

ASSIGNMENT

NEWS



OCTOBER 2023

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HARVEST IN ASSINGTON, AND OUR FOODBANK COLLECTION



Our Harvest Service will take place in St Edmund's Church at 10.30am on Sunday, 15th October. As always, the church is beautifully decorated with the fruits of harvest, seasonal flowers and foliage. Please do join us for this annual celebration; contributions from children (and adults too!) are accepted at the front of the church at an appointed stage in the Service

Assington's harvest was traditionally linked particularly to the apple harvest, reflecting the large apple orchards which stretched across much of the centre of the village until fairly recently. Sadly, we now have difficulty in obtaining free apples to decorate the church as in the past.

That's not to say that we don't have a number of local farms which focus predominantly on cereal and vegetable crops: we do! See the photos above and below.



Farmers work very hard throughout the year, battling the many foibles of the weather and everything else life throws at them; we are fortunate to still live in an area where we are able to see man and woman at work with nature on our doorstep. However, some people living comparatively close to us, in and around Sudbury, are not so fortunate.

Over the last couple of years the demand for food from families struggling to make ends meet has increased greatly.

The Vineyard Church runs the **Storehouse Foodbank** in Sudbury.

The Storehouse Foodbank benefits from working closely with a number of local supermarkets, to collect food donations from members of the public, and also from the supermarkets themselves. I feel sure that many of us regularly make donations when we are doing our food shopping.

In addition, here in Assington we collect food donations at the Harvest celebration, and also in the village Farm Shop; we deliver them up to the Foodbank. Currently the list of items which they need are as follows:

UHT Milk (semi)	Pasta	Tinned carrots
Coffee	Rice	Tinned peas
Biscuits	Tinned potatoes	Tinned sweetcorn
Cereal		
Pasta Sauce	Tuna	Baked Beans
Chicken in white sauce		
Minced Beef and Onion		
Chicken curry		
Stewed Steak		

and also domestic and personal items including:

bleach	surface cleaner	toilet rolls
laundry tabs/pods	toothpaste	deodorant
shampoo	shower gel	

If you are able to donate such items, **we should be most grateful if you would bring them along to the Harvest Service in Church. We very much hope and look forward to seeing you then.**

Not only do the donations make a lovely 'modern day' equivalent to the more traditional fruit and veg box of our childhood, but they also demonstrate our celebration and giving thanks for the harvest which gives us our supply of food throughout the year; they also make such a difference to the lives of others, which of course is the true spirit of the reason we do this.

If you are not able to join us at the church service, but wish to donate items to our Assington Collection for the foodbank,

there will also be a collection box in the Farm Shop at The Barns, until Saturday, 14th October,

and a collection table at the back of the hall at the Harvest Supper.Talking of which:



**SATURDAY
14TH OCTOBER:**

HARVEST SUPPER

in the Village Hall

7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets £7.50 for adults,
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ROGER KEMP

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Roger Kemp, who died on 2nd of September.

Upon arrival in Assington Roger swiftly got involved in village life, playing an active part in the church, and becoming a member of the Happy Sounds Choir. He will be sadly missed by many of us.

His funeral will be at
St Edmunds Church Assington
at **12 noon on 6th October.**

Anyone who would like to attend will be very welcome.

It is hoped that there will be a more detailed tribute to Roger in the next edition of this magazine.

BOXFORD AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

As part of our Centennial celebrations, on Friday 4th August, the President of the Suffolk Bowls BE (Bowls England) and



his selected team of Suffolk players challenged the Boxford Bowls club to a match. The President's Team won the overall match, with a win by Boxford on one rink and very close final scores on some of the others.

The President presented Boxford Bowls Club with a beautiful engraved glass decanter commemorating the evening and the Centennial Year of the Club.

A huge thank you to all the ladies of the Club who put on a fine buffet spread after the match, and to everyone in the Club who helped in any way to make this evening such a success. Competitions continue to be played and we have had some great results so far.

Gillian Barnes won the Suffolk Bowls BE National Senior Singles match, and she now goes on to play in the National Finals in August. Good Luck Gillian.

Steve Marszal won his semi-final match in the Suffolk BE Champion of Champions and will be playing the final of this competition later in August. Good Luck Steve.



And our men's BE team won their final league match 6-0 and finished on top of the league. They now go forward to the County semi-final in September. Good Luck to Gary and all his team players.

Roz Mortlock



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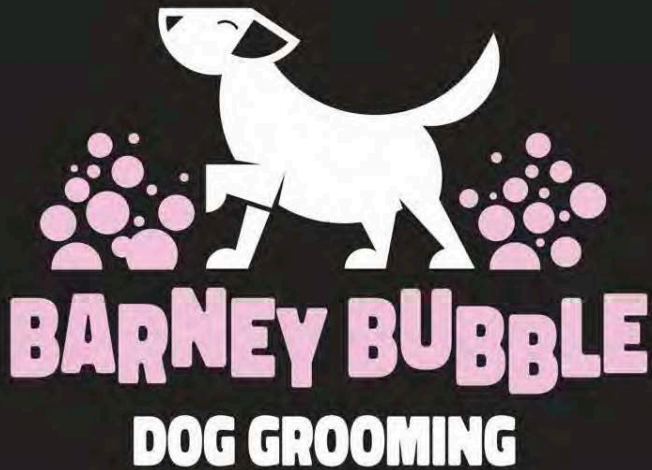
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THE DIG - REPORT

From Jeff Stacey

We had a wonderful evening's entertainment when over 60 people came to listen to Charlie Haylock's talk about The Dig. He spoke about working with the cast to develop their



Suffolk accents, supporting this with a fascinating insight into what makes the Suffolk accent distinct. His stated aim was to ensure no one sounded like a West Country pirate. Ralph Fiennes was using method acting techniques to perfect his accent and there were hilarious stories of his visits to local pubs, dressed and acting as his character from the film.

Charlie very kindly waived a proportion of his fee for the evening, as the event was in aid of the Church Tower Project, and in addition he donated 10% of his takings from the sale of books, CDs etc.



Ticket sales and donations for refreshments boosted the total raised to a magnificent **£807.19**.That is almost another **£1K** towards the Church Tower Project.

Huge thanks to John Symons, the main organiser of the event, and grateful thanks to all the other helpers on the evening, and of course, thanks to you for attending.

ASSINGTON RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES

Bill Milner (rainfall)

and Bob Cowlin (temperatures)

HISTORY annual rainfall:

2016	599.5	2017	571
2018	559	2019	597
2020	636	2021	582.3
2022	419		

2019	mm	max	min
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
SEPT	37.5	24°C	2°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
MAY	37	25°C	0°C
JUNE	33.5	30°C	2°C
JULY	5	36.5°C	6°C
AUG	11.5	32°C	7°C
SEPT	25	25°C	1°C
OCT	63	18°C	0°C
NOV	107.5	14°C	-2°C
DEC	45	10°C	-9.5°C

2023	mm	max	min
JAN	41	10°C	-7.5°C
FEB	3	14°C	-7°C
MAR	78	15°C	-6.5°C
APRIL	65	18°C	-2°C
MAY	19	22°C	1°C
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We will shortly have 3 defibrillators located in the village, at The Village Hall, The Shoulder of Mutton, and at The Foxes Den.

I have been in contact with the Nayland First Responder Team who are qualified to give this training to anyone who would like to attend at The Village Hall on the following dates. Availability is limited to 12 candidates per session.

Wednesday 18th October at 7pm

Friday 27th October at 7pm

Saturday 28th October 10am

Sunday 29th October 10am

This vital training is open to all ages, the training is free of charge however the team are a charity and do have to replace and update equipment so could I ask for a small donation for their outstanding work for communities within 5 miles of Nayland.

So do not be afraid to book into a session, you literally could have someone's life in your hands.

Email david.wiles@live.co.uk to book a slot by **Saturday 14th October**, for the first session , and by **Saturday 21st October** for the other sessions. You will receive a reply to confirm your place.

Book quickly as this will be going out to other local villages who have shown great interest.

David Wiles Assington Village Hall Charity Chairman

A VIEW FROM AROUND THE BEND

Went to see Charlie and the dig at the vilage hall, first time of being in there in the nine years I have lived here. Twas a bit close to the new moon, so decided better not take Bobbie, also around her time of the month, so she's not really civel to anyone at the mo, especially me.

Crept in at the back so nobody noticed me and got a free drink as well, loved Charlies talk, although he did not mention Assingtons own dig, or scrape as I call it, strange that. I often walk thataway, past the church on my way to the Foxes Den to meet up with old Bob, always stop to see whats going on, they will never find anything there, specially with all those digging machines, anything of value will be destroyed and run into the earth, did leave a message on tractor seat but no one took a blind bit of notice. Shame, silly fools.

Catastrophy at village show, my marrow was beaten into second place, or so I understand. So no money for the Ukranian orfans this year, Bobbie was devastated and says that I have to try harder next year to grow a bigger one still, along with the lack of a bun in the oven, whatever that is, I feel my very manhood is being challenged now. I think I am going to have to double up on the urine and gin mixture.

Out of disappointment comes resolve and cunning plans are being laid, maybe good news next year. Everything else in the garden is groing well into the autumn and we are living almost completely off the land with late crops of spinach, chard and fennal, lanced with heaps of chillie peppers, phew, sometimes I feel as if I am breathing fire and full of energy, although the terrible flatulence can be a problem, almost an orchestra sometimes but healthy tunes I guess.

Still looking for a job as the money is tight right now with winter approaching and more time on my hands maybe, surely someone can use my many skills, decorating, gardening, light building work and even housework are within my remit, cant drive but can still walk 5 miles easy for the right job. Have given up on the bus as still cant figure out how to get home from anywhere even if it comes to pick me up, which in itself seems to be erratic. Waited in shelter for three hours yesterday with no luck and when I got to Colchester the week before, I was stranded in a place called Stoke and had to walk home through woods and fields, which was blissfull with all the birds and animals around and above me, made me realise how lucky I am to spend my twilight years in such a beautiful place, and reminded me off my childhood on the farm.

Got a terrible blasting when I arrived home in the dark, Bobbie was furious that I had not turned the oven on to cook the prepared evening meal at the end of her long working day, along with all the other tasks and listed jobs that I had not carried out. We had a furious row which ended with her in terrible tears saying how worried she had been to get home and find me missing. I think that young people do not always have the patience of us older folk.

However after eating beans on some toast with yet more hot chillies, she apologised through floods of tears for her bad language and we made up and had a lovely evening and best night ever. I have since done most of the tasks and jobs asked and we have agreed to spend a couple of nights away at some herbal establishment in a place called Heath Farm, near the coast.

I will enjoy that, I hope they have lots of animals and gardens.

I have finished the front drive in the evenings, when it has been cooler and darker, so that we can get both halves of her new hybred car in and made up a lead for it, as one half of the car has to be plugged in for that half of the engine to run. I promptly cut it in half with the mower but have taped it up and hid that piece of the lead in the rodendrum bush on the corner of the house, herself has said that we need a roof panel to make our own power now and as we are now getting on so well I have agreed to that. She says that it is free and we will even be paid a little to have it done, so cant be a bad thing.

Will have to go now as someone is hammering on the door with a ladder, will try to write more musings from my life around the bend next month when I get back from our trip to the farm.

God Bless you all.

Esra.

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PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Letter from the

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

Dear friends

Have you ever wondered at the purpose of harvest festivals? I suppose, at least here in rural Suffolk we see the harvest happening around us, even if many of us are not directly involved. In my previous parish, in Bromley, which is in the suburban sprawl of Greater London, attendees of the church harvest festival could well have avoided seeing a tractor all year! Yet it was—perhaps even more—important for us to mark the festival.



God gives the history of the people of Israel in the Old Testament as a model for all of us, teaching us about our relationship with him. The Israelites were warned, in Deuteronomy chapters six and eight, of a great danger. Moses cautions, 'when you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God.' It is so easy to slip into living as though all the good we enjoy we earned for ourselves. I'm sure you have worked hard for what you enjoy. Even so, it is God 'who gives us the ability to produce wealth.' Again and again, through their history, God's people forgot God and what he had given them.

The greatest gift God has given us is Jesus. Through his self-sacrifice, he provides forgiveness for when we have failed to give our generous God his due in our lives. We're also told that, through faith in Jesus, we're given new hearts—no longer prone to forget the Lord our God.

At our yearly harvest festivals, we are helped not to forget. Our praise and thanks for our food reminds us who it is who gives all good things. Let us also offer prayers for those who, in the ongoing cost of living crisis, have less than they need. 'We *might* plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.'

Your servant
Daniel

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8th OCT @ 10.30am: Bures Holy Communion
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15th OCTOBER@10.30am Assington

Harvest Festival

22nd OCT @ 10.30am Bures HC
LC MW

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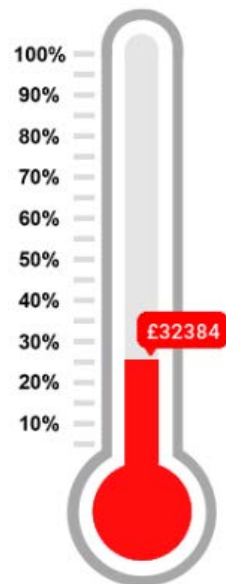
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Still a way to go, but with your continued support in our future fundraising efforts, we hope to realise the total needed of **£141,000** before too long.



REPORT OF THE 46th ASSINGTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW

From Karen Wiles



The 46th Horticultural Show was a success despite entries being down on last year. The weather has not been kind to us gardeners this year. Last year we had a heat wave, this year plants didn't know if they were coming or going... literally. But we had some amazing entries and special thanks go to all those that rallied round to make the show a success.

The childrens' classes weren't well supported but the standard of entries was exceptional. Well done you guys you have set the bar, let's see if we can get some more entries next year.

Huge thanks to all those that supported the show placing advertisements in the show booklet, donated raffle prizes, helped, answering my questions, setting up the hall and on the day.

The show wouldn't have happened without you all. It was lovely to see some new first time entrants and also to welcome some new faces coming along to the show.

The following awards were made;
Scarecrow Cup, Best Scarecrow: Honey and Alfie Regan
Summer Cottage Shield, Most points Veg: Bryn Hurren
Warner Floral Bowl, Most points Flowers: Kimberley Howard
Heseltine Cup, Most point all home grown: Bryn Hurren
Springfield Auto Shield, Home baking: Karen Benson
W I Shield, Best exhibit baking: Sean Mills
Hewitt Junior cup, Most points children: Wren Pudney
Assington Mill cup, Photography: Karen Benson
The Gurdons cat cup, Longest Runner bean: Andrew Warner
Proctor cup, Best Pot plant: Bronwen Stacey
Heaviest Tomato: Andrew Warner
The Beefy decanter, Best effort made in show: Bryn Hurren
Amos & Winifred Digbetter Disaster prize: Anna Clayton
Ass Charity Millennium Tray: Best exhibit in show: Kimberley Howard

Cash Prize, First time entrant with Most points: Kimberley Howard

John Smith Cup Best Allotment:
Claire Osbourne)
Bryn Hurren,) joint winners
Congratulations to you all.
I hope to see you all next year. Karen xx

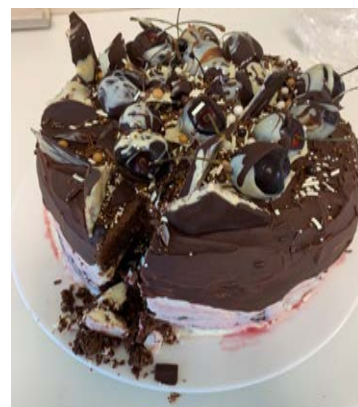




AND THE SCARECROW COMPETITION

From David Wiles

A big thankyou to all entries for The 3rd Assington Scarecrow Competition. Some very creative scarecrows were seen through the length of the village, people stopping their cars to look and lots of mentions on other village media pages, I think we will see other villages doing the same next summer, they certainly put some smiles on faces. With a difficult decision to make our judge Ted, decided that the winning scarecrow was that of The Regan family at Stag House who received The Shoulder of Mutton Scarecrow Cup and a meal voucher for £40 kindly donated by Totty at The Shoulder, at The 46th Assington Horticultural Show. Again, thankyou to all who took part, same again next year. David



NATURE WATCH

The Harebells at Tiger Hill are an amazing sight this year, the most that I've seen anywhere. Plus, there are early Yellow Waxcaps (fungi) among them.



but did see our first Green Hairstreak for several years.



Also Small Coppers



and Small Heaths,



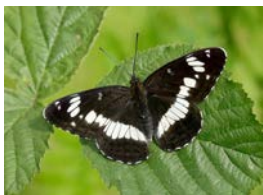
..... but no Common Blues.

Butterflies seen on 16th July at Assington Thicks:



Male Purple Hairstreak,

5x White Admirals [in a clearing with two small pools],



← one Silver-washed Fritillary,

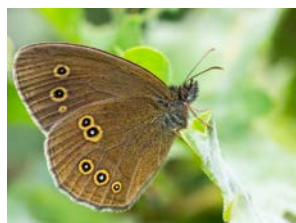
and good numbers of Commas (4), →



Red Admirals (8),



Gatekeepers (20+) →



← and Ringlets (15)

but..... no Small Tortoiseshell.



from Nick Miller at TIGER HILL

The Harebell Photographs look beautiful in colour:

The Assington News may be viewed in colour at: <http://assington.onesuffolk.net/assington-news>

update:

the beetle awaiting formal identification was positively ID'd as a female Stag Beetle, *Lucanus Cervus*, by Colin Hawes, a local expert.



At Tiger Hill, this year we haven't seen our occasional White Admirals, Silver-washed Fritillaries or Purple Emperors,

ASSINGTON CHURCH FETE and BBQ IN PICTURES

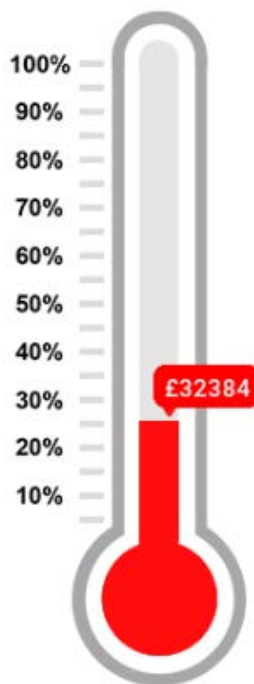
WOW.....the Fete.....many thanks.

We did well both in terms of getting The TOWER PROJECT off the ground, and, hopefully, in giving everyone a fun afternoon,

Too many people to thank individually and I would probably forget(& mortally wound) somebody.

So it's thanks to the planners, the sponsors, the rafflers, the setters up, the tea crew, the stall holders, the adder up, the takers down, the barbecuers, the night vision cricketers and the singers.

Goal: £141000



A magnificent sum of **£3,246.75** was raised on the day, and the whole amount has been included in the Tower Project fund, which we are pleased to announce now stands at **£32, 384**, towards the amount needed of £141,000.

Next year hasn't been fixed yet BUT when planning your holiday please get back by Saturday August 31st, as the schools go back on September 2nd.

John Symons

The weather was wonderful, once again: the sun shone, which always helps to attract the crowds.

Without wishing to repeat John, a huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the day, and thanks to everyone who donated delicious cakes, bottles or goods.

Thank you also to all of you who attended - it obviously would not be the same without you!

After a hectic day, we "wound down" with the now customary evening BBQ, and open mic night. After the barbecuing and eating phase the performers stepped up to the mic and we enjoyed singing from Ross, Ian, Ted, Lisa and a finale of My Way, from a visiting neighbour.. Although it was a beautiful warm evening, and didn't feel dark, the photos of performers are in silhouette! Thanks again to them all.



Assington Fete Raffle: Winning Tickets

1st prize: 0902	£100 Cash (Sponsor: David Burr estate agents)
2 nd prize: 1768	Wine (Private sponsor)
3 rd prize: 2381	Gliding Experience (Sponsor: Essex and Suffolk Gliding Club)
4 th prize: 0457	Voucher (Sponsor: The Foxes' Den)
5 th prize: 2988	Champagne (Private sponsor)

All winners of the above and many other prizes were either present when the draw was made or contacted on the day of the fete or shortly after and all prizes were either claimed or delivered. The PCC would like to thank all businesses and individuals that sponsored prizes. These include David Burr, The Foxes' Den, Assington Farm Shop, Assington Country Kitchen and The Essex and Suffolk Gliding Club. Thanks also to everyone who supported the raffle, which raised a total of £1,325 for the church.

Ian Clark.





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I have a number of items that I no longer need and would be delighted if any of them could be taken off my hands. In each case, a donation to the Assington Association towards the Assington News would be much appreciated. If you are interested in anything on the list, please contact Joan on 07534 306939."



← **Power base hand mower** in working order. The grass collection net is still intact but its strap has broken so needs string/cord to hold it in place.

DR wheeled

petrol strimmer with manual, and with additional manual for the Briggs & Stratton engine.

Was in working order when last used →

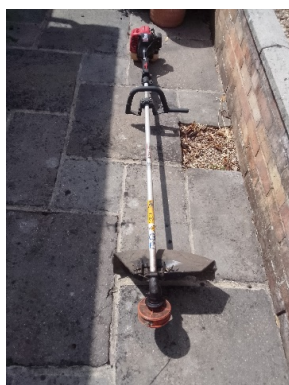


Jonsered CS2150 chainsaw.

↓ Was in working order when last used several years ago.



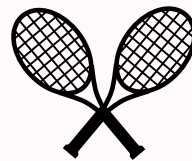
→ **Zenoah BC2200DL petrol strimmer**, with manual. Was in working order when last used several years ago.



I also have **200 plus 15x15cm quarry tiles** which were new in 1985 and never used.

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Book quickly as this will be going out to other local villages who have shown great interest.

THINGS TO DO

NEWS FROM THE ALLOTMENTS

A brief reminder to let you know that the waiting list remains open.

Currently we have nobody on the list so if you are looking to try your hand at growing your own then the wait will not be long.

We have a plot coming available from 1st October. Please feel free to come and look around the allotment garden, Sunday pm is often a good time. And don't be frightened we are all amateurs. Look forward to seeing you.

We are also looking to find someone to fill the voluntary post of Secretary to the Allotment Association, so if you think you might be interested please contact me for further information

Jenny Cutts 01787 211371

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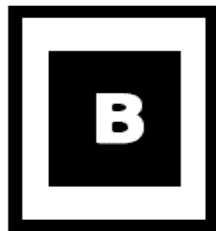
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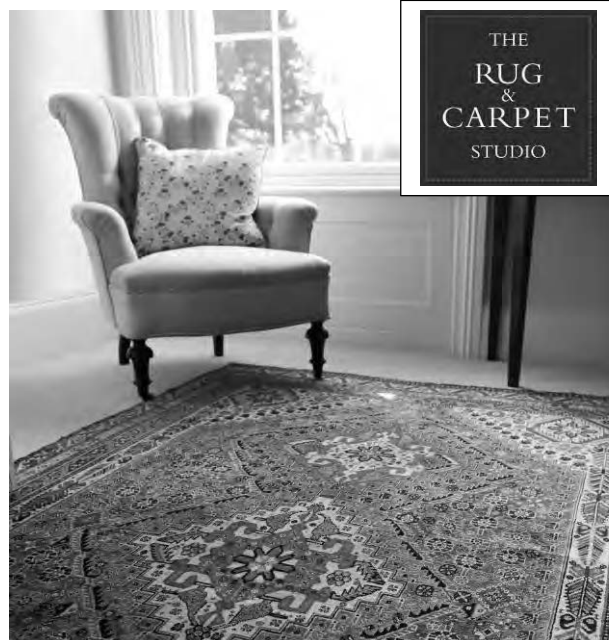
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ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Matters of Interest discussed during a meeting held at Assington Village Hall on Monday 31st July 2023

■ **Present:** Councillors Simon Thorogood, Andrew Hill, Tony Howcroft, David Wiles, Helen Wallace & Ian Jordan
■ **In attendance:** CCllr James Finch, DCllr Lee Parker, Christine Hargan (Clerk) and one member of the public.

■ **Apologies for absence:**
Cllr Bronwen Stacey

■ County and District Councillor reports and public forum:

Suffolk County Council report

- CCllr Finch highlighted the Sudbury-based charity Success After Stroke charity, which provides care, help and therapy to stroke survivors
- Ukrainian refugees: SCC is working with housing providers to assist families in finding rented accommodation, and providing a £2,000 support grant to assist them
- Libraries: the current contract for provision of library services is ending soon and a new contract is being sought. The mobile library service forms part of this, and it is important that those who value it also make use of it
- Fire Service: for the past five years Suffolk has shared a control room with Cambridgeshire Fire Service, which is replacing its system. The contractor has not delivered on the contract so Suffolk is now operating solo
- SCC is digitising its records. Ancestry.com is assisting by providing the software
- Items in blue (recycling) bins must not be bagged as they will not be recycled
- Fostering: 960 children in Suffolk are in care, including some refugees. Work continues to recruit additional foster carers
- CCllr Finch has met with the Project Director of National Grid at Langham and advised that some undergrounding is proposed outside of AONB in Great Horkesley. He will be cooperating with the District Council as it responds to National Grid

Babergh District Council Report

DCllr Parker reported

- The cabinet's main points of focus are climate change and collaboration on communities, as many Neighbourhood Plans have been implemented
- Pressure is being maintained on National Grid to consider all options for the new infrastructure between Norwich and Tilbury
- The mandatory annual re-registration of voters is in progress
- Initiative to make homes more energy-efficient: grants are available of up to £18,000 per household, open to homeowners and landlords where household income is less than £31,000, among other eligibility criteria
- Failings in BDC Election processes: an action plan is in place to ensure problems do not reoccur, and will be brought before the Audit Commission this year
- The option is available to attend Housing Committee meetings online, should attendance be necessary
- Appeal no AP/22/00009 re development of 2 houses in Barracks Road Assington was dismissed and the Neighbourhood Plan was upheld by the planning inspector.
- DCllr Parker reported that consistency in supporting Neighbourhood Plans is now being seen.
- Climate change: the District Council is already committed to reaching net zero by 2030

Public forum

- A member of the public reported that the solar industry is unregulated, and was concerned to ensure that any investment is sound. Solar inverters function only if there is an

electrical supply, so they do not work during power cuts. The scheme must be registered with MCMS in order to sell the electricity generated.

■ Planning:

- a. **Planning applications:** none
- b. Consider any planning application received **since the agenda was posted**
There were none

■ Finance

- From the **RFO**, review Reconciliation of Accounts against Bank Statements and the Statement of Accounts vs Budget **Report** authorise payments made/to be made and note income received since the last meeting
Accepted
- Open additional bank accounts with Unity Trust Bank. Documents were signed.

■ Review any issues raised for the **Licensed Path, Footpaths and APC's Assets**

- Resolved to engage Bryn Hurren to supply and fit two noticeboards and associated legs as per the quotation provided to Cllr Hill. A budget of £1200 was agreed
- Cllr Thorogood reported concern regarding a length of hedge on the roadside by Assington Garage and it was resolved to engage a local contractor to trim
- Councillors agreed a response to Suffolk County Council regarding bus stop, sharing deep concern in the village from users of the bus service – pending further discussion.

■ Projects to consider for **CIL expenditure**

- Village hall projects: the project to install solar panels will cost approx £24,000. Decision on co-funding with the Village Hall charity to be made, subject to business plan offering benefit to the village, once any grant funding is confirmed. Potential cost of £13,000 for the installation of EV charging equipment – funding to be discussed once any grant is confirmed
- Agreed scope of footpath accessibility works for feasibility study, focusing on the area from the entrance to the Thicks to the Village Hall. Cllr Howcroft to contact landowner of Sheepwalk Barn to discuss potential improvements to stiles

■ **Questions to the Chair**

- Photinia hedge: retrospective planning application has been refused.
- Councillors considered a proactive offer to the landowner to create a public space on the meadow adjacent to the fishing lakes. Cost could be prohibitive.

■ Next scheduled **meeting** will be held on Monday 25th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

■ The meeting was closed at 9.20pm

Assington Village Hall

Hi All, please remember that we have a fantastic village hall that can accommodate all types of events, wedding receptions, adult and childrens' parties, youth events, corporate events and much more. As residents you will receive a reduced rate for hire and we have plenty of room for outside facilities if required. A good WiFi connection that is secured.

We have had two fantastic wedding receptions this year, and parties for all ages. The hall is well equipped with tables and chairs and has good kitchen and toilet facilities. We are receiving bookings frequently so popularity is increasing. Please do not hesitate to contact the booking secretary to discuss any ideas or requirements on karen.wiles@live.co.uk or 07983002072 who will be happy to help with your booking, even short notice if we are able to.

Please keep an eye on future editions for Village events that are currently in planning stages.

David Wiles

Assington Village Hall Charity Chairman


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THE DRIVE, RIDE AND STRIDE EVENT ON THE HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR

Jeff Stacey

I took part in the 50th running of the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride event. This year I chose to start in Hartest. In planning my route I noticed there were many hamlets called something Green and decided to make visiting them the theme for the day. I naturally included Assington Green, which I explored after my first few visits to Somerton, Hawkedon and Stansfield Churches.



It is only a few houses tucked away on a back road and includes the pretty thatched cottage pictured.

On my way to Assington Green I visited Somerton Church, planning my route to go down the steep hill, past the very well kept alms houses to go to Hawkedon.

Hawkedon Church is set in splendid isolation on a green. It had the first of many decorated pew ends which seemed to be a feature of the churches in this part of Suffolk. The one pictured had three faces,



possibly representing the trinity, which makes it more surprising that it had escaped the literal defacing by supporters of Oliver Cromwell that was evident in this and other churches I visited.



After Stansfield my next church was Denston. This retained its old pews with carved ends, this time with an animal theme. The pair of rabbits pictured were here, but many of the creatures were less



easy to identify and fantastical in nature.

Also pictured is the tomb of Lord and Lady Denston, from Denston Hall. It is very unusual in depicting them in their shrouds, rather than the usual finery we are used to seeing.



After All Saints Church Wickhambrook, I cycled up through Meeting Green, Genesis Green and Lady's Green. I was told there also used to be a Cow Pat Green, but this offended Victorian sensibilities and was renamed.

I was searching for Denham Church when I spotted an old Bristol car turning down a small side turning. I followed, hoping it was one of the increasing number of classic cars that have added Drive to the Ride and Stride. Luckily this turned out to be the case and the Bristol joined the other cars pictured which included a beautiful 1930's Lagonda.



Denham St Mary's church is a small chapel associated with Denham Hall. You enter via a side extension to have your breath taken away by the magnificent tomb of Suzan and Edward Lewkenor. They died in 1605, with Edward dying the day after his wife. They are depicted with their surviving two sons and six daughters.

Other visitors to Denham Church were a family in an immaculate TVR Chimera. They treated us to an impromptu performance on the church organ, accompanied by very accomplished soprano singing.



My next stop was Hargrave Church, chosen as this is dedicated to St Edmund.

It is hidden away up a long track which was fine to cycle, but not deemed suitable to risk the undersides of the classic cars. The TVR was parked at the bottom of the track and the family had walked up to the church. I



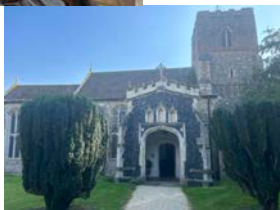
encouraged another musical performance, but the organ was a small harmonium type, reliant on energetic pumping of foot pedals to provide air pressure to the pipes. A short tune was possible, but the work out required for anything longer was too much on a hot day.

I cycled next to All Saints Chevington. This is situated on the edge of the Ickworth House estate. The musical theme was continued, but only in the carved pew ends that showed different musicians. The picture shows a character playing two woodwind instruments.



My return to Hartest was via St Petronilla, Whepstead. I was intrigued by the unfamiliar name and now know she was an early Christian martyr from Roman times. She was killed for refusing to marry and lose her virginity.

As I was cycling on the hottest day of the year I took a few short cuts and reduced my route to 36 miles. Even so, I was most appreciative of the air conditioning in the car on the drive back to Assington.



Thank you to all my sponsors for your support, it is most appreciated. As always the money raised will be split equally between Assington Church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. The money for the Trust goes into a grants chest which enables them to help churches in their moments of need.

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RECORD NUMBERS OF FAMILIES ACCESSING HOME-START IN SUFFOLK SUPPORT

Suffolk's leading family support charity, Home-Start in Suffolk is seeing record numbers of families accessing their vital services this year. They are now urgently appealing for more local people to help support the charity and consider becoming a volunteer.

Home-Start in Suffolk is currently supporting more than 1,500 local families thanks to a network of fully trained and experienced volunteers. The charity help families with children aged from birth to 12 years through a range of challenging and difficult circumstances, such as, loneliness, isolation, mental health, domestic abuse, bereavement, health struggles, disabilities, poverty and much more.

The charity has seen referral numbers rise sharply throughout this year causing a huge strain on their existing network of volunteers. It is therefore now vital that more volunteers are recruited and trained to cope with the continuing rise in demand.

Tara Spence, CEO of Home-Start in Suffolk said: "Our services have been accessed by record numbers of families in the last year and this sharp increase is showing no sign of slowing, particularly in relation to the rise in the cost of living. Families who never before would have needed our support are finding themselves struggling and reaching out for help from our team."

Whilst Home Start in Suffolk know how fortunate they are to have an incredible network of volunteers, varying hugely in age, backgrounds and life experiences, in order to cope with this level of demand and avoid waiting lists, they need to recruit and train more volunteers.

"Volunteering can have such a positive impact" continued Tara, "not just on the life of the families we are supporting, but also for the volunteer themselves. We would therefore like to encourage anyone that may have a few hours to spare each week to get in touch to just have an initial conversation about the range of volunteering opportunities at Home-Start in Suffolk".

Home-Start volunteer, Michelle said: "I am so glad I took the leap and became a Home-Start volunteer. I feel privileged to

have been part of the Home-Start journeys for each of the families I have worked with, and to see what a difference my support has made really makes me feel valued, like I have sense of purpose and extremely proud to be part of such a wonderful organisation."

"Home-Start works because it is such a simple, yet powerful concept." Continues Tara. "Volunteers are matched with a family, then visit or call them once a week to provide vital emotional support and practical help. We also have volunteers that provide support to our many groups operated across Suffolk. It's very satisfying to see families get the help they need when they need it most and seeing them blossom and grow in confidence is so rewarding." Mark and his family have been receiving support from Home-Start and said "I cannot thank Richard my volunteer enough for all the support he has given to me and my family. I think Home-Start in Suffolk are amazing. They really do make a difference."

There are a wide range of volunteering opportunities available at Home-Start that can suit any time and level of commitment people may have.

People can volunteer to support families or you could even volunteer your time as an events and fundraising volunteer. Home-Start in Suffolk have been supporting families across the county for almost 25 years and in 2021 their volunteers were recognised for their incredible work by being awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Services – the equivalent of an MBE for volunteering.

To find out more about volunteering for Home-Start in Suffolk please call: 01473 621104, email:

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For more information contact:

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SESAW NEWS

Cats Protection created National Black Cats Day on 27th October to "...celebrate the majesty of monochrome moggies..." having ascertained rehoming black/black white cats took longer in 2011. Mother will tell you this is still the case. She will also confirm I am not the easiest pet to live with, rather like another animal we homed recently.



Whereas I am a cat, he is a Jack Russell/ Chihuahua cross, his name is also Ollie and he has plenty of 'attitude' too! He arrived due to his owner's illness and didn't settle in the first home we found, but the second was ideal. He now lives with a couple by the sea, he rides on his master's mobility scooter and they know just how to manage his funny ways! It can be difficult to find the right home for animals with varied personalities but we usually succeed.

There are worldwide myths predicting dire or delightful consequences for those who see, touch or live with black cats. I don't claim to bring you good or bad luck but I do offer my annual warning to keep all your pets safe

during the coming firework season.

I'll close now as it's getting dark outside - and Mother's broomstick stands waiting for me, Ollie (the Black) Cat! 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

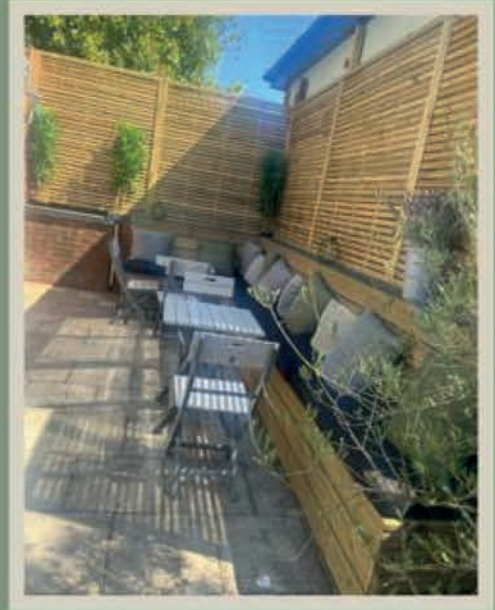


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