

ASSIGNMENT

NEWS



JULY 2022

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ASSINGTON JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Well, we were certainly blessed with wonderful weather! Everyone turned out in the sunshine to enjoy a Once-in-a-lifetime- community celebration, that of our Monarch's 70 year reign.

At 12.30 sharp Her Majesty's Equerry (aka Stephen King) arrived on his bike to present the prize for the best-decorated garden. It was a difficult decision, as there were many worthy of comment, but the Garden of the Finch family of number 7 Woodfields was declared the winner, and they were presented with a beautiful planter.



Everyone was busy setting out and eating their picnics, whilst being entertained with a wonderful selection of sing-along songs by our Music duo,

Neil and Nick.



At this point I should mention that this event was made possible by Assington Parish Council, who provided a starting budget to allow the events to be organised.

Particular mention should be made of all the members of the Working Group who made the celebrations possible, and to whom huge thanks are due: they met to discuss and propose ideas and suggestions; they organised all sorts of events, and made them happen; they rolled up their sleeves and undertook all the hard work and tasks:

Linda Britcher; Val Caddy; Emily Cartlidge; Val Clark; Anna Clayton; Cynthia Hollingsworth; Paul Hollingsworth; Nettie Osman; Sue Parkins; Bronwen Stacey; Jeff Stacey; Simon White; David Wiles; Karen Wiles. Roger Britcher and Andrew Hills also helped greatly.

We are also extremely fortunate to have many generous residents and sponsors, who were kind enough to contribute in a variety of ways to make the day the great success that it was:

Birchall Steel; Scott Collins; Katerina Hronova; David and Ann Jarrett; Perrywoods Garden Centre; Siew Taylor; Katie White; Simon Whitbread; and the many parent who provided a wonderful spread for the children's vintage tea party. Our grateful thanks to everyone.



During the musical entertainment there was a "Decorate a Crown" activity for would-be Princesses and Princes:



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Jubilee Celebrations...



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Jubilee Celebrations

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Sophie and Keith
Anna and Andrew

Adults 100m winners:
Rex
Kimberly (sorry no photo)



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The wonderful vintage tea party.



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This is the final group photo, thanks to Mike Thompson. The village Hall appears to be convex because the group stretches so far round that he had to be creative to fit everybody in!



In the evening there was a Barn Dance, performed by The Hamlet Band.



Jubilee Celebration Assington style.

May I, on behalf of the whole village, sincerely thank Bronwen and all the volunteer team of planners, workers and performers, for putting together such an enjoyable and memorable day . It all went SO well that one might have thought is was ordained from above but I know it took a lot of effort, so thank you. (Her Majesty was pleased and sends her love).
John Symons.

ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Matters of Interest discussed during a Meeting held at Assington village hall on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7.30pm

■ Election of Chairman and to receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Cllr Simon Thorogood proposed by Cllr Stacey and seconded by Cllr Jordan

Present: Cllrs Simon Thorogood, Bronwen Stacey, Helen Wallace, Ian Jordan and Tony Howcroft

In attendance: DCllr Lee Parker, Clerk Christine Hargan and 7 members of the public

Apologies for absence :

Cllrs Kevin White and Andrew Hill

■ Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Andrew Hill proposed by Cllr Thorogood and seconded by Cllr Stacey

■ Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation

Cllr Stacey declared interest in items 13 G 1 and 2

■ To appoint members to committees

HR, Cllr Stacey, **Finance,** Cllr Howcroft, **Standards** Cllr Jordon

■ Appointed representatives to Assington Village Charity – Cllr Wallace

Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) – Cllr Stacey

■ Appointment of Councillors to review planning applications ahead of meeting

Cllrs Hill and White

22/0509 Appointment of Mr Simon White as Internal Auditor, proposed by Cllr Stacey and seconded by Cllr Howcroft

■ District Councillor report and public forum

DCllr Parker reported on the following:

- Support for Ukrainian refugees
- Energy payment rebates
- Construction Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- Babergh District Council mass resignation from planning committee

• Public Forum

Various topics were raised including:

- Bio-Diversity Action Plan BDC plans to implement a Nature Recovery Network, clarification was sought on what the network is actually planning to do. DCllr Parker to report back to the next meeting.
- Assington Autos re-consultation, concern was expressed on the following

- ★ Failure to provide information requested prior to re-consulting
- ★ Waste volumes
- ★ Excessive noise
- ★ Licensing – whether the applicant is adhering to the existing licences
- ★ Environmental issues, including animal habitat and runoff/pollution to the brook,
- ★ Operating hours
- ★ Traffic
- ★ Impact on wellbeing

■ Finance

The Auditor's report was deferred until next meeting as the auditor was unable to complete the audit prior to the meeting.

★ From the **RFO Report** authorise payments made / to be made and Resolved to pay the vendors as per the schedule in the appendix

★ Income was noted

★ Review Reconciliation of Accounts against Bank

Statements and the Statement of Accounts vs Budget Clerk to verify the BDC remittance and to amend accounts and Finance Report

★ Consider a donation to

- The Churchyard Maintenance Fund.-**
- Assington Association**

It was agreed to donate £500 to both charities

■ Planning

There were no new planning applications to consider. However, discussions took place on:

★ Reconsultation request DC/21/02579 – Assington Autos, Barracks Road, Assington: change of use of land to extend an Authorised Treatment Facility (salvage yard) construction of 5 x storage buildings and other associated operational work.

and Councillors formulated the following **Objection:**

DC/21/02579 Assington Autos, Cotton Wood, Barracks Road, Assington CO10 5LP

Further to the holding objection submitted on 27th May 2021, and comments dated 5th October 2021, Assington Parish Council (APC) discussed the amendments and additional documents at our meeting on 23rd May 2022. Discussion was also held over the recent determination by the Environment Agency that the site has been non-compliant with its existing licence for the previous three years.

*After lengthy discussion, Councillors resolved to **OBJECT** to the application, specifically and primarily on the following grounds:*

- *Noise disturbance and the resultant impact on residential amenity*
- *Impact on highways and traffic, with knock on impacts on residential amenity and safety*
- *Conflict with the Development Plan, NPPF, and specifically Assington Neighbourhood Plan*
- *Ongoing non-compliance of the site with the existing licence and existing planning permission*
- *Objections from multiple agencies who are far more expert in their relative matters than APC*

1) Noise disturbance and the resultant impact on residential amenity

The parish council receives regular complaints about the noise disturbance coming from the site, and 100s of complaints have been recorded by the Environment Agency (EA) since the current operators have taken over the site. The number of complaints received by the EA between 23/1/17 and 20/5/21 was 508, and APC understands that inaction by the EA is the reason why residents now rarely take the time to report noise incidents. The EA are explicit in saying that they lack the resources to investigate complaints about the site, although in recent months they have conducted some monitoring activity which is due to report back imminently.

The noise impact assessment submitted by the applicant in effect states that the noise impact from the site is already very harmful. As stated by Babergh's Senior Environmental Protection Officer; "The current situation means that levels are between +11-22dB above the background level and thus currently results in a significant adverse impact where complaints are likely (and indeed have been received)".

While the noise assessment prepared by Oaktree Environmental suggests that the noise situation will reduce as a result of the application, APC cannot gain any comfort from this. The report does not appear to be impartial, with comments such as "The current owners [...] are recognised as being one of the leading companies in the vehicle recycling Authorised Treatment Facility field". This is a claim not even made by the business itself on its website, and certainly sits at odds with the Environment Agencies' recent independent determination on the business as being in non-compliance with basic licence conditions (EA Briefing Note March 2022).

The EA have conducted their own noise impact assessment on the site (see EA Briefing Note March 2022) and it would therefore be prudent for Babergh to consider the results of this

assessment – which are due imminently) before determining this application.

2) Impact on Highways and traffic, with knock on impacts on residential amenity

Barracks Road and Marshalls Green are both seriously impacted by large lorry traffic from the applicant site and no evidence has been submitted (as previously requested by APC) to suggest that this situation will not deteriorate if the application is approved. Anecdotally local residents report that heavy vehicle traffic has intensified every year since the latest operators have taken on the site, and given the lack of hard evidence provided in the application, this is the only basis upon which APC can consider the traffic situation.

What is unambiguous is that Marshalls Green has deep ruts either side in places created by heavy lorries which are dangerous for car users, let alone cyclists or pedestrians. While it is acknowledged that some of these lorries are not connected to the application site, the majority of them are, and it is the regular daily movements the site creates that causes the ongoing damage.

Both Barracks Road and Marshalls Green have been designated by Suffolk Highways as ‘Quiet Lanes’, to prioritise their use by cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders. While lorry drivers are generally respectful, the simple dimensions of the lane mean that lorry use causes serious intimidation to pedestrian and cyclist users, and deters them from using the route. As well as the overt conflict with the Quiet Lane scheme, the application is therefore in clear conflict with 92 b) of the NPPF as well as Neighbourhood Plan policy ASSN14 d. vi.

3) Conflict with the Development Plan, NPPF, and specifically Assington Neighbourhood Plan

NPPF 185 states that “Planning policies and decisions should also ensure that new development is appropriate for its location taking into account the likely effects (including cumulative effects) of pollution on health, living conditions and the natural environment, as well as the potential sensitivity of the site or the wider area to impacts that could arise from the development.” Additionally, 185 a) requires applications to “avoid noise giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and the quality of life”. It seems now clear that the site and this application will cause significant impacts on health and the quality of life of those living in Barracks Road and nearby.

The application is in conflict with 92(a) of the NPPF which states that planning decisions should aim to promote social interaction. The vehicular traffic and noise pollution that the application will potentially generate will clearly not achieve this; the site currently prohibits social interaction in its vicinity. The application is in conflict with 174 (d), (e) and (f) of the NPPF with regards to its failure to demonstrate conservation or enhancement of the natural environment, with knock on risks of increased pollution as recognised by Suffolk County Council (SCC).

Given the inadequate submissions around pollution noted by SCC, the application is in conflict with ASSN16 as it cannot be demonstrated that there would not be any discharge to Assington’s stream, an important local habitat.

The application also fails to comply with ASSN19, given the likely detrimental impact on the amenity of residents and the resultant severe impact on the local road network. It is in conflict with ASSN11, as the application will in effect “tarmac” over a substantial area of currently undeveloped countryside, with a likely significant adverse impact on local biodiversity.

4) Objections from multiple agencies who are far more expert in their relative matters than APC

APC notes that a large number of consultees maintain holding or formal objections to the application and despite the applicant being given an unusually long amount of time to respond, these objections have not been satisfied. Specifically:

- Babergh’s Environmental Protection Officer OBJECTS on multiple grounds and particularly with regards to the noise impact.
- Babergh’s Place Services Ecological Consultant OBJECTS given the detrimental impact on biodiversity and specifically upon protected species
- The Environment Agency OBJECTS on grounds of risks around ground contamination – these risks appear real in photos and observations from local residents
- Suffolk County Council Flood Team OBJECTS given that risk regarding pollution and flooding still have not been addressed – again, evidence from local residents including video and photos appear to show the pollution risk is real and live.

5) Ongoing non-compliance of the site with the existing licence and existing planning permission

APC has in the past taken a very balanced view towards the site, recognising the charitable contributions the operators make and the valuable employment it brings to the village. At the same time APC has to consider the endless complaints and concerns of local residents surrounding noise, traffic, pollution etc, and in particular, the accusation that the site regularly exceeds its licensed tonnage limits. This was an accusation the site operators denied.

Until recently it has been impossible for APC to determine the reality of the situation. However, the Environment Agency recently confirmed in writing (31st March 2022) that the site has been in breach of the waste tonnage limit of 2,500 tonnes (per Permit # EPR/BB3008LU/A001 and Standard Rules SR2011No3) in 2019, 2020 and 2021. We understand that this has only been formally recognised now because the site has not been submitting waste returns for many years, and the EA lacks resources to pursue such non-compliance.

Babergh have recognised in previous correspondence the multiple breaches of planning control (DC_21_02579_OFFICER_AGENT_EMAIL-7926455.pdf) already committed and ongoing by the site.

It is difficult to make a case for why the behaviour of the site would improve if this planning application were approved. Indeed approving the application risks making a clear statement that Babergh condones such behaviour, and would set a precedent for other sites to behave in a similar manner. It seems a very reasonable and fair approach for Babergh to require the site to demonstrate compliance with existing planning permissions granted, and indeed compliance with existing licencing law (i.e. in a holistic approach working with the EA), for a sustained period of time, before any new planning application is approved.

For all of the reasons given above, APC strongly requests that planning permission is REFUSED.

- ★ **Notification of Planning appeal AP/22/000009** against refused [DC/21/05299](#), the Field House, Barracks Road, Assington CO10 5LP Application for outline planning permission erection of 2 x one and a half storey dwellings with detached garages and new vehicular access from Barracks Road.

Advice of the appeal noted. **No action is required** as no amendments to the application have been made.

■ **Licensed Path, Footpaths and APC’s Assets**

Issue with broken glass and fence close to allotments and also blackthorn hedging. Cllr Wallace to walk the paths and to report back considering whether action immediate is required or whether it can await the autumn following the nesting season.

■ **Highways update**

Invoice received and paid, awaiting date for notification of commencement of work.

■ Quiet Lanes Suffolk

Awaiting notification of delivery of additional stock for signs.

■ Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Thanks to Cllr Stacey and the team of volunteers. The celebrations are on Friday 3rd June and start at 12.30pm with judging of best decorated garden and continue with a family picnic, further events and competitions will take place during the afternoon including music, decorate a crown, fancy dress and races and a traditional tea party. The event will continue into the evening with the barn dance. All have been promoted locally.

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm prior to the completion of the agenda due to fire alarm which resulted in evacuation of the building. The following items were deferred to the next meeting, which will be held on **Monday 25th July 2022** starting at 7.30pm

- Light Pollution
- Questions to the Chair

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FIRE AND RESCUE DRILL AT ASSINGTON AUTOS

Submitted by Daniel Collins

On Wednesday 1st June Suffolk Fire and Rescue and Essex Fire Service carried out a training exercise together in the grounds of Assington Autos, in Assington, Suffolk.

The aim for the event was threefold; to provide serving firefighters and fire officers the opportunity to demonstrate their operational skills in a realistic and challenging environment, to create a scenario that will raise awareness in our prevention (road safety) initiatives designed to reduce the numbers injured on our roads, and finally to provide an insight and generate an interest in the varied role of the firefighter to support On Call and Wholetime recruitment within the Fire Service. This simulation was one of the larger controlled training exercises held within this area of the County over recent years, with Sudbury, Hadleigh, Nayland and Colchester Fire Stations all taking part.



The training incident was an idea created and developed by Watch Manager James Vernon and his team at Nayland Fire Station. "We set about planning a story board consisting of a multi vehicle road

traffic collision and, with the help of Fred Cook at Assington Autos, we set the scene for a 5-car incident, with local volunteers acting as live casualties.

This scenario included placing some cars upside down and in different positions, representing some of the scenes we face on our roads and providing a sense of realism.

We planned for the casualties to have different scripted injuries, to present our teams with a whole host of challenges to flex their knowledge as well as test the Incident Commander's ability to take charge at such a complex incident."

The event was attended by John Ward from Babergh District Council and Assington Parish Council nominated representative Jeff Stacey, as well as Group Commander Carolyn Crabb from Suffolk Fire and Rescue.

Watching the scene unfold, they expressed their admiration of what the crews were able to achieve over the duration of the exercise and pride in Fire and the emergency services in general in keeping both Counties and our communities safe from harm.



Assington Roadworks –

Early warning!

The Parish Council has had confirmation that the road safety improvement works, most recently featured in the April edition of the Assington News, will be undertaken by Suffolk Highways starting on **Monday 18th July** and lasting for "up to" 16 days.

The improvement works include formalising the 'triangles' at Rose Green and Threeways, extending the 30mph speed limit beyond the Rose Green junction, formalising 'school slow' signs near Pump Farm and **reducing the speed limit on The Street to 20mph.**



New research shows that 20mph limits reduce CO₂ and NOx by 25% compared to 30mph



The Parish Council has not received details of the works but we have been advised that road closures will be needed at certain times during them. Suffolk Highways have advised they will share more detail in due course and erect early notices of any planned closures. The three areas of works which we believe may well cause a road closure at some point are at the Hill Farm bend, the Threeways junction, and the



Rose Green triangle.

There will no doubt be some pain and inconvenience during this time, and we are entirely reliant on the Suffolk Highways team to minimise this, but once complete it will mark a significant milestone, implementing one of the main requests from residents coming out of the neighbourhood plan consultation.

Further details will be shared through the facebook page (www.facebook.com/Assington) and website (<http://assington.onesuffolk.net/>) as we receive them.

Assington Parish Council

THE CHURCH VILLAGE FETE AND RAFFLE 2022

The annual church Village Fete and Raffle will be held at the Village Hall and Playing Field on **Saturday 3rd September**.

You may have read that we are at the initial stages of a big project, which will (hopefully) pull the church building and its facilities into the 21st century by installing an accessible WC and kitchen area for serving after-service refreshments:

Our plan is to upgrade the ground floor of the Tower. Currently it is a "glory hole", providing storage for a quantity of objects which are useful at certain times of the year, but should not be on show during



the remainder of the year. Although we have a firm plan, as yet we have not progressed to the stage where we know exactly how much this will cost, but I think we can all guess that it will be a **very** costly exercise.

Therefore we are into fundraising mode, and the PCC has determined that all proceeds from the Church Fete and the accompanying Raffle, with its usual array of excellent prizes, will go towards this WC and Tea Project.

As previously, raffle tickets will be included with the August edition of the Assington News, and appointed fete working party members may call door to door to collect payments, or alternatively, payment can be made, or tickets returned, to the church Treasurer. Once again there will also be alternative methods of payment to cash, for those who prefer it. All the information you need will be included with the tickets, in August.

We always very much appreciate the support given by the community to the Raffle, and hope that we may again be fortunate to benefit from your generosity, and we thank you in advance for all your help.

PARISH CHURCH NEWS



**Letter from
Murray Emmerson,
Reader,
Bures with Assington and Little Cornard**

We are now into "High Summer". On one particularly hot day last year I went to a park and watched miniature yachts sailing on a boat pond. Despite there being no wind, the ships seemed to tack and turn very beautifully and very cleverly. That's when I realised that they were all being remote-controlled by their owners on the bank!

But there was a time, not long ago, before boats could be remote controlled, when you could put your boat in the water and the elements would take over.

It reminded me of the story of a little boy who loved anything to do with the sea and ships. He decided to make a sailing boat. He went to a builders' yard and picked up an off-cut of wood. He carefully carved the hull and sandpapered it so that was smooth to the touch. He gave it 3 coats of blue paint. He skilfully fitted the mast and sails. Then he stood back and admired it.

He took it to the local lake to test it. Tying a cord to the front of the boat, he let it down gently into the water. It floated perfectly, bobbing up and down on the tiny waves. He let it out further. Then a sudden gust of wind caught the sails. The cord broke and the little ship sailed off across the lake, way out of the little boy's reach. There was nothing he could do. The boat had gone. Tears ran down his cheeks. Tearful and heartbroken, he left the lake, trudged back his way back home.

Months later, in town, he saw a familiar sight in a shop window. Could it be? Yes, it was – there was his boat! It was being sold for £5. The blue paint was chipped. The sails and the rigging were ragged. But it was definitely his boat.

Overjoyed, he entered the shop. "Please don't sell that boat to anyone else", he begged the shopkeeper. He ran home as fast as he could, rushed up to his bedroom and emptied his piggy bank. He just had the £5. Then he hurtled back to the shop. "Here's the £5", he breathlessly said to the shopkeeper.

Gently the shopkeeper handed over the battered boat. The little boy hugged it to his chest. Overjoyed, he almost danced his way home. When he arrived, he gave it a fresh coat of paint. He cleaned and repaired the sails.

Then he stood back and admired it. As he looked at it, he said, "Little boat, you are now twice mine. I have made you and I have bought you."

We have all been made by God – and he loves what he has made. But we all wander away. If we want to return, Jesus has paid the price for us to do so. If we accept his offer, then, like the sailing boat, we shall be made AND bought. Then we shall be "twice mine". Then we shall truly be home.

Murray.

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| 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 |
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HAPPYSOUNDS AND SHANTYFOLK AT THE QUAY

We had such a fabulous time at the Quay Theatre on the 17th June, and it was lovely to see Assington residents in the audience, thank you so much for your support! Between us, we are proud to tell you the Choir and ShantyFolk raised over £1100 for the Quay. A massive well done and thank you to everyone involved!

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Just one more date before the summer holidays

Thursday 14 July

Do contact me, Revd Tricia Box, if you are interested or would like to help: 01787 227528 or 07747 124592

SESAW
on Saturday 2nd July
11am-2.30pm
Table Top Sale at Newton Green Village Hall, CO10 0QS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Assington Horticultural Show and Scarecrow Competition on

21st August

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Showtime is 2.00-4.00 pm

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A VIEW FROM AROUND THE BEND

Stunning news, Henry has returned, I was awoken three nights ago to the sound of loud mewing at just after midnight and upon rushing down found him standing in the back porch looking for his supper, I promptly gave him some wiskas cat meat, mixed in with some old stew and dumplings that I had left over and he ate the lot, he is starving hungry and so thin, I promptly phoned Bobbie to tell her the news and had to leave a message on her whatsaphone as it was by now one am. and she was obviously asleep by then. It was the first time in my life that I had used one of them newfangled things, just shows how excited I was. Despite the hour, she drove over in fifteen minutes and we tried to catch him, she had not had time to dress properly and I found it difficult to try to catch the cat what with all the frills of her negligee and other garments. We gave up after a time and he wandered off anyway and back over the back fence and over into the field; Bobbie offered to stay until morning but after a strong coffee I did manage to persuade her to go home, upon agreeing that she would visit again to help in the garden the following weekend, she did suggest that maybe we could talk seriously about the birds and bees on her next visit, I have always loved the birds but if she thinks that I am going to take up beekeeping, she is much mistaken.

Henry visits now every evening late and eats his supper and goes off again and is slowly getting more friendly and putting on some weight, it seems the story has got around and I am getting some strange comments from neighbours and Bobbie has tried to reassure me that they mean well and we all make mistakes and I think that is me not them. It seems that I do have a lot to learn about life, too much time on my own I think. The garden is looking a bit tidier and the seeds that have been planted are growing well, now that the weather is warmer the cucumbers are flowering well but it seems that nothing is being pollinated, Bobbie says that not to worry as she can show me how to do it myself, I was speechless at that but kept quiet as not wanting to make a fool of myself again. She is much younger than myself and just seems to regard these things as normal. I will concentrate myself with the runner beans and trying to make my marrow grow bigger.

I saw lots of banners out for the jubilee and saw lots of people about seeming very happy, I did not join in with anything as very shy at heart and Bobbie who might have persuaded me to join in went way up north somewhere to visit her grandparents. I believe she said it was Norwich. If they hold another one next year maybe I will come out and join in with the celebrations. Not much on any of my tellys at the moment, especially now that the footie has finished, I did go to watch Ipswich on a school trip once and saw Crawford and Phillips get one each, and always tune into radio Suffolk on a Saturday and listen to the commentary which is better than going and a lot cheaper, I don't think that Crawford and Phillips play any more as probably got to old but the new players seem to be doing alright.

I did try to watch something called Gentleman Jack and also Killing Eve but got very confused between the two and totally lost the plot of each completely and gave up, have started walking and riding the old bike more, I managed to get a puncture in the Thicks and had to carry the bike home, Wow, you will never guess who I saw in there!

On another day, when I did not get a puncture, I went right through the forest and came out on a lane with two high towers on it and lots of supporting wires, looked like some rather hush hush listening station like I read about in Orwells 1984 behind wire fencing, there did not appear to be any guards but some sinister looking dish like things with some rather strange little buildings which I am sure housed many

secrets and maybe even people, I cycled past at my fastest speed and I think got away without being seen, I stayed out until dark and came back past very quietly and cycled home the long way. While out I did see a sign that said Sudbury 3 miles, so might be able to get there under my own steam without the complication of the bus which I have still not yet cracked. When I finally got back to the street, I found Henry waiting for me and we had our supper of milk and cereal together sitting on the floor of the old porch, I found myself shaking from all the events of the past couple of weeks and went to bed to recover, would have liked to watch The sky at night to calm me down a little, but seems it is no longer showing, my old black and white telly is very old so should have been able to, oh well, nothing seems to stay the same for long nowadays. Very soon fell asleep.....Oh well, no harm in dreaming I suppose.

Plan to start to clean up the old porch and scullery next week and maybe the spare bedroom as well, who knows, I might be able to start to do a little entertaining, I have ordered lots of new underwear and clean bedding along with some new lumberjack type shirts and trousers. I am sure I can improve my image just a little. Off to put the black bin out now, I have sneaked in lots of my old cloths and boots that I no longer use which are too old to recycle, along with some of the toot from the shed, better start as I mean to carry on.

Keep well everybody and if you see me around, let me know what you think about my new image.

Lots of Best Wishes. **Esra**

SESAW NEWS

There was an excellent atmosphere at our village Jubilee celebration last month. The weather was perfect and we enjoyed meeting visitors at the SESA W Pets' Corner and gift stall.

Our volunteers are holding a **Table Top Sale at Newton Green Village Hall, CO10 0QS, 11am-2.30pm on Saturday 2nd July**. They will be selling jewellery and accessories, glass, china and homeware, pet goodies, books and more. Try a new, fun card game – Cardola, three go's for £1! There will also be homemade cakes and refreshments, free admission and parking.

We have many animals for rehoming including a pair of older cats that arrived last summer because their owner was ill. It was hoped Lord Iffy and Winnie would return home, sadly circumstances changed and they are now looking for a calm, quiet adult household. Both cats love to lie in the sun and would appreciate a sunny window sill to bask and watch the world go by.

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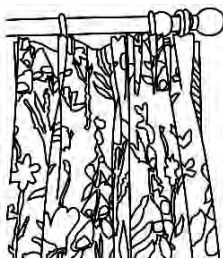
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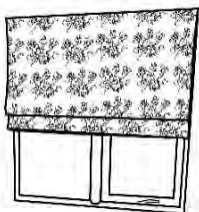


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