

ASSIGNMENT

NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2020

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ADVENTURES IN ARCHAEOLOGY

By Ellie Mead

My interest in Archaeology was first stirred by events in 1969 when my brother was ploughing a field at Lexden Lodge near Colchester and, putting the plough in a little deeper than usual, thought he had struck gold. It turned out to be a Roman tile kiln and I vividly remember visiting the kiln's excavation by Colchester Archaeological Group (CAG) and being very taken with some turquoise glazed tile.

It was not until 2007, when I attended a lecture at Bures Local History Society by two members of CAG on their excavation of a Tudor Hunting Lodge at Wormingford, that I myself became involved with excavating. At the time I was under the illusion that archaeology was all done by paid professionals. So when the speakers invited me to go along and join the dig I was amazed. My first job on site was to dig for 'negative archaeology' i.e. to make sure there was nothing there. I suspect this was a ruse to prevent my messing up any real archaeology should I prove over enthusiastic in my trowelling. Lodge Hills was a fascinating site with links to Queen Elizabeth 1st. The history of the site and of the excavation is chronicled in the publication: *The Lost Tudor Hunting Lodge at Wormingford*.

The next major CAG dig I was involved with was at Marks Hall, where we were digging the site of the original Marks Hall mansion. This building had met the fate of so many grand country houses in the post war years and had been demolished in 1950. Here I dug up vast quantities of oyster shell, wild boar tusks and Tudor Hedinghamware pottery. Being of a petite size I was persuaded to go down a well-like cistern and along a brick lined drain. The cistern was full of bones: cat bones; shades of the nursery rhyme 'Pussy's in the well'. We found the tangled wires of the bell system for summoning servants to particular rooms and an ornate plaster ceiling boss. So enthusiastic was I that I even dug in the snow that winter. In the summer we would sit around in the sunshine or under shady trees to enjoy our lunches. It was on one such occasion that a new member of the team deposited a large flint object in my lap with the words 'Do you think that could be anything?' Excitedly we realised that the object was a large Neolithic Hand Axe. Before he knew it Keith was being photographed with the Axe for the local newspaper.

Around this time funding had been made available for several digs in the local area run by Carenza Lewis (of Time Team fame) and her team of experts at Access Cambridge Archaeology (ACA). The mound at Mount Bures was explored to try to ascertain whether it had once been the site of a Norman castle. We also dug at Clare, unearthing an Anglo-Saxon cemetery. I was given the task of cleaning out the earth from a broken skull and trying to piece it back together. The skeletons were re-buried at the end of the dig, with a coin from the



current year by the head of each, so that future archaeologists would know when they were last excavated.

Another dig was organised at Bures to find the course of 'the Common Stream' across Bures Common. Some of the houses in Bures also offered their gardens for testpits to be dug, this was the beginnings of Community Archaeology. Another year gardens were dug in Nayland and as a by now 'experienced' archaeologist I was asked to supervise several of these.

When the funding for ACA ran out I helped to form Stour Valley Community Archaeology (SVCA) who centred their activities on Ashley Cooper's farm at Gestingthorpe. It was no surprise therefore that when the opportunity arose in 2016 I was able to organise an excavation of the remains of the old Tudor farmhouse on our land at Little Ropers Farm. This had been burnt to the ground in 1845 and my friends from CAG and SVCA were keen to help with Geophysics and digging. The finds are on display in our barn and I wrote an account of the farm's history and the dig which is on sale in our shop at the farm.

CAG's current dig is at Fordham where they are excavating a possible Roman villa site. Whilst digging there in 2015 I found a piece of bone engraved with a female form. Since then several other pieces of the same artefact have been found and the experts at Cambridge, declaring it to be a rare find, are hoping to write a paper on it.

As a member CAG Crop Mark Study Group in 2014 I undertook research into the crop marks denoting prehistoric features between Bures and Wormingford which culminated in the book listed below.

If anyone would like to know more about CAG please take a look at their website, likewise you can Google Stour Valley Community Archaeology.

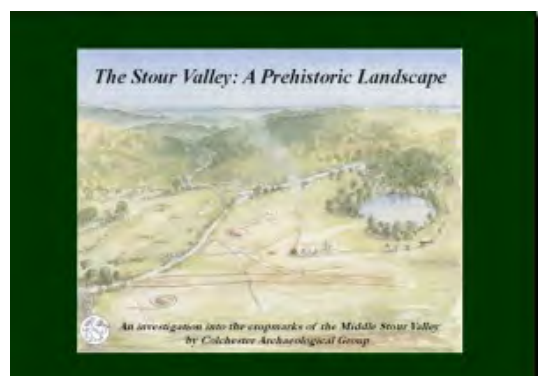
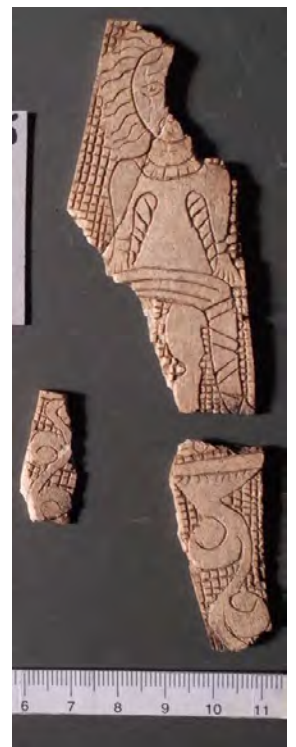
The following publications can be purchased from me, as Secretary of CAG, at Little Ropers Farm, CO8 5JX.

The Lost Tudor Hunting Lodge at Wormingford: £2

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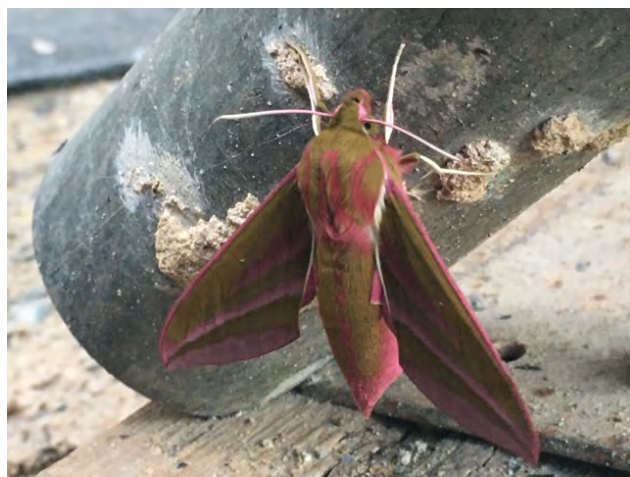
AMAZING NATURE

By Alfie Regan (aged 7)

I love nature particularly all the small insects and mini beasts. In June I was especially lucky to be given a chrysalis that Ted from Vicary estate had found in his garden. (He knows I am a nature lover) The chrysalis was huge! I had never seen such a large one before. I wanted to find out what was going to come out of it so I put it in my insect observer and waited....



Around a week later my mum noticed movement in the container and after researching we learnt that it had turned into an Elephant hawk moth.



I thought I would share these photos with you all as I was so amazed by how beautiful and brightly coloured it was. What a great find. Thanks Ted.



THE ART OF SOCIALLY-DISTANCED PICNICS

By BS

I have never had so many picnics in such a short space of time : with friends and with relatives - always out in the fresh air, whatever the weather on the day!

The various aspects of preparation to be considered are:

Sufficient layers of clothing of every description, to suit all types of weather and the quick changes on the weather front, from sun to rain and back again, and from wind and cold to hot hot sun; don't forget the sunscreen, sunhat etc.

Picnic chairs, seats and blankets, to ensure that one can actually eat in comfort, which means, in reality, not stretching out gracefully on a rug on the ground. One also has to bear in mind the weight of everything (like chairs) in view of the distance to be carried from the vehicle. The chairs must be comfortable, and, ideally have a place in which to deposit a glass - and also, (as I recently discovered) deep enough to keep the glass (or plastic or whatever...) in place when the wind gets a little gusty, so that it doesn't spill one's glass of 'sparkling' over you, and your seat, meaning that not only do you have nothing else to drink, but have to sit with a wet bottom for the remainder of the picnic. Wonderful!

The rubber-backed rug is really to spread out in between everyone, ostensibly for the array of food and bottles etc, but also to make sure that you don't put food down where dogs have been exercising or sheep/cows have been grazing.....



The contents of the picnic basket: have you brought along the relevant utensils, plates, glasses, and of

course, the bottle opener?

Have you also remembered the napkins with a suitably pretty picture on, the light (plastic) plates, and finally, the (already used but able to be re-used) recycle-able bags for all your waste bits and pieces, to take home with a you for disposal/recycling.

And then it comes to the food itself.

Firstly, are you just catering for yourselves, or for everyone to share?

Secondly, have you catered for the many dietary requirements?

After that comes the choice of "suitable" food for a picnic: something which packs easily, travels well and is easy to eat with fingers is good: I tend to favour things which are bite-sized or mouth-sized, so that they are easy to eat whilst sitting and talking. The list is (almost) endless, and there are just so many articles, magazines, websites and Utubes to show you just exactly what you should be eating:

pork pies, quiches, sandwiches, pockets, wraps....
brownies, flapjak, cheese and grapes, cherries...

...and the drink. The bottles are probably the heaviest individual articles; and have you remembered to bring a flask of coffee (or tea) for the time(s) when it becomes cold and blustery just as you begin to picnic?

But hey!! what fun it all is when it all comes together - despite the weather!



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THE ASSINGTON HOUSE IN MASSACHUSETTS, USA

By BS

Since the recent innovation of putting a colour version of the Assington News on line (see assington.onesuffolk.net), i have been interested to see the statistics of numbers of website visitors, supplied to me by Andrew Hill.

In May, when the magazine contained photographs and an accompanying article on the wonderful VE Day Celebrations which were performed in The Street, despite the Lockdown in force, there was a +620% spike in viewing figures to the Assington Website.

There were a few Americans to the site, plus an Argentina-based viewer, (whom, I am told, has family connections in the village).

In June, when the announcement was made on the local Facebook page, there was a smaller peak than the previous month, but still a sizeable jump in visitors to the website.

There were over 185 visits to the website, which included: 29 from the USA, 18 of which were from Chicago

2 from China

2 from Nigeria

2 from Argentina

and 1 from Singapore. These are all separate users, not repeat visits by one or two people.

.....Our fame spreads!

This started me wondering: what was the reason for some of these visitors to the website? I can, of course, appreciate that some of them are friends /family members of Assington residents, maybe also ex-residents themselves.

I also know that there are links with the New England areas of the USA which have been traced back to the Pilgrim Fathers, and there is continued interest in this area of Suffolk from descendants of those first Colonisers. Maybe there are even links to Chicago now?

However, I found it hard to believe that this accounted for the 29 Americans viewing our website, and wondered whether the hits were mistakenly made by people in the USA attempting to look up somewhere also in America. Out of interest I entered "Assington", to see if there is a small town over there which has taken its name from the village from whence the colonisers came. Here is what I found (as they say!):

Assington (Sherborn, Massachusetts)



Assington is a historic residence at 172 Forest Street in Sherborn Massachusetts, USA. Built in 1929–30 for an investment banker, George Lewis, it was the last, and also the grandest estate to be built in the town. The property was listed on the USA National Register of Historic Places on 3 January, 1986.

"Assington is located on the south side of Forest Street in rural eastern Sherborn, between the Rocky Narrows Reservation and Farm Road. The estate is set on 30 acres of mostly woods, with a winding drive leading south from the road to the main house.



The house is set on a rise overlooking the Charles river, and features an allee from the south lawn down to the Charles. The main house is a large 2-1/2 story structure, finished in stucco and covered with a balustraded slate roof. The main block is 7 bays wide, with an enclosed and pedimented entry that is flanked by sidelight windows and topped by a fanlight. To the east is a large wing, and an arcaded porch runs along the west side. The south facade faces the river, and has a bowed central section that rises to interrupt the roof's balustrade. Outbuildings on the property include a caretaker house, tea house, and service structures.

Assington was built in 1929–1930 for George and Muriel Saltonstall Lewis, to designs by architect William Truman Aldrich (1880 - 1966). Aldrich in his design sought to emulate the design and setting of English country houses, and worked with New York City-based landscape designer Inno Chenti.

The estate is named for the Gurdon estate in Assington, Suffolk, although its design more closely resembles Heaton Hall in Manchester.

The portion of the estate, fronting on the Charles river was given by the Lewises to The Trustees of Reservations, and is now part of the Rocky Narrows Reservation."

MURIEL'S OBITUARY:

Muriel **Gurdon** Saltonstall Lewis (1896-1990)

Died aged 94 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, The third child of Eleanor (Brooks) and Richard Middlecott Saltonstall (1859-1922), she was an avid horsewoman and yachtswoman, and **was a member of the Chilton Club of Boston**.

She married in 1926 George Lewis (1887-1952), a graduate of Harvard and also an avid horseman. They made their home in Sherborn, Mass. The couple had two children: Eleanor Saltonstall (b.1928) and George (b.1931).

Mrs Lewis was the last surviving sibling of the late Leverett Saltonstall, the Republican who served as governor of Massachusetts from 1939 to 1945 and as US senator from 1945 to 1966. The memorial service was held in the first Church in Chestnut Hill, **Newton**.

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PARISH CHURCH NEWS

*Letter from the Revd Steve Morley, Vicar
Bures with Assington and Little Cornard*

Dear Friends

I was speaking the other day to an old school friend and he was a bit worried. He'd been asked to a meeting the following day with his boss and the signs didn't look good. He'd been on furlough from his job on full pay since April and because the company's business was arranging conferences, there was little prospect of work in the foreseeable future. He was pretty sure he was going to be made redundant and at his age, the chances of another job didn't look good.

This time of year we traditionally think of all the good things we enjoy and we give thanks for God's provision through our Harvest services in church. Usually we enjoy each other's company in Harvest suppers and lunches. Sadly, the need to control the transmission of Covid-19 means that those social events won't take place this year and our Harvest services will be restricted by social-distancing and other necessary health precautions.

I think of those events and I think about my friend and thousands like him across the country and somehow I can't help the sense that the celebration of God's provision this Autumn feels just a little bit thin.

And then I have to remind myself that one of the great themes of the Christian faith is hope. Not a vague "I wish things could be better" sort of hope, but a hope which is founded in the promises of a God who I believe is in control, who dearly loves us and his creation, and who works with us to bring his purposes to fruition. Things may be unsettling and uncertain still as we head into the Autumn, but God still has his hand on the tiller. Things will get better. An effective vaccine will eventually be developed. The risk will subside. There will be future Harvest gatherings like the ones we have enjoyed before. God will provide, as he has always done.

When we tentatively opened our churches for public worship a few weeks back, I was reminded of the story in the Bible where the prophet Ezekiel is shown a vision of what the ruined temple in Jerusalem will look like when it's restored. Out of the desolate ground on one side begins to flow a tiny trickle of water which grows and grows into a deep, wide river, with all sorts of trees for food on its banks. The trees are so fruitful, that they can be harvested not just every year, but every month. It's a vision of abundance from desolation: a vision of hope.

My friend finished our conversation on a note of hope. "Oh well", he said, "the sun's shining and I'm going out to enjoy it and have a couple of beers". The next day his boss extended his furlough for another couple of months. He's not out of the woods yet, but he still has hope.

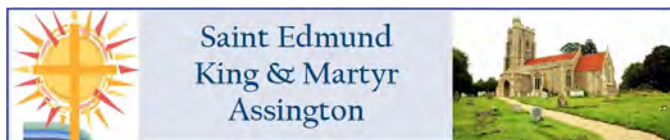
With very best wishes
Steve.



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Assington Church

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NATURE WATCH

from Nick Miller



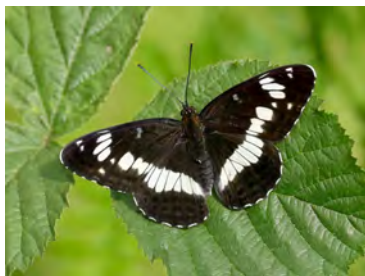
At Tiger Hill, there have been some "firsts". A Silver-washed Fritillary was quite a sight, a very big butterfly, deep orange with bold black spots and stripes. Usually only a glimpse is seen, in rapid flight, but this individual, a male, was perfectly still with open wings, feeding on a bramble flower.

A female Stag Beetle was superb, burrowing round the dead roots of an Oak. The Tortoise Beetle was a lucky find, as it's very hard to spot. Feeding on a leaf its camouflage is perfect, and with the carapace covering its head and legs, it casts no shadow, and lives up to its name.

Butterflies in The Thicks have included Silver-washed Fritillaries, and one count gave nine White Admirals.

Also four pairs of Garden Warblers with nests, and a pair of Marsh Tits.

There have been some recent finds of very scarce wildlife at "secret locations close to Assington", which include four Glow-worms, a Man Orchid, a pair of Ravens, and rumoured nesting Red Kites. The formerly well-known Glow-worm site, below Arger Fen, has now grown up with bracken. It's the females that fly, and the females that glow - also the larvae though less brightly.



Some other finds this year, of plants which are scarce but less showy, have been Common Cow-wheat, Betony, and the tiny Annual Knawel and Silver Hair-grass, all on various parts of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust land.

Also in that area, a large patch of Common Spotted orchids has been snipped through the stems.



Either someone took them for flower-arranging - or it could have been Muntjac which are notorious for eating flower-heads, or Hares - their teeth make a clean cut.



On 5th July Bronwen Stacey reported:

Yesterday evening a cock chafer flew down our chimney and headed for the lamp light.

We eventually managed to capture it and put it outside (as we thought) but this morning I found it on the carpet In a totally different room, making us wonder whether there were actually two, or whether (more likely) it attached itself to us as we re-entered the house last night, and found its way into the study.

I put it outside again this morning, and after a slow start, I noticed that it has disappeared. In the afternoon I saw either the original cock chafer or another flying around the garden, before flying off.

We recall a similar event having happened (ie a May bug down the chimney) once before, but it was several (plus) years ago now.



COCKCHAFERS

Cockchafers, *Melolontha melolontha*, are relatively large beetles belonging to the scarab family. Adults are 2.5-3cm long, and are common in the south of England and the Midlands. The name cockchafer means 'big beetle' in Old English.

Although one of their common names is the May bug, if climate conditions are right, adult cockchafer beetles are often seen flying in April, as a warm spell will bring them out early.

Common cockchafer males can easily be distinguished from the females by counting the number of 'leaves' on their remarkable antler-like antennae, males sport seven 'leaves' while females have only six. These leafy antennae can detect pheromones, enabling males to find females even in the dark!

Lifecycle

Life begins as an egg laid around June – July, hatching into a white grub which lives underground. Grubs can spend 3 years underground (up to 5 years in colder climates) until they pupate. As grubs they munch on roots and tubers until they reach around 4cm. This is the point when they pupate, emerging as an adult beetle (or imago) in the spring. They live as adults for a mere six weeks during which time the female can lay as many as 80 eggs.

Cockchafers were once highly abundant until pesticide use in the mid 20th Century almost obliterated them. Thankfully they have been making a come-back since the 1980's with the regulation of pesticides.



www.buglife.org.uk



THE CHURCH RAFFLE

Enclosed with this edition of the Assington News you will find an envelope containing raffle tickets for the annual Church Raffle.

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Assington Community Picnic and Raffle Draw at **2.00pm on Saturday 19th September**



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ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Matters of Interest Discussed at Meetings held via Conference Call on 14th July 2020 and 27th July

14 July Meeting

■ Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation
Cllr Stacey declared a non-pecuniary interest on Planning and Cllr Wallace declared a non-pecuniary interest on the item in routine correspondence. No requests for dispensation had been received.

■ Minutes of Meeting held on 18th May 2020
The minutes of the meeting were approved and will be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

■ HR and Standards Committees
a. It was resolved that Cllr Symons would be appointed as the second member of the HR Committee.
b. Cllr Wallace was appointed as the member of the Standards Committees and Cllr Jordan would be asked if he would be the second member.

■ Assington Village Charity
Cllr Symons was appointed as the representative to the Assington Village Charity.

■ Public Forum
No public in attendance; BDC Lee Parker in attendance. The public meeting was closed.

■ Neighbourhood Plan
The Neighbourhood Team had distributed the Neighbourhood Plan for comment which had taken into account comments received by residents. Once the plan has been agreed by the Parish Council it will be submitted to BDC who will conduct a further six week consultation, and examination and then, if approved, put it to a referendum. Councillors discussed the plan and it was agreed with some minor amendments. Councillors also agreed to delegate authority to make any further minor amendments to Cllr Wallace before it is submitted. Councillors wanted to express their thanks for all the time and effort that the Neighbourhood Plan Team had put into getting the plan to this stage.

■ Routine Correspondence
a. Councillors discussed the email from Sarah Frost from the Environmental Agency regarding the noise and working hours at Assington Autos. The agency does notify Assington Autos of any noise reported and ask them to ensure that reasonable steps are taken to reduce noise from their site. Reports of the site operating outside permitted hours is not within their remit and should be within the site's planning permission. BDC Parker said that he would look into this.
b. Cllr Hill confirmed that he would complete the survey from BDC seeking views of the Parish Council on their experience of working with the planning service.
c. Councillors were grateful to the resident who emailed to express concern about a possible new development but the Parish Council are limited in what action they can take until they receive details.
d. Councillors discussed the concerns raised by a resident regarding a Commercial Dog Walker who is parking and using the footpaths in the village but the Parish Council have no jurisdiction over parking on public roads or who uses the footpaths.
e. Councillors would like to thank Paul and Cynthia

Hollingsworth for agreeing to become the new footpath wardens for Assington.

■ Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
Councillors discussed the recommended changes to the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and agreed that these should be adopted.

Cllr Stacey left the meeting at this time.

■ Planning
Councillors considered the Planning Appeal APP/D3505/W/20/3249865
Change of use, external works and conversion of existing restaurant/ancillary residential unit and outbuilding at The Case Restaurant, Further Street, Assington and expressed their disappointment that the developers had completely ignored all of the comments made by the Parish Council on the planning application. Given that the developers have ignored all of the requested modifications which the council clearly stated were needed in order to secure their support for the application, Councillors now agreed to clearly object to the appeal in its current form and in principal the councillors object to the conversion of a commercial property to residential and the loss of an amenity for the village.

■ Questions to the Chair
a. Cllr Stacey had raised the concern before she left the meeting about the filling in of garden ponds and the effect and possible problems this could cause. BDC Parker confirmed that he was following this up.
b. Cllr Hill raised the issue of road safety and of speeding traffic through the village, which has been highlighted again by residents. Councillors voiced their disappointment that no response to repeated chasing has been received from Suffolk County Council on the topic, following their visit in December 2019. Councillors agreed to discuss the topic fully at the next meeting and Cllr Hill agreed to again follow up with the County Councillor Finch in the meantime.

■ Next Meeting
The next scheduled meeting date is Monday 27th July 2020 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

27 July Meeting

■ Internal Auditor
It was resolved that Mr Simon White be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2020/2021 and the Clerk will send a letter of engagement and thank him for his continued support.

■ Public Forum
County Councillor Finch updated Councillors on Covid related matters, Suffolk Corona Watch, Public Transport, Free Solar Panels for Businesses, Chevrons on the B1508, Fostering and Adoption. CCllr Finch gave an update on the recommendations from Suffolk County Council Highways, following the visit of Paul Gant in December 2019 and that he will fund a survey with some of his locality budget to take place in September. Cllr Hill asked where the survey would be located and it was agreed that there would be two surveys either end of The Street and Cllrs would be advised beforehand of the locations, for their comments. CCllr Finch advised that there will be school signs for the Ryes College and possible zig zag road markings to be confirmed. Cllr Finch advised that there were no funds to do protective work on the two greens in Barracks Road and

Hicks Lane but suggested that other Parish Council had funded improvements in similar circumstances, Cllr Symonds suggested a sign on the greens to stop people parking on them. The concern raised over the grass area at the entrance to the Vicary Estate and CCllr Finch will look into what is needed for the Parish Council to take over the management from Suffolk Highways. Cllrs Hill and Jordan suggested that the survey should be done first before looking at the other points. Cllr Symonds had been contacted by a resident concerned about the volume and speed of traffic between Assington and Bures and Quiet Lanes Suffolk would be discussed later on the agenda.

District Councillor Parker did not have anything additional to add from the update he gave at the meeting last week. Cllr Wallace asked about the planning breaches of Assington Autos as several residents in Barracks Road had approached her concerned about the hours of work. DCllr Parker said that he was looking into this and the road sign which appears alongside the road in Assington and Leavenheath. **The public meeting was closed.**

■ Routine Correspondence

The Clerk received an update from Paul Hollingsworth, the new footpath warden on the conditions of the footpaths in Assington.

■ Planning

Councillors considered the **Planning Appeal APP/D3505/W/20/3250773** - Erection of up to 19 dwellings at Land East of The Barn at Assington, The Street, Assington and agreed to **Object** on the same lines as previously. Cllrs discussed organising a community campaign but decided against this

following BDC confirming that the original objects submitted were relevant and would also be objecting to the appeal.

■ Walk the Parish, Licensed Path, Footpaths and Assets

Councillors agreed that they would review walking the village in September and that the assets would be reviewed following walking the village.

■ Traffic Speed Reduction Plan

Cllr Hill had looked into setting up a Community Speed Watch group and currently Suffolk Police are funding the equipment. The group would take 6 to 8 weeks to set up and Councillors were concerned that this might coincide with the speed survey. It was agreed that Cllr Hill would email CCllr Finch to advise him that they would like to move forward with the training and to find out if CCllr Finch has any concerns about proceeding with the new group at this time.

■ Quiet Lanes Suffolk

Cllr Hill confirmed that he would complete the Quiet Lanes survey.

■ Questions to the Chair

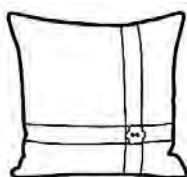
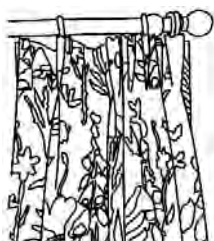
Cllr Symonds asked if anyone had been advised of the name for the four new houses near the Gurdons. The Clerk confirmed that she is normally notified of any new names for developments and had not received anything.

■ Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is Monday 28th September 2020 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

By Honey Regan

THANK YOU, to everyone that came along to my house on the 18th July to buy cupcakes! I raised a total of £267 which was amazing!



This was meant to be a little extra fundraiser to add toward my little princess trust sponsorship I have been collecting, so I was overwhelmed at the amount raised on the day.

The little princess trust make wigs for young children who are going through cancer treatment and have lost their hair.

This is something that is close to my family's heart as my younger brother Alfie went through this treatment when he had leukaemia. Thankfully Alfie made it through his three and a half year treatment and is now very well.



During his treatment time at Addenbrookes I met lots of young girls who had lost their Hair and I've wanted to donate my hair to make a wig ever since.. after growing it for quite some time! I managed to grow it long enough to cut off 11 inches which will make a lovely long wig for a little girl.



I have made £733 from my sponsorship for the hair cut... so Altogether the total I have raised is £1000.

I am amazing with this total and so proud.



It costs a total of £550 to make just one wig so my fundraising total will almost make two!

I love my new short bob too! Here are some photos to show you.

Thank you V S hairstyling for my amazing cut. I love it .



NEWS FROM MARSHALLS GREEN

From Liz and Tony Clarke

Although we are on the outskirts of the village, we like to think of ourselves as part of Assington and I thought some interest might be found in our 'local' news. Having read Stephen King's article on litter picking in the village, I can report that we are also plagued by rubbish, regularly deposited from passing vehicles. We've been at Rosewood Cottage for almost eight years and seen the need for rubbish retrieval increase yearly. My most memorable monthly haul in January of this year included:

Six empty whisky bottles
Over two dozen cider cans
One 38DD black bra

It was just after New Year- a possible connection?

There is a growing concern over the use of our single-track lane by inappropriately large vehicles, driven at a speed which any pedestrian would find daunting. I'm becoming quite adept at leaping into bushes or 'breathing-in' as they pass - thank you to all the drivers who show consideration by slowing down when passing! Would it not be possible to extend the 30mph limit to the lanes surrounding the village? It stands at present at the national speed limit of 60mph!

However, living in Marshalls Green is also a great pleasure; wonderful views towards the Thicks, framed by stunning

sunsets; the joy of hearing skylarks singing their hearts out, allied to seeing some of the quirks of nature - our latest shock - a burrow of baby rabbits in our potato patch!



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

From Stephen King

The Village Hall remains closed while Playground is re-opened

Children and families have been enjoying the Playground at last, four months after it was closed on March 23rd. The playground is not supervised so advice on the use of the equipment under Covid-19 regulations are posted on the fence outside each gate.

The Village Charity Management Committee discussed at length the conditions for re-opening the Village Hall and decided unanimously that it would be too difficult to manage the safe social distancing required indoors and therefore it remains closed, apart from the essential service of the Post Office on Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. The Trustees will look again at re-opening when conditions are more favourable, meanwhile we are grateful that the hall is being maintained safely by our cleaner Stephanie Gould and caretaker Paul Battle.

SUMMER READING

By Callie Bradbury

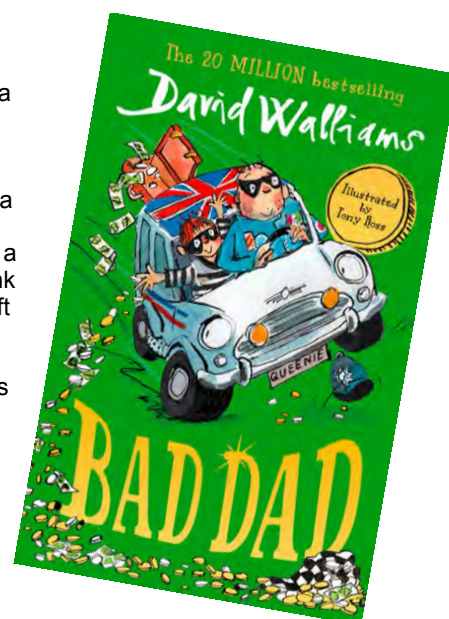
I have been very busy and don't have any school news to report. We've been to the seaside, played in the garden, picked lots of apples and plums, been for lots of dog walks and even managed to visit the zoo. I've also been doing some reading and so I have decided to share some book reviews with you. If the hot weather continues perhaps you could read a book.

David Walliams books have been translated into 53 languages and have sold more than 20 million copies worldwide. They have now exceeded a hundred non-consecutive weeks at the children's number one spot. David Walliams tenth novel is a great start to double figures. It is called

BAD DAD.

Blurb

Frank's Dad was a champion banger racer, King of the Track. Gilbert the Great! But, when a terrible accident sees him go from a hero to zero, Frank and Gilbert are left with nothing- and in the grips of a wicked crime boss and his henchmen. And, when Gilbert is thrown in prison, only Frank can come to his rescue....



My thoughts

Bad Dad is a very entertaining book with ups and downs in it. I would recommend it for all ages, and it is guaranteed to make you LAUGH OUT LOUD!!!! The book is funny, silly, enjoyable and absolutely fantastic. A great read!!!!

Now I am going to give you:

THE ICE MONSTER (also by David Walliams)

Blurb

When Elsie, an orphan on the streets of Victorian London, hears about the mysterious Ice Monster- a woolly mammoth found at the North Pole- she's determined to discover more...

Soon Elsie is face to face with the creature, and on an adventure of a lifetime- from London, across the high seas, to the heart of the North Pole!

My thoughts

I recommend The Ice Monster to everyone as it is great for all ages. It is nice and easy to read and makes you want to read the next page. David has used things that are different in the real world so it makes you want to know more about it.

Hopefully I'll be back at school in September so will be able to give you an update on what that is like in the next edition.

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REFURBISHMENT OF THE GURDON MONUMENT IN THE CHURCHYARD

By BS

As many residents will already know, the Gurdon Family owned Assington Hall and its surrounding estate for many centuries, and there are several large monuments to various members of the Gurdon family on the walls inside the church.



There are also a few monuments to later members of the Gurdon family in the Churchyard. One such once-proud and beautiful monument had fallen into a state of disrepair and nobody in living memory can recall its original appearance.

We were therefore most grateful to receive a donation specifically for the purpose of restoring the monument to its former glory.

As with all things of such a historical nature, we had to obtain approval for our plans from the relevant Diocesan bodies, but once this was achieved a date was set for the work to commence.

.....and then along came Coronavirus, stopping everything in its tracks.

A new date was set, provisionally, based on the weather report, but unfortunately rain stopped play on the date in question. However, the next day, the sun came out, and work began.



In addition to much 'groundwork' and general maintenance and repair work, which isn't seen, or appreciated, but needs to be done in order to preserve the monument, the plinths containing the memorial names have been cleaned, rendering the names and dates etc legible.

And the angels bowing their heads reverently, balancing elegantly on top of the pillar have been given a much-needed facelift!



Unfortunately the pink Marble column has not been treated kindly over the years by the weather and rain: acid rain degrades the marble and icy cold weather causes fissures in the grain, but over all it was thought best to 'conserve' rather than replace this.



Once again there is a marble cross atop the spike coming out of the top the angels' heads .

The finished "After" appearance of the Gurdon Monument.

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THINGS TO DO....

My name is Charlotte and I am the Access Field Officer for the British Horse Society covering the East Region.

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BHS 2026 - Historical Researcher 

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On 1st January 2026, historical routes in England that aren't properly recorded will be lost to the public forever. We are looking for people to volunteer their time to help us identify and register these routes before it's too late.

2026 research can be really flexible and done as and when you have time and energy. We are keen to hear from volunteers with a range of skills and abilities, which may include: solving puzzles, map reading or an interest in local history. Support, training and expenses provided for all 2026 volunteers.

If you would like to register to support the BHS 2026 project in your area, please contact our Volunteer Support Team at volunteer@bhs.org.uk

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BOB GOES SHOPPING

From Helen Wallace

The farm shop aims to cater for all Assington residents,even 4 legged ones.

Bob (the horse) couldn't wait for Jo to buy his favourite Polo sweets, so went in to get his own.



Assington Community Picnic



— Avast me 'earties...
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- ◆ sea QUIZ (*please bring your own paper and pencils*)
- ◆ and see the **Raffle Draw** at

**2.00pm on
Saturday 19 September**

LITTER NEWS

From Stephen King

I wish I could say that the village is getting cleaner but every time I walk up to the Shop and Playing Field and along Barracks Road to Three Ways, or round via Hill Farm and the Church, I regret not bringing my litter picker and a container in which to put the drink cartons and cans, sandwich and sweet wrappers, tissues, dog waste bags, cigarette ends or empty packets which I find.

There was a scheme floated by the District Council some years ago to encourage Parish Councils to employ a Village Cleaner, for a very small consideration. I am not that person! (though sometimes I feel I am a one-man band).

If everyone in the village disposed of one piece of litter every day it could make a big difference. And do not be afraid of calling people out when you see them throw litter on the ground or hanging a used dog waste bag on a branch in the hedge!

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THANKSGIVING AT HARVEST AND BEYOND

From Sylvia Gaspar

Food, glorious food! so the song goes and we all echo the sentiment more or less every day. The choice is large, the opportunities plentiful for most of us, too plentiful for some! But somehow we have to work at it to remember the growing of grain crops, vegetables and fruit, animal husbandry and the other farming activities that have preceded our shopping and our eating. Milk doesn't come ready bottled! And we have less excuse than many, surrounded as we are by fields of green turning that lovely golden as the grain crops ripen, the colourful blues and yellows of borage or rape, the taller and taller maize. Harvest thanksgiving does make us stop and think – and be thankful.

Come with me to Kyemula, a village in eastern Uganda. I sponsor two girls in the village via the UK charity *Hours of Human Happiness* and so have begun to get a feel for their day to day lives through newsletters and photos. Like everywhere else, Uganda has had lockdown and food prices have soared. The little Government help there is doesn't reach out to the villages. These people, who struggle to grow enough food in a good year, have been desperate. The village pastor tells us of a man who hung himself in despair after his woman gave birth to another child. He had nothing to support them. At Kyemula the maize and bean crops are coming on nicely. Thankfully it was spared the onslaught of the locusts that swept through much of that part of East Africa but it won't be ready for harvesting for a while yet. Another village further north has poorer soil so the crop there when it comes will not be large.



Now meet 10 year old Peace. She is an orphan and, with a number of other orphans, lives in the Community Home that was built for the older people. The sponsorship means she can have two good meals a day. In the lockdown some villagers grow small crops of beans but others can't afford to buy food between now and harvest. With the sponsorship Milton, the village Pastor, has been able to buy food to distribute to the most needy. The older people in the Community Home who help

look after Peace and the other orphans were given some of this and a recent photo shows them proudly holding their bag of flour or beans.



I wonder, what did you have for breakfast, lunch and dinner? Not beans on toast again!

Milton works continuously to help everyone in the village and ensure the sponsorship is used well. He had a well deserved treat for his birthday recently. His wife cooked potatoes and beans for him and their children and he bought everyone a soda.

I wonder, how do you celebrate your birthday? I'm rather fond of going out for a Chinese meal myself.

Patricia also lives in Kyemula.

She is the eldest of 3 children living with their mother in the village. There is no father to help bring in an income or work a piece of land for food and her mother struggles to provide for the family let alone send Patricia to school. She is now being sponsored and was pictured recently with a bag of maize flour to take home to her mother for the first time.

I wonder – when were you last at the supermarket and when will you go again? How full was the trolley? Even when flour was unavailable I found there was plenty of other things to buy, it wasn't essential. This harvest time please spare a thought for Peace, Patricia, Milton and the people of Kyemula for whom a bag of four or beans makes the difference between living and dying. Other villages in Milton's care are seeing more deaths, not because of Covid, but through starvation. They are not benefiting from having help from those of us with resources to spare.



Some food for thought.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love. So goes the harvest hymn. Yes behind the labours of our farmers and all other food producers and the land they work in partnership there is a loving, generous God who wants his love and goodness to be enjoyed by everyone. The world has been described as a global village. God asks us to care for our neighbours whether they are across the street or across the world.

If you are interested in knowing more visit the website www.3huganda.org

food bank collection BS

Donations of both food and money are always welcome at the Sudbury Storehouse food bank.

It is anticipated that Assington church will organise a collection for the Sudbury Food Bank over the Autumn months, as it has been linked to our Harvest celebrations for a number of years.

Many people locally were struggling even before Coronavirus, and the precarious employment situation has exacerbated their situation.

Please look out for details in the October edition of the Assington News.

Nick Peasland

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2019 TOTAL 597

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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
JUN	1.5	31°C	+5°C
JULY	19.5	36°C	+10°C
AUG	83	35°C	+6°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

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That's enough of what we say this is what our critics say:

"Traditional dishes with a modern twist.....fresh, contemporary feel inside, this is a classy modern-day inn set in a pretty village within easy reach of Constable country" *The Good Food Guide*

"the food at the crown is delectable.....and the wine list is dreamy"
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Fiona Duncan, Sunday Telegraph

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