl. I remember this item in my toy cupboard, and being fascinated by the small brooch which was in fact a small book, which opens up in a



zig-zag of small photographs encapsulating the story of the Coronation.



It must have been quite a treasure for me, as I unearthed it a few years ago from some personal memorabilia (no, not still in my toy cupboard!), and put it in a safe place. Has anybody else still got anything like this, I wonder, which has been preserved (up to a point!)?

Also amongst our "collectables" is a coronation mug; again, not sure how I come to have this, as it cannot have been given to me as a present at the time. Maybe it really belongs to my sister, who was born in 1951, and who may have received it as a gift to commemorate the Coronation at the time. I wonder whether everyone who was a youngster in 1953 still has one or two commemorative mugs tucked away on a shelf?



Next to my Coronation Mug, sits a much more prosaic cup which announces the celebration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. I have a vague recollection that this may have been a "stocking filler" that year, from my mother, who felt that we should have something as a memento of this occasion, and thinking (quite correctly) that I hadn't purchased any myself. I remember the television coverage of the Queen as she travelled widely to celebrate 25 years on the throne.



Proper handkerchiefs - a thing of the past for many of us. However, when I was growing up we had a "handkerchief tin", which, of course, contained a never-ending supply of clean handkerchieves. Another thing I have acquired, on a hand-me-down basis is this tin, still with many a lovely hanky in it, almost each one with some memory attached to it: in particular, several beautifully colourful silk handkerchieves with which I associate memories of my beloved Nana.

The tin, needless to say, is a coronation tin, each side and the top with a different picture on it.



I think that Assington, as most other villages, towns and cities throughout the country, has probably celebrated all the "milestone" Jubilees of important events, and, of course, those events themselves such as the actual coronation. Such events have enabled people at local level to participate in a much larger national celebration, without the need to travel further afield and thus avoid extra cost or challenging crowd-situations.

The photograph below (and on the front cover) hangs in the Village Hall. Although it is not of any of the aforementioned jubilee celebrations, it was taken during the Village Party to celebrate the Royal Wedding in 2011 of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. Many of you may have been there, and can find yourself on this snapshot in time, which shows some past and present residents of "our village". What a lovely memento.




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SES AW NEWS

There goes Kenneth, the smallest dog at SESAW, strutting around the garden like the big boss. He is oblivious to me, quietly sunning myself whilst engaged in a little bird watching. Of course I have no chance of catching the blue tits as they dart in and out of an old nesting box. Those conscientious parents enter with fat grubs and exit with their babies' white droppings. I'm glad I'm a cat!

A robin accompanies Tanya as she loads the wheelbarrow with the dogs' evening meals. He helps himself to the dinners, flying back and forth to his family.



Blackbirds forage about the garden for food, probably descendants of those nursed back to health by Mother. Avian Flu restrictions were lifted at the beginning of May, just in time for our geese. The female is sitting on a clutch of eggs and woe betide anyone who gets too close!

Turning to the animals awaiting rehoming, this is an appeal for Polly, a devoted mother cat and her one remaining kitten. She was found in a poly tunnel with five offspring, all but one now re-homed. Why? Because, like me, they are black and so they are overlooked. If you are the person who can offer them a loving home, please leave a phone message or email straight away.

It's nearly dark and time for a snack before patrolling the grounds. One of my ex-SES AW pals who now lives outside Hadleigh says he is tantalised by Nightingales singing at night. He will have to resign himself to dinner in the kitchen, just like me, Ollie (the Black) Cat.

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ASSINGTON RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES

Bill Milner (rainfall)

and Bob Cowlin (temperatures)

HISTORY: 2016 TOTAL 599.5

2017 TOTAL 571

2018 TOTAL 559

2019 TOTAL 597

2020 TOTAL 636

2021 TOTAL 582.3

2018	mm	max	min
JAN	60.5	11°C	-3°C
FEB	41	9°C	-8°C
MAR	74	14°C	-5°C
APR	49.5	26.5°C	+1°C
MAY	38.5	27°C	+0.5°C
JUNE	1.5	31°C	5°C
JULY	19.5	36°C	10°C
AUG	83	35°C	6°C
SEP	29	25°C	-0.5°C
OCT	30.5	23°C	-2°C
NOV	75	13°C	-4°C
DEC	57	13°C	-5°C

2019	mm	max	min
JAN	23.5	9°C	-8°C
FEB	19.5	16°C	-5°C
MAR	44	19°C	-3°C
APR	18.5	24°C	-3°C
MAY	54	26°C	+1°C
JUNE	94.5	29°C	5°C
JULY	36.5	34.5°C	6.5°C
AUG	31.5	31°C	7°C
SEP	37.5	24°C	2°C
OCT	90	18 °C	-2°C
NOV	69.5	12 °C	-5°C
DEC	78	10 °C	-5°C

2020	mm	max	min
JAN	33.5	10 C	-5°C
FEB	56	11°C	-3°C
MAR	21	14°C	-5°C
APR	22	23°C	-1°C
MAY	5.5	27°C	-2.5°C
JUNE	50	28°C	+2°C
JULY	58	30°C	6°C
AUG	109	32°C	4°C
SEP	25.5	27°C	5°C
OCT	110	14°C	2°C
NOV	33	14°C	-4°C
DEC	102.5	10°C	-5°C

2021	mm	max	min
JAN	89	10°C	-5.5°C
FEB	34	14°C	-7°C
MAR	26	20°C	-3°C
APR	1	15°C	-5°C
MAY	78.1	25°C	-2.5°C
JUNE	55.2	30°C	+3°C
JULY	72	28°C	7°C
AUG	29	24°C	5°C
SEP	28.5	27°C	3°C
OCT	74.5	18°C	1°C
NOV	27	13°C	-3°C
DEC	68	12°C	-6°C

2022	mm	max	min
JAN	7	12°C	-6.5°C
FEB	46	13°C	-4°C
MAR	29	18°C	-2°C
APR	9.5	22°C	-6°C

NATURE WATCH

From Nick Miller

Strong westerlies on 7th April caused one migrant to stop over beside the Assington Brook - a Redstart. The sight of this beauty was a fine reward for the observant *Steven Smith* of



Bures. The middle Stour Valley seems to have been South-West Suffolk's last stronghold for breeding Redstarts, with orchards a preferred habitat.

At time of writing, Cuckoos seem conspicuously absent - still a bit early. Last year, our first note of Swallow arriving was 1st April, at Assington Mill, this year Swallows didn't start returning to our area until more than a week later. After last year's desperately diminished House Martin numbers, it was great to hear they arrived at Bures on 14th April. Quintessence of English Summer!

Bob Cowlin has sent us an interesting set of observations, from Assington Mill. Most superbly, a Nightingale has sung merrily away each night from 14 April, in the wood coppiced about 4 years ago. Brilliant!



The first Swallows at the Mill were on 15th April, but those didn't stay. Also, a Nuthatch was spotted there for the first time - upside down on the peanut bird feeder on 23 April.



A sighting of the colourful (and mis-named) Grey Wagtail at the Arger Fen water-splash on the 16th April was a lovely sight.



Blackcap was heard on the same date, since when Blackcaps & Garden Warblers have been abundant in places (though hard to say which is which!).

A visit to Arger Fen in early April was rewarded by the brilliant sight of a great increase in

numbers of Wood Anemone, along the main ride from the top gate. This flower which has for years been dwindling at Arger Fen, is suddenly making a spectacular show once more.

Good news of a sighting by *Isaac Stirling*, of Minotaur Beetle aka Trident Beetle, in Assington Thicks. Much of the Thicks is heathy in nature, so provides the sandy soil this beetle needs to bury Rabbit droppings for its eggs to hatch in. The Minotaur is large, shiny and round, with three impressive antlers jutting from its back and shoulders.



Earlier in the year, it was great to see Frogs in several places, and also especially a Toad, as they have got so scarce locally. On a sunny day, 7th January a small Toad was spotted, they hibernate in dry woodland. Its young age must have been a sign of breeding.

THE DAWN CHORUS

If, like me, you find it difficult to get back to sleep once you have woken up early in the morning, you may have heard the Dawn Chorus. This is the collective twittering, tweeting and chirps of wild birds. Listen out very early in the morning from March to July, with the peak occurring in May and June. The first singers pipe up about an hour before sunrise, and the chorus is at its best around 30 minutes either side of sunrise. Although you may think that you can hear the dawn chorus clearly through your open bedroom window, if you actually get up and pop outside into the garden in your dressing gown you will realise that there is so much more to hear!

The Dawn chorus starts with a few songs - listen for blackbirds, robins and thrushes (if you are lucky enough to have any thrushes). They are soon joined by other voices until all the birds in the area are singing together. The pre-dawn singers are joined by woodpigeons and doves, wrens and warblers, while great tits, blue tits, sparrows and finches only add their voices when it's light enough for them to see.

The dawn chorus is all about defending territory and raising chicks. The singing you can hear in the morning is typically carried out by male birds. Making so much noise uses up a lot of energy, especially on an empty stomach after a chilly night, so only the strongest, best-fed males will produce the loudest songs. In doing this they demonstrate to females that they are fit, healthy and hold a territory with plenty of food. A loud song also serves as a deterrent for any rival males who may be looking to move in.

The Blackbird is usually the first bird to be heard singing in the morning. That's because it has larger eyes than many of our other feathered songsters, so it can be up and about even in low light. The blackbird has a loud, flutey melodic warble which it usually broadcasts from the tops of trees or buildings. The male is black with a bright orange beak and the female is chocolate brown.

Robins are also one of the early songsters; they sing their cheerful and recognisable refrain all year round – even at night sometimes!

Song thrushes are less common than they once were, due to the loss of tall, thick hedgerows to nest in and disappearance of wet grassy areas where they can find their favourite foods: slugs, snails and worms. They have a wide vocabulary of around 100 series of notes, or 'phrases', which they repeat three or four times when they're singing.

The collared dove, which gets its name from the black 'collar' mark around its neck, is a relative newcomer to the UK, only starting to nest here in the 1950s after spreading across Europe from the Middle East. One nature writer likens the three-note call of the collared dove to a bored football fan chanting 'United, United'.

A light and pleasant twittering from the treetops announces the presence of the blue tit with its bright blue and yellow plumage. The female will lay her eggs in May before the challenge of raising up to 12 or even 16 chicks begins. Each chick will eat up to 100 caterpillars a day!

Great tits start singing early in the year and have an easily recognised two-note 'tea-cher, tea-cher' song. It sounds a bit like a squeaky gate or bicycle pump.

The chaffinch has a fast cascading song that's often compared to a bowler in cricket, running up to the crease then hurling the ball. It can perform this up to 3,000 times a day! This finch is one of the most abundant birds and is often seen in gardens, although like many of the birds we see in urban and suburban areas chaffinches originally lived in woodland.

The dunno's song is a pleasant high-pitched reedy warble. An old name for this bird is 'hedge sparrow', although they're not actually part of the sparrow family. They're part of a group of birds called 'accentors' that are found across Asia and Europe.

THE HEALTH COLUMN:

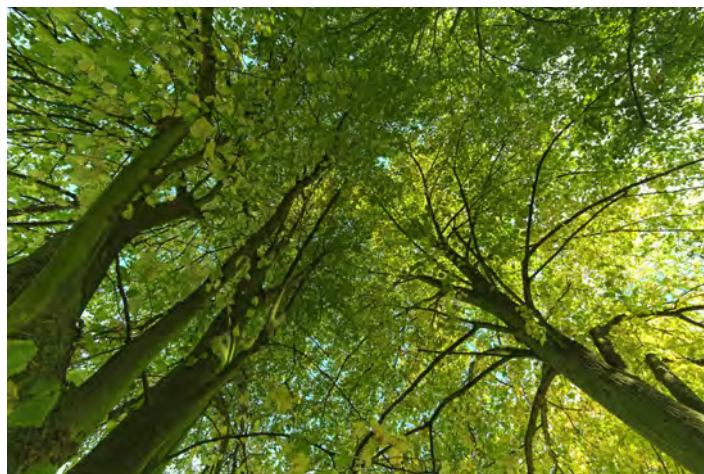
OUTDOOR SPACES

From Anna Clayton

June – the weather is warming up (hopefully) and the gardens are filling out with flowers and possibly vegetables/fruits.

It's not just being outside gardening that can be good for your health but being outside generally has been shown to improve several elements to our wellbeing.

Green spaces improve mental and physical health, whether in the garden or an established woodland/forest. With various wooded areas around us locally, there are numerous locations for walks or quiet contemplation.



Sunlight stimulates the serotonin secretion and if you are actively gardening, the movement of joints/muscles and circulatory systems will all work in your favour to maintain mobility and the health of your internal body systems. There's a bonus of an endorphin release of 'happy chemicals' with more energetic gardening/weeding/lawnmowing etc and these have also been linked with a reduction in pain levels.

There is a different type of stimulus in green spaces that doesn't involve computer or phone screens but still challenge the body's sensory system through sound and smell, rather than blue light from screens. This interaction with nature directly influences cortisol levels that link with stress production and facilitate its reduction.

For those dabbling with the vegetable patch, aside from home grown goods always tasting better when grown in the right season, there's a triple whammy of benefits to health and

wellbeing; from exercising to produce your food (digging/weeding and harvesting), to knowing it is free from pesticides and then achieving the shortest possible distance from the veg patch to fork thus helping reduce the carbon footprint.

Whether you are actively out and about walking, gardening or just sitting out in the garden watching the birds, the sounds, smells and produce from a summer garden or green space can always improve our health and wellbeing...even in the rain!



A VIEW FROM AROUND THE BEND

It has been the most terrible month ever, Henry has gone missing presumed dead, I have not seen him for nine days now, I continue to put out milk and biscuits every evening and call him but am only attracting neighbours moggy's and a lone hedgehog which is lovely to see, that's the hedgehog not the ruddy cats who all poo in my sandheap. I am quite pholisifical about Henry as he was not mine to start with and just moved in with me uninvited, I am just hoping that I do not get a cut off paw through the post with a ransom demand for cash, as could not afford more than a fiver. All the near neighbours just grin and say he will turn up, I feel sometimes that they all know more than they are letting on. Maybe he will turn up. I will keep his bowl and biscuits for a month before trying to flog them off. Does anybody local do ebay and what exactly is it.

Worse was to come, following my plan of watching a different TV channel each evening on my new colour TV, I reached something I think I really shouldn't be watching, not really sure what it was but there seemed to be a lot of people involved in a pool of water, turned it off very quickly of course and went to bed. Called Sparky to see if he could take that one off as I don't want to get into any trouble but he just said that I should get a life and that he watched it every night while eating supper, oh dear I am really worried about him. I think that I will just stick old chewing gum on those numbers on the remote so that I do not accidentally press them. All this is not good for my blood pressure or my gout.

Have got the old bike I found when I arrived here out of the shed and pumped the tyres up and tried it out and apart from the front brake all works perfectly and have been practicing up and down the street after dark, in case I fall off and make a fool of myself, also as I have managed to get quite a good speed up, I do not want to be caught by the speedwatch guys and sent to the assizes as what happened when I was a nipper. More tell of that later if I have time. Trouble has always seemed to follow me despite my very best intentions. Having said that some folks do travel far too fast through our street and I fear for walkers and children who have to take cover while Hamilton and Shoemaker speed past. Great to see folks out picking up the litter recently, I always do from Thicks path up to Roys and back and nice white dog walking lady does the bit downwind from me, looking very spick and span, apart from a few bottles outside one of the gates.

On a happier front Bobbie turned up and offered to take me to Sudbury with my fishing rod, I hastily refused as not really in the mood for long distance travel at the moment and do not have any clean underwear to put on, I will try to write to Damart to get some new vests and longjohns to make myself a bit more presentable in case I am knocked over and taken to the hospital. In case you are all wondering Bobbie turned out to be a rather nice female with a very posh car, I couldn't possibly ride in that with my present attire, it turns out she had heard talk of me when I lived in Boxford all those years ago. I hope she is not a stalker or any of these people I read about in the Suffolk Free which costs me nearly a quid now. Anyhow we walked up to the Barns restaurant here in Assington and she treated me to a really lovely lunch served by a very efficient and charming girl who said her name was Susie I think, hearing not as good as it used to be. What a super place it was and we promised to visit again soon, also we looked around everything else on site and Bobbie booked a hair trim and suggested that I could do the same. I refused this offer as I think that while I have a full head of hair I will continue to tie it up at the back and just cut off the surplus. Davy Crockett style. Bobbie got a bunch of flowers for someone in the old folks place from the florist while I stocked up on milk, bread and cereal from young girl in farmshop.

Spent the afternoon and evening working in the garden, I thought she was never going to leave, I was even tempted to put my pyjamas on to drop a hint, but as they are pink on grey background and my garden is in clear view of the street and passers by, I did not think that would be appropriate. Could be in loads of trouble anyway with my telly and do not want to push my luck with the authorities or people up the street who seem to have their attic window ajar and I feel are keeping an eye on what I am doing. Anyhow with Bobbies help I have cleared a bit more of my garden and got some more free seeds from the magazine planted in to go with the spuds that are now coming through and looking good. She has promised to go into somewhere called Stowmarket which is where she works, which is north of here and get some more seeds for me and plant them in her greenhouse that she says is over 20 foot long and give me half when they all come through. That must mean that she is planning to visit again, I must get the house cleaned and straightened up a bit, I have really let it go lately as have been so busy and distracted, I really need a shed to keep the tools and garbage in, also all my old clothes hanging around in the porch should be disposed of, maybe the charity could use them if I empty all the pockets out. I do feel that if I am to start entertaining, I must make myself more presentable.

She is certainly very knowledgeable about growing things and seems keen to help me which could bear fruit, or veg, if you see what I mean. I usually just ask the gardener from round the corner about gardening tips, but this is much better as he is very busy and never has much time to chat. After a horrible start the month has perked up a bit but still so missing Henry.

Please all keep well and smiling at each other, this is such a lovely village and we are so lucky to live in it. **Esra.**



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5th June @ 10.30am Holy Communion

19th June @ 10.30am Morning Worship

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5th June:
10.30am **Bures:** Morning Worship

12th June:
10.30am **Bures:** Holy Communion
10.30am **Lt Cornard:** Morning Worship

19th June:
10.30am **Bures:** Holy Communion

26th June:
10.30am **Bures:** All Age Service
10.30am **Lt Cornard:** Holy Communion

Letter from the Rev Mary Cantacuzene Bures with Assington and Little Cornard

Dear Friends

This month we have a real milestone in history: the first ever Platinum Jubilee of a British monarch. On February 6th 1952, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the throne of the British Isles and head of the Commonwealth.

We have an extra public holiday on Thursday June 2nd and on Friday 3rd, when we can celebrate together with a village party from 12.30 til 5pm and then a Barn Dance from 7.30pm, all at the Village Hall. Do come along and enjoy a whole-village event! There is a church service to commemorate the occasion on Sunday.

But let's spare a thought for this admirable elderly lady at the centre of the celebrations, who has lived her life in the public eye for 96 years. We might think that it would be lovely to live her life; but in fact she longs to do ordinary things without a camera on her, or people acting strangely around her. No wonder she likes the company of dogs and horses who don't know who she is!

From a church point of view, not only is she head of the worldwide Anglican Communion but she also has a personal, lively and heartfelt faith in God; she is the first to say that her faith in Jesus Christ has been paramount in enabling her to lead a life of sacrifice, duty and service, working tirelessly on our behalf for seven decades.

God Bless her Majesty the Queen.

With love in Him, **Mary**



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We are delighted to announce that The Revd Daniel Whiffin has been appointed as the new Vicar of the Bures with Assington and Little Cornard benefice. Daniel is currently Curate of St John the Evangelist, Bromley in the diocese of Rochester. He and his young family will be joining us in late August, and we look forward to welcoming them.



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FROM THE ASSINGTON NEWS OF NOVEMBER 1979

It's hard to believe, but maybe John Symons had too much time on his hands the other week, as he discovered this interesting article in an old (very old! - November 1979!) back-copy of the Assington News, in one of its former formats.

ASSINGTON CHURCH: RANDOM NOTES ON ITS HISTORY

The present church must have been built at the close of the 14th, or early in the 15th, century, but in 1827 the chancel collapsed and was entirely rebuilt. Two of the monuments were so badly damaged that it was impossible to restore them.

One of these monuments was presumably to the memory of Robert Gurdon, who died in 1683. It carried the following inscription: 'In memory of Robert Gurdon...the eldest son of John Gurdon, by Anna, daughter of Sir Calthorpe Parker of Arwarton, Knight. He departed this life the 24th May, 1683, aged 58 years 4 months.' This Robert Gurdon married a daughter of Lord Lysle, one of Cromwell's peers, whose widow was beheaded by order of Judge Jeffreys.

By the raising of the chancel floor a number of tombstones have been buried. The following are on record in the British Museum:

(1) On a black marble on the floor, the Arms of the Gurdon family with the inscription: 'Under this stone lye the remains of Barret Gurdon, sixth son of John Gurdon...He departed this life on the 22nd day of March, 1682, in the 48th year of his age.'

(2) Near the pulpit a black marble stone to Thomas Alston (the local benefactor and donor of the Alston collection of ancient ecclesiastical works).

(3) A Latin inscription which, translated, reads: 'Here lies Sir Robert Corbet, Knight, son of Sir Robert Corbet, of Hadleigh, Knight.'

(4) Another Latin inscription: 'Pray for the souls of Robert Talboys, Esquire, and Letitia his wife.' This Robert died in 1517.

The old organ, housed in a gallery at the west end, bore these lines: 'The sweet remembrance of the just

'Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.'

(Erected to the memory of Mrs. Sarah Gurdon, widow of the Rev. Philip Gurdon; died 3rd September, 1822, aged 69 years.)

Around the 1860's the Church was reseated and otherwise altered. The tower was rebuilt, being almost an exact copy of the old one.

The Church doors are said to be the second finest in all Suffolk but most of the carving has long since disappeared. They are described as 'richly traceried and surrounded by a carved trail of birds and vines.' The inhabited foliage may also be found on the doors of Bildeston and, finest of all, Stoke-by-Nayland churches. Excellent photographs are to be found in 'Suffolk Churches', by H. Munro Cautley (page 275), in Sudbury Library, reference department,

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LEAVENHEATH PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION Saturday 4th June 11.30am

Fun Day & Picnic on Leavenheath
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Jubilee.

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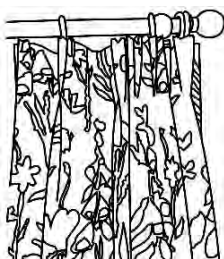
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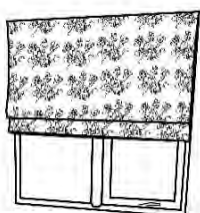
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ASSINGTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW COMBINED WITH SCARECROW WEEKEND REMINDER

21st August
From Bryn Hurren.

This will be the 45th horticultural show held in Assington and will be another dual event held in our lovely village hall and hired marque on the edge of the playing field. As always there will be a chance for young and old to exhibit what they have grown, constructed, baked or photographed during this past year. The show is a very light-hearted event and there will be classes for beginners, more experienced gardeners, craftsmen (and women), young and old alike. Also, some open classes for entrants from nearby villages to take part.

Doors open for entries 8.30-10.30 am.
Showtime is 2.00-4.00 pm, when everybody may admire entries and for the raffle and the prizegiving.

There will once again be a prize of a family meal at the Shoulder of Mutton PH for best Scarecrow exhibited over the weekend.

As gardening and growing your own has now become a booming pastime and indeed a necessity due to the price and quality of fruit and vegetables, also the organic nature of what we eat has become an ever-increasing concern, due to the presence of pesticides and weedkillers it is so good that so many have taken on the challenge to garden and lead more healthy lifestyles. This year the allotments are all taken and being tended well. Feel free to come and have a peep and see what is grown.

We hope once again to see an increased entry into the show and keep this now well-established village event on the calendar.

Once again, the show will be raising funds for our village charities, so please come and take part.

Planting is well under way and the crops are the best ever and growing well and if we do not eat everything at once, there will be something left to show and share with others.

Happy and Successful Gardening. Bryn.

HAPPYSOUNDS AND SHANTYFOLK AT THE QUAY - TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Assington's Choir has been rehearsing new material for their **forthcoming Summer concerts**, one of which is a fundraiser for the Quay Theatre on 17th June. It's their first ever concert in a proper theatre setting so it would be wonderful if you could come along and offer your support, while helping raise money for the Quay. Also on the bill are ShantyFolk, featuring Assington's own Ian Clark, performing a wonderful selection of songs from the sea, so it promises to be a fantastic evening of entertainment. Tickets are £12 and available from the Quay's website <http://www.quaysudbury.com>

You can also hear the Choir at Leavenheath's Jubilee celebrations on the Leavenheath playing field on the 4th June, and at Sudbury Town Hall on 2nd July.

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME FROM JULY

If you'd like to join our happy band of singers, we are accepting new members from the beginning of July. Membership includes sheet music, access to learning tracks so you can learn your parts, and 4 Choir sessions a month, with the opportunity to perform. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at the Village Hall, it's a really friendly group and no audition is needed. For more info please email Nettie at janette.gunn@yahoo.com



ALSO AT THE QUAY THEATRE IN JUNE:

- 1st: Pre-Edinburgh Show: Andrew Ryan and Abi Clarke
- 2nd: Comedy Play: Much Ado About Falstaff
- 3rd: S.O.E. a WWII drama about the Special Operations Executive
- 4th: Music: the Rod Stewart Songbook
- 6th: Sudbury Flower Club Floral Demonstration: A Wood Affair
- 8th: Comedy Play: Waiting For Hamlet
- 9th: Drama: A Room Of One's Own, Virginia Woolf (adapted)
- 10th: National Theatre Live (Live Cinema) Straight Line Crazy
- 11th: Music: The Ultimate Commitments & Blues Brothers Experience
- 16th: Drama: Jarman
- 17th : Music from Happysounds Choir with Shantyfolk
- 18th: Folk: The Sandy Denny Experience
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- 23rd: Comedy Play King Lear
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