

ASSIGNMENT

NEWS



APRIL 2022

CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS (useful numbers)

If your club or organisation is not listed here and you would like to be included, then please let me know on 01787 210354 or email bronwenstacey@btinternet.com

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ELLIE MEAD

It is with deep sadness that we must announce the passing of Ellie Mead, in the small hours of Thursday 10th March, after a long and bravely-fought battle with cancer. You may recall that Ellie had many interests, and wrote fascinating articles every month for the Assington News. Her funeral has already been held.

Full obituary to follow in next month's edition.



Ellie standing beneath the Ash Pollard tree

This lovely photograph of Ellie is taken from one of her articles, entitled "Trees In My Life, or My Life In Trees", from which the following paragraph is quoted:

"The other significant tree on our land is The Ash Pollard, noted on the 1847 Tithe map it is the marker for the Parish boundary between Bures and Assington. I enjoy taking campers down to our campsite and pointing out that they can straddle two parishes here: a bit like a rural version of the Greenwich Meridian line. Completely hollow and in the last stage of its life I have registered it on The Ancient Tree register."

We send members of Ellie's family our sincere condolences, for the loss of such a vibrant person, who will be much missed by many and varied parts of the community. Editor

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

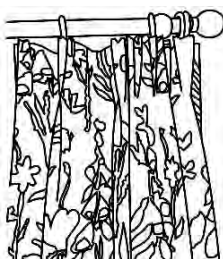
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JAN	23.5	9°C	-8°C
FEB	19.5	16°C	-5°C
MAR	44	19°C	-3°C
APR	18.5	24°C	-3°C
MAY	54	26°C	+1°C
JUNE	94.5	29°C	5°C
JULY	36.5	34.5°C	6.5°C
AUG	31.5	31°C	7°C
SEP	37.5	24°C	2°C
OCT	90	18 °C	-2°C
NOV	69.5	12 °C	-5°C
DEC	78	10 °C	-5°C

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

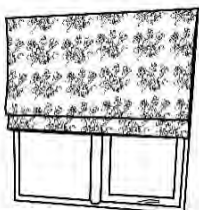
2021	mm	max	min
JAN	89	10°C	-5.5°C
FEB	34	14°C	-7°C
MAR	26	20°C	-3°C
APR	1	15°C	-5°C
MAY	78.1	25°C	-2.5°C
JUNE	55.2	30°C	+3°C
JULY	72	28°C	7°C
AUG	29	24°C	5°C
SEP	28.5	27°C	3°C
OCT	74.5	18°C	1°C
NOV	27	13°C	-3°C
DEC	68	12°C	-6°C

2022	mm	max	min
JAN	7	12°C	-6.5°C
FEB	46	13°C	-4°C

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UKRAINE (..written on 5th March)

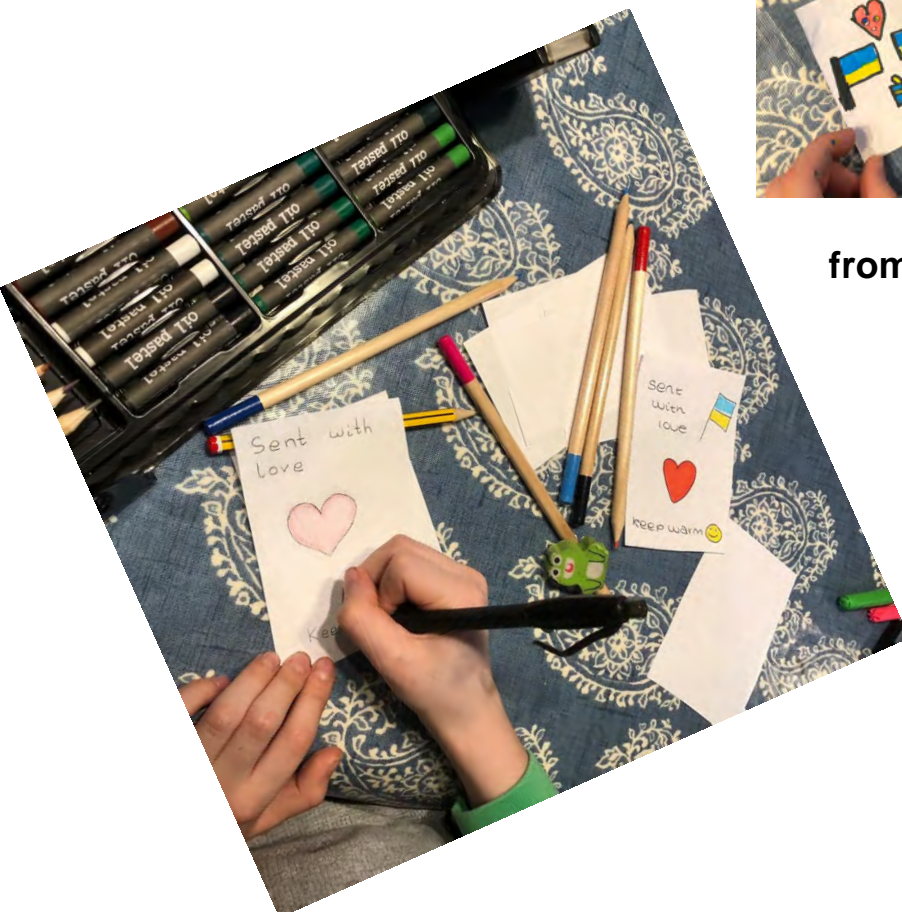
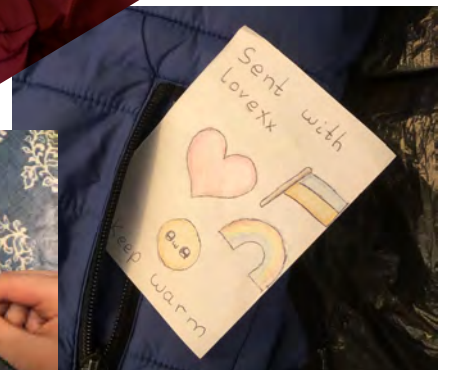
from Emily Cartlidge

A huge thank you to everyone in Assington who donated to the Ukrainian appeal for emergency aid.

The clothes, medicines and toiletries that you gave, filled my car twice over and contributed to the 15 TONNES that is now making its way to Poland and the Ukrainian border.



The little pictures were drawn by my children to put in the pockets of the children's clothes to show support. Thank you again for your incredible generosity.
Emily



.....and
from Louisa Symons

UKRAINE APPEAL.

Dear generous Village ,
Thank you so much for all the Goods, that have been donated. With your great help, we have been able to send off several loads to help those poor refugees.

We are now pausing, for the moment, to allow time for all the Donations to be delivered. We will start collecting again, once that has been done.

Best wishes, and thank you all again.
Louisa Symons
Centuries.

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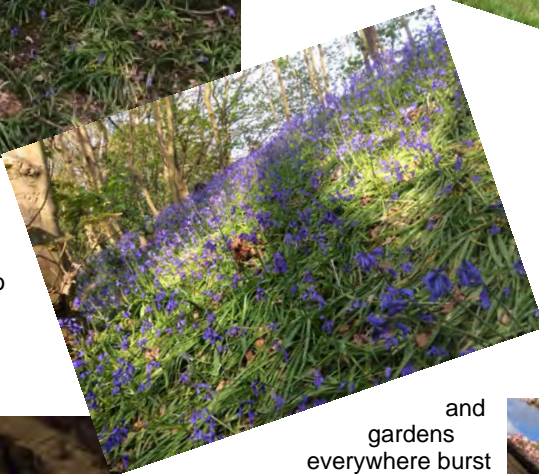
Blossom, bluebells and butterflies

By the beginning of April we will already have felt the joy of the occasional warmer sunny day, and had the pleasure of witnessing various early (or winter -) flowering cherry and plum trees, peach trees, and blackthorn, which gladden our hearts. We will have exclaimed at the brilliant displays of bright, smiling daffodils, which, (depending on their variety) may have been early or 'just right on time' to proclaim that Spring is just around the corner. We will also have admired the clumps of pale and fragile-looking primroses, both in our gardens and in the hedgerows or on the wayside banks.

But in April we welcome the glorious swathes of bluebells!

I know that everyone in Assington appreciates how very lucky we are to still have such beauty on our doorsteps, and that we all tread carefully to protect this wonderful heritage of nature.

The cherry trees bordering the churchyard come into full bloom once again,



I could fill more than a page with photographs of visions of local bluebells, as I am sure so can you all, and of course, my photographs don't ever do them justice.(but go online to see them in colour): assington.onesuffolk.net/ then select Assington News on the top strapline.

and gardens everywhere burst with apple blossom, a reminder of bygone days of Assington's apple orchards.

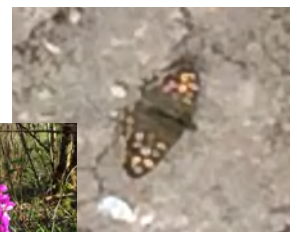


Look out for:
The first Swallow;

early butterflies: speckled wood along the glades in The Thicks;

peacock; tortoiseshell; brimstone and orange tip.

And keep your camera handy in case you spot an early purple orchid.



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PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Letter from the
Rev Simon White
Associate Priest,



Bures with Assington and
Little Cornard

Dear Friends,
Easter Sunday falls midway through April this year and during the preceding 6 weeks of Lent the Church of England has been encouraging people to 'Embrace Justice'. I wonder if when that theme was chosen anyone could have guessed how relevant *embracing justice* would be today.

We sit here in a world where peace seems less certain than a month ago, anxious, and unclear what to do. I am not sure what peace, freedom, and justice for the people of Ukraine will look like, but it's heartening to see the acts of kindness and care that are happening all around us, not least in the countless collections that are taking place for items to help the refugees and those still in Ukraine.

Five years ago one of our local vicars, Malcolm Rogers, moved to St Andrew's church in Moscow where he is the archbishop's representative to the Patriarch of the Orthodox church and also Area Dean to Russia and Ukraine. In a very carefully worded YouTube video, that he managed to post but has now been removed, he talks about the huge changes that are affecting everyday life for people there and how they are taking comfort from the words of the Benedictus that speaks about the new dawn of peace when the true Messiah comes and how that dawn will break on a people living in darkness and the shadow of death. The darkness has fallen on the people of Ukraine and Russia. He asks for us to pray for Ukraine and to pray – as far as we can - for the people of Russia many of whom are also scared and devastated by what is happening.

Everyday life in Assington carries on but the resilience of people, who have struggled through the pandemic, is being tested further by the news from Ukraine and around the world. We need to look after each other, while also reflecting on the injustices of the world and how we can be speakers and seekers of justice.

In the story of Easter Jesus stepped into the darkness that is present in our world and in his resurrection, he shone light into that darkness, showing us all a new dawn of peace asking us to be people of a new world who reflect God's vision that all are created equal.

Best wishes, **Simon**

Interviews for a new Vicar took place in the Benefice on Thursday and Friday, 17th and 18th March. We hope and pray to appoint someone who will strengthen and support our community and local ministry, and look forward to working with them.



APRIL SERVICES IN ASSINGTON CHURCH everyone welcome!

3rd APRIL @ 10.30am Holy Communion

**17th APRIL @ 10.30am EASTER SUNDAY
Holy Communion**

24th APRIL @ 10.30am Benefice communion

Please contact office@parishchurch.co.uk or
telephone 01787 227407 for more details

OTHER APRIL SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

10th April:
10.30am **Bures:** Holy Communion
10.30am **Little Cornard:** Morning Worship

Bures:
13th April: 7.30pm: Ash Wednesday Service
14th April: 7.30pm : Maunday Thursday Supper
15th April: 2.pm : Good Friday
Service of meditation

Reader: Dr John Symons 211534
Associate Priest Rev Simon White
07572 418555
Organist: Bronwen Stacey 210354
Sec: Emily Cartlidge 07976 724266
Treasurer: Ian Clark 211133

Churchwardens:

Roger Britcher 211021
Bronwen Stacey 210354



ASSINGTON JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS! FRIDAY 3rd JUNE

Please do come along and join us

traditional “street party” type events on the Village playing field,
with picnics, races and competitions

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 music trio

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.

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

and

A Barn Dance in the evening in the Village Hall

7.30pm ticketed village Barn Dance to include a Ploughman's Platter
(Please bring your own drink and glasses)

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF WHERE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS AND PRICES SEE THE NEXT PAGE

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENTS:

Decorate your front garden competition:

We suspect that - even if there was no formal competition, many of you would wish to literally "Put the flags out", and decorate your front garden with a Jubilee-theme..... so we thought we would include your efforts jubilee colour schemes into the opportunity to first prize-winner of the afternoon.

The Judge will be viewing gardens on the morning of the 3rd June, and will announce the winner at **12.30pm** on that day, as the start of the afternoon's activities.



"Let the games commence!"

"Best Dressed Queen" fancy-dress competition:

Throw away your inhibitions! Come as your inner queen - This competition is for everyone! - all ages, all genders;



drag your ermine-bordered cloak out of your dressing-up box, dig that crown (or wedding hat) out of the hat-box where you have been keeping it for just such a royal occasion, dust off your sparkly shoes, or bring out that silk



headscarf, tweed skirt, sunnies and country- cardi, (or.....do you still have a 1950s dress that you can fit into??)

Or see whether that singlet Tee-shirt and the very tight white jogging bottoms look as good as you thought they did, as you strut your stuff .

1.45pm - be there or be square.



Evening Barn Dance:

7.30pm dancing starts at 8pm

This will be a ticketed event, as the numbers have to be restricted.

Owing to the nature of this event it is not suitable for toddlers or young children.

Adults £5, children under 12 £3

to include a ploughman's platter during the interval.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses for the evening.

Tickets will be on sale from Friday, 1st April.

Tickets may be purchased from :

Bronwen Stacey, The Old Farmhouse, Further Street.

Tel: 210354

Linda Britcher, The Old School House, The Street,

Tel: 211021

Val Clark, Skimbles, The Street Tel: 211133

and

Assington Farm Shop

THE VIEW FROM AROUND THE BEND

It has been many years now since I travelled around the bend and came to live amongst you in Assington. It must also be about ten years since Marney Jerrold said to me, you should write something for our newsletter, you would be quite good. Also that Bronwen, she sounds really nice, keeps asking for contributions. Well here goes.

I did not travel very far at all to get to Assington and I live just off the main street backing onto the fields. I did not find anyone else at all in my house when I came, so I have to live all alone which can be frustrating at times, specially when I need help with personal things.

I did bring my old black and white TV which doesn't seem to work up here, Nigel down the road says that it will not work here as it does not have the right number of lines, very strange as I can see the ariel from my back garden. Why does everything have to be so complicated.

My pet hate is the stench of spray on the fields, I blame our lady vicars, who everytime I go to church beseech us to, let us spray let us spray, ok but everything in moderation please, phrooah.

I spend much of my time in my very large garden, trying to grow things and if I can succeed I will enter them in the local show, I am getting better each year at it but cannot get a marrow anymore than about six inches in length and my runner beans just will not run.

Some success with my roses last year but the dahlias were massacred by the storms, oh well, if at first you do not succeed etc etc.

Last autumn I was adopted by a little kitten which arrived in the shed and had to be coached out and does now come into the back kitchen, he is very shy but is putting on loads of weight and causing me some anxiety, I called him Henry as it took me eight saucers of milk to entice him into the house. I asked Annie from down yonder for advice as she knows about animals, she just fell about laughing and said that I should rechristen him. Not too sure what good that will do with his weight problem, but will ask the lady vicars.

I do hear tell that David from across the way is going to be doing his scarecrows again this year, I will have to be careful as last year when I was sitting outside the pub, two ladies with clipboards from up vicaries, said that I had won third prize. I was astounded as I have never before won anything in my life, when I enquired what the prize was, they said it was just for the cludos or something like that. Nothing arrived with postie anyhow, I think this year I will just lie very low and not go out. Or maybe change my shirt for a cleaner one.

I have been trying to catch the bus to Sudbury as ole Ted from across the way said I should get out more, on the three occasions I have boarded, it always goes to a place called Colchester that I do not know first, and then comes all the way back to Assington on its way to Sudbury, by then I have such a terrible call of nature that I have to get off and go indoors for one and by the time I have finished the bus has gone again. How ridiculous, should I complain or just drink less? Hmm.

Oh well I think I will go up to the Shoulder now, I hear the beer is good there, but no one has brought me out one yet or invited me in, but it is lovely to sit outside and watch the world go by.

I will try and catch up with you all next month, if I am spared and have the time. Life is so busy. Lots of best Wishes to all my Neighbours. Bye for now from Esra



Assington Parish Council

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Matters of Interest discussed during a Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 28th February 2022 at Assington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Simon Thorogood, Andrew Hill, Bronwen Stacey, Helen Wallace, Kevin White and Tony Howcroft

In attendance: Christine Hargan (Clerk) and two members of the public

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Ian Jordan

Public Forum

In relation to **DC/22/00461** a member of the public enquired whether, If the planning permission is denied would the developer be required to landscape the area in line with the original planning consent? A precedent for this was set with application no DC/19/04423. Clerk to check with BDC Planning and to respond to the question.

Planning

DC/22/00461 Full Planning Application - Erection of 1No single storey dwelling, detached garage and new vehicular access. Land At Orchard Road Assington Suffolk.

Councillors resolved to oppose this application because it conflicts with a condition of the site's Bio-diversity Improvement Plan and also Babergh District Council Policy no CS11. The Parish Council calls on the planner to comply with the existing planning approval and their Policy.

Clerk to send a copy to DCllr Parker.

Date and promotion of Public meeting to discuss National Grid's proposal for Bramford to Twinstead Tee.

Cllr Howcroft updated the meeting and it was resolved to communicate with the residents via a **Zoom meeting during week commencing 7 March 2022** which will be promoted via social media, noticeboards and word of mouth.

Payment of PKF Littlejohn additional invoice for Audit 2021 £288.00 was **Approved**

Questions to the Chair

Jubilee Celebrations

The main celebrations in Assington will be on Friday 3rd June including a Barn Dance in the evening. Various purchases may be required in advance such as bunting, food, small prizes for children etc. Method of payment for such items was discussed and agreed with the nominated APC representative for organisation of the events, Cllr Stacey.

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact DCllr Parker to apply for £250 Locality Grant to assist with funding.

The Next scheduled APC meeting to be held on Monday 28th March 2022

The Annual Parish Meeting will precede it at 7pm

The meeting closed at 20.36

A Resounding Yes from Residents in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you to all 162 people who turned out on a rainy Thursday (24 February) to vote on the Neighbourhood Plan. A 94.5% in favour is a really clear result.

Following the referendum the plan has now been officially adopted by Babergh District Council. It now has full legal status and will be used by Babergh to help determine future planning applications and guide the parish council in future decision making for the village.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Babergh Neighbourhood Plan Referendum in the Assington Area

I Edward McCreadie, being the Deputy Counting Officer at the above referendum held on Thursday 24 February 2022, do hereby give notice that the results of the votes cast is as follows:

Question		
Do you want Babergh District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Assington to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?		
	Votes Recorded	Percentage
Number cast in favour of a Yes	153	94.44
Number cast in favour of a No	9	5.56
The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:		Number of ballot papers
A	want of an official mark	
B	voting for more answers than required	
C	writing or mark by which voter could be identified	
D	being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	
Total		0

Electorate: 422 Ballot Papers Issued: 162 Turnout: 38.39

And I do hereby declare that more than half of those voting have voted in **favour** of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Dated: 25 February 2022

Arthur Charvonia
Counting Officer

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Assington residents who have taken part and followed the progress of the plan since 2018 and the local services who have assisted when requested to do so. With special thanks to the dedicated neighbourhood plan team who in partnership with Assington Parish Council have worked tirelessly to bring the plan to fruition.

Helen Wallace
Chair of NP Team

On behalf of the residents of Assington Parish, a huge thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to introduce this Plan for our Neighbourhood. Editor

NAYLAND AND WISTON OPEN GARDENS 2022

From Suzanne Cullen

After an absence of two years Nayland and Wiston Conservation Society is delighted to announce that Open Gardens will take place on Sunday the 12th of June between the hours of 2.00 to 6.00 p.m.



This event first appeared in Nayland in 1977 and we have held Open Gardens every year since then although it had to be a virtual on-line event during the past two covid affected years.

Free car parking will be available on the playing field at the rear of the Village Hall and tickets (in the form of the programme containing details of all of the participating gardens) can be purchased in the Village Hall on the day or on-line at <https://naylandevents.org> from the 1st of May.

Adults pay £5 and children are allowed in at no charge.

Teas and cake will be available at the Village Hall from 2.00 to 6.00. An art exhibition will also be held in the Village Hall.

We look forward to sharing our gardens with you!

VILLAGE LITTER PICK SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

From Bryn Hurren

Myself and others are going to organise a village litter pick to try to alleviate some of the eyesores and litter mountain that is created by others.

We will be aiming to pick and clear the area from the B1071/A134 crossroads and tie in with others coming out from Newton Green who have an organised a litter pick on the Saturday and volunteers travelling up from Boxford along the 1071 towards the crossroads.

I myself along with others will pick from the crossroads back to Assington and along towards Leavenheath. For this area Hi Viz jackets will be a must.

This will also be a good opportunity for other to try to clear the easier parts of the village, possibly on the day or previously during the week or whenever you have time.

It would be great to get the village looking a less plagued with rubbish, in time for the public holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in early June.

I have 200 strongish bags and ten litter picking tongs that any willing helper is welcome to borrow before, or on the day. I have also contacted Babergh who will pick up anything we gather with the general rubbish or with the Man with a Van as a special collection.

Sacks of collected rubbish can be left at Park Farm, or at 10 Meadow Way alongside allotment fence or at the Village Hall, **but please notify someone (Bryn/ village hall Caretaker/ farmer, if you do so.**

Alternatively, text Bryn on 07771 508348, and he will drive round to collect the sacks of wayside debris.

PARISH ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES

from Cllr Andrew Hill

While the neighbourhood plan has been passing through its final stages the Parish Council has been busy preparing to implement some of the 'community actions' it contains. CA3 and CA4 (page 44 of the plan if you're interested!) are specifically about roads in the parish and how they could be improved, to make them feel safer for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

A number of initiatives are well under way:

- 1) You will know the community speed watch team, led by David Wiles, has been very active and visible in the village. The team has reported 500 speeding drivers to the police since starting in late June last year and has had a very positive response from (almost all!) drivers.
- 2) A number of lanes in the parish will very soon become 'quiet lanes'. These highlight to drivers that they should expect walkers, horse riders and cyclists to be using the whole of the road, and that they should be patient and wait for a safe opportunity to pass. An education campaign will be run by Suffolk County Council this summer and the following lanes will shortly be signposted:
 - a. Barracks Road,
 - b. Marshalls Green,
 - c. Assington Lane
 - d. High Road (to Leavenheath)
 - e. Wormingford Road (to Arger Fen)
 - f. Upper Road (to Little Cornard)
- 3) Later this year the 30mph limit on The Street will be extended beyond Rose Green, with the aim of improving safety around Pump Farm school and the junction at Rose Green which is used by heavy machinery turning into a blind bend. "School slow" signs will be formalised.
- 4) Also later this year, throughout the main street the limit will be reduced to 20mph. This will be highlighted with traditional style 'gateway' signs at both ends, but otherwise there will be only minimal new signage. As requested by villagers through the neighbourhood plan, the primary aim of this reduction is to help walkers on the street feel safe and to encourage more people to walk, cycle or ride. There is an international campaign led by the UN to encourage 20mph/30kph limits where people live, (<https://www.unroadsafetyweek.org/en/streets-for-life>), and Assington is well ahead of most villages in implementing this.



- 5) Finally, the green triangles at Threeways and Rose Green will be formalised and given some protection from large vehicles.

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Bryn Hurren is organising a VILLAGE LITTER PICK SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

We will be aiming to pick and clear the area from the B1071/A134 junction back to Assington and along towards Leavenheath. **For this area Hi Viz jackets must be worn. It is an extremely dangerous road.**

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Equipment provided:

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PALM SUNDAY

By BS

This year, Easter falls in April; Easter Sunday is Sunday 17th April, and in the week leading up to this we remember the happy celebrations of Palm Sunday, as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, the crowd waving palm branches in joy as he passed by, followed by the dark, painful days of His crucifixion on Good Friday, and His body entombed on the Saturday, before he rose from the grave on Easter Sunday.

This is the story of THE BATTLE OF TOWTON

During the Wars of the Roses (1455-1485), On Palm Sunday, March 29, 1461, in a howling wind and driving snow blizzard, the Lancastrian and Yorkist armies met on a field between the villages of Towton and Saxton near York for what became known as “the bloodiest battle” in English history.

This tale is of particular interest to my family, as my brother-in-law, David Hills owns Castle Hill Farm at Saxton; he farms some of the fields around and upon which this battle took place, and Cock Beck runs through his land.

The cause of the Wars of the Roses was a dispute for power, and kingship during the reign of King Henry VI. The Lancastrians backed the reigning King of England, Henry VI, a weak and indecisive man who suffered from intermittent bouts of madness. The leader of the Yorkists was initially King Henry's cousin, Richard, Duke of York, who resented the dominance of a small number of aristocrats favoured by the king, principally the Beaufort family. Fuelled by rivalries between influential supporters of both factions, York's attempts to displace Henry's favourites from power led to battles for superiority.

Richard, Duke of York, and his second son, Edmund, Earl of Rutland, were lured into a trap and killed during the Battle of Wakefield in 1460. They were decapitated by the Lancastrians, and their heads were impaled on spikes atop the Micklegate Bar leading into the city of York. Whereupon the leadership of the House of York passed to the Duke's heir, Edward.

Edward, who believed himself, through victory in many of the subsequent battles, and an earlier agreement, to be now rightly the King of England, led an army against Henry VI and his Lancastrian supporters.

On 28 March (the day before the battle of Towton), the Yorkist army had an encounter with a party of Lancastrians at Dinting Dale, where all the Lancastrians were killed. However, the following day the two armies which gathered at Towton were among the largest at the time. Contemporary sources claimed that the soldiers on each side numbered in the hundreds of thousands, but these figures are thought to be exaggerated, and modern historians believe that a combined figure of 50,000–80,000 is more likely, between one and two percent of the English population at the time. An analysis of 50 skeletons found in mass graves between 1996 and 2003 showed most were 24 to 30 years old and many were veterans of previous engagements.

Whereas Henry's physical and mental frailty was a major weakness for the Lancastrian cause, in contrast the 18-year-old Edward was a tall and imposing sight in armour and led from the front: his preference for bold offensive tactics determined the Yorkist plan of action for this engagement. His presence and example were crucial to ensuring the Yorkists held together through the long and exhausting struggle.

In the most appalling weather, the opening move of the battle was made by the Yorkists, despite them being outnumbered by their opponents; Yorkist archers unleashed a volley of arrows from their longbows, but with the wind behind them,

their missiles travelled farther than usual, plunging deep into the masses of soldiers on the hill slope opposite. The response from the Lancastrian archers was ineffective as the heavy wind blew snow in their faces. They found it difficult to judge the range and pick out their targets and, because of the wind in their faces, their arrows fell short of the Yorkist ranks, but unable to observe their results, the Lancastrians loosed their arrows until most had been used, leaving a carpet of arrows in the ground in front of the Yorkists, which they picked up and returned into the Lancastrian camp.

During the weary day, the advantage ebbed and flowed between the two sides: Polydore Vergil, chronicler for Henry VII of England, claimed that combat lasted for a total of 10 hours. At the end, recognising defeat, the Lancastrians fled, flinging off their helmets and armour to enable them to run faster.

Fleeing across the area to the north-east of Castle Hill Wood, which would later become known as Bloody Meadow, for ever after, many Lancastrians were cut down from behind or were slain after they had surrendered; before the battle, both sides had issued the order to give no quarter and the Yorkists were in no mood to spare anyone after the long, gruelling fight. Soon, like the meadow before it, the stream which the escapees had to cross, called Cock Beck, red red with blood and bodies piled so high that those still alive were able to use the corpses as bridges to scramble to the other bank and flee.

The Battle of Towton secured Edward IV his throne for the next decade. Henry VI and his remaining few supporters fled to Scotland. Henry was later taken prisoner and murdered in 1471.

Today, a simple stone cross marks the spot where it is said that at least 20,000 men perished that day.



The government has issued its plans for living with Covid

Whilst all legal restrictions have been removed, Covid has not gone away and there are things we can all continue to do to protect each other from getting ill.

What should I do if I test positive or have Covid-19 symptoms?

Stay at home if you can and avoid contact with other people. Whilst you are not legally required to self-isolate if you test positive for Covid-19, minimising contact with others will prevent more people from becoming ill.

Do I need to take a test?

Testing regularly will give you a good idea of whether you are infectious and could pass the virus onto people you meet. You will not have to take daily tests or be legally required to self-isolate following contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19. However, it is a good idea to test before you meet friends, family or go to work.

How do I get a test?

Free rapid tests can be accessed at gov.uk until March 31st 2022. From April 1st 2022, you will be able to purchase tests from your local pharmacy.

Get vaccinated

The vaccine remains our strongest defence against becoming ill from covid. Whether you've had one, two, three or no doses, it's never too late to make an appointment. You can book your appointment at www.sneevaccine.org.uk

There are things we can continue to do to reduce the spread of infectious illness:

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Looking ahead, the Nayland 10K family-friendly run takes place on Sunday 10th July, starting at Little Garth School, Nayland, CO6 4JR. The event raises money for local charities including SESA; there are routes to suit all ages and abilities through Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Book your place at www.nayland10k.co.uk

Now Spring is here, keep a look out for hedgehogs as they emerge from hibernation, sleepy, very thirsty and heading for the nearest source of water. Hedgehogs are good swimmers BUT many die in garden ponds as the sides are too steep for them to climb out. Please make your pond hedgehog-proof by creating a sloping edge and a ramp or green thick coated wire anchored at the top and bottom of the pond to provide an escape ladder.

If you are pulling down old sheds or buildings, you may find a hedgehog under there so keep a look out. Finally, when using a strimmer make sure there are no hogs in the vicinity, so many suffer serious injuries every year from strimming accidents. In fact, I'll check the garden for our prickly friends before Mum calls all the dogs for dinner, including me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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