

ASSINGTON

NEWS



Assington Village Hall : 30th Anniversary

NOVEMBER 2023

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COLONEL MALCOLM GILHAM (1934-2023)



Malcolm and Julia came to Assington in 1986. They were immediately involved with village affairs, the church, (he was treasurer to the PCC) and especially the Village Fete, which he loved. It was Malcolm who paid for the skydivers we had at the Fete held one year at Assington House, and the entertaining clowns more recently.

He played bad golf and moderate bridge with me, but above all he thrashed all and sundry on the squash courts.

When Malcolm reached the respectable age of 70 he celebrated by winning the World Over-70 Squash Championship in Australia and to show that this was no fluke he won the over 80s ten years later in South Africa.

After Julia sadly died in 2015 Malcolm stayed in the village a further three years before deciding (very wisely,) to share a house with a great friend, Shirley,

Dear Malcolm died on the day after his 89th birthday, a pretty good innings, but Malcolm was a great sportsman so one would expect nothing less.

One of four, he had a fairly rough time as a child with a marvellous mother, but no father after the war. He attended several schools, where he was not a good pupil but was amazingly good at all sports; he left school early to help support the family.

Then National service in the army: he applied for (and was selected for) a commission, and decided this was a career for him. He went to Sandhurst where he was captain of tennis and soccer, This was the start of an amazing career in the Middlesex Regiment – he passed out from Sandhurst 3rd in the order of merit.

Soon after Sandhurst Malcolm met Julia, and they fell in love but didn't physically meet again for three years as the Middle East, Suez, Jordan and Cyprus intervened.

The hectic army life continued after they were married: Germany, Singapore, Australia, Borneo and Northern Ireland among many postings.

So often sport came into the equation; Malcolm played tennis for the army but excelled at almost every sporting event.

At the age of 42 Malcolm decided to leave the army, 'while there was time to start another career'. He became involved in the management of sports facilities first in Brighton and later in Chelmsford where he was Director of Leisure for the Borough Council. There, one of his claims to fame was that he started the V festival ! Somewhere in the ten years before coming to Assington he became REALLY involved with playing squash.

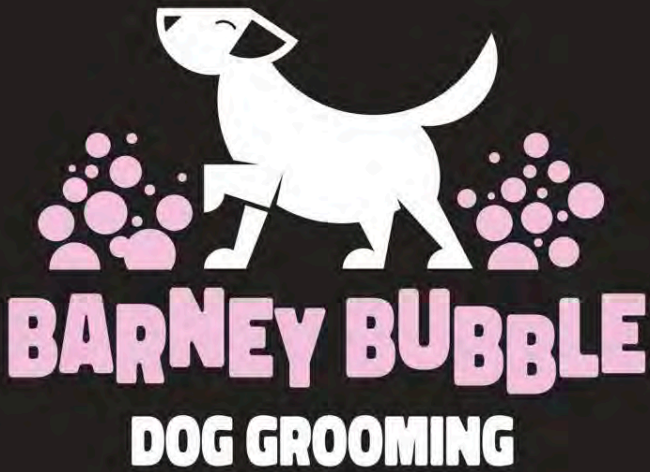


in Newton. She became a huge support over the last few years, and an absolute blessing as he was able to stay at home and not go into hospital in his final few months.

Malcolm had many great loves in his life, his mother, Julia, his children (who were always there to help), Shirley, many friends, the army andsport!!

He is hugely missed.
From John Symons

Malcolm's Funeral was held in Assington Church on 24th October.



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GLIDING FROM WORMINGFORD AIRFIELD

Alex Saffari was the lucky recipient of a gliding experience flight, which was offered as a raffle prize at the Village Fete. here is the story:

Photo below:
ALEX SAFFARI from Assington and pilot DAVID WILDE [pilot] from Rosegreen, Assington [rear seat] just getting ready for launch.



THIRD PRIZE OF THE ASSINGTON CHURCH RAFFLE WAS A GLIDING EXPERIENCE FLIGHT DONATED BY THE ESSEX AND SUFFOLK GLIDING CLUB from WORMINGFORD and was won by Alex Saffari, but read on: Alex has written about his experience and I have a special offer for all Assington residents and colleagues wanting the same thrill.

Alex writes:

I had the pleasure to accompany David on a gliding experience flight launching from Wormingford airfield which is ideal for a bird's eye view over the wonderful Essex and Suffolk countryside. We rode thermals with buzzards up to about 2500 ft and enjoyed views of the Bures dragon, the Assington Thicks, Arger Fen and even out to Harwich and Felixstowe [it was a lovely clear day]. We soared over our village, Assington and I could just make out our house, the pub and the church squinting in the sunlight. I was surprised to see how small the radio mast and water tower looked from the cockpit.

I hadn't expected the flight to be so quite so smooth and peaceful, totally different to a commercial airline flight, no motors, no noise just beautiful views. I was lucky enough to take a trip on a day of almost perfect weather conditions which meant there was a real buzz on the ground with the club's members busy working to get gliders in the air all of whom were super friendly and knowledgeable, which added to the great atmosphere in the club house.



Photo above: Alex receiving his gliding certificate after his flight. I would like to thank Alex for his kind words about the gliding club.

Alex's flight would cost £60, if you went on the club's website esgc.co.uk to find out about such a flight.

However, I have spoken to the club and if, next summer, we can get 10 plus people to come along for a flight, we can offer a discounted rate of £35 per person.

I have spoken to Fred at Assington Auto's and he is keen to get involved and hopefully Alex may bring some of his workforce along too and hopefully a few of you villagers will come along too.

Gliding is a cheap sport compared to powered flight, to solo in a powered aircraft would cost about £9000 whereas gliding for an adult for a year's membership and all your flying would cost £1200 for a year and during that period we would expect you to be solo.

Provided they meet the required medical conditions to fly, (it is very rare for anyone not to meet the medical conditions) people can start gliding from the age of 13 and they can solo at 14 and we have many juniors in the club both male and female who have actually done that. On occasions we have opened the club especially for them to go solo on their birthday. Youngsters can start flying from £600 per year including membership and all flights for a year and it is very unlikely that they don't go solo well within that year. So if you've watched many a glider flying over Assington or seen the Kites, Buzzards or Seagulls thermalling above and would like the same experience to fly with me please contact me via email initially:

rcmman@aol.com, and i will be in contact with you.

What was really strange was that Alex was not the outright winner of the raffle: Mrs Bousfield was the raffle ticket holder, and she gave the voucher to Alex, who I believe is married to her granddaughter. Mrs Bousfield attended on the day and she said her husband Robert Bousfield was originally a member of the club some 50 odd years ago when the club flew from Whatfield near Hadleigh. I have spoken to some of the current members who flew from Whatfield and they remembered him; three members in particular: Paul Rice, Eddie Leach and Angus McDonald remembered Bob Bousefield.

Thank you for finding the time to read this article please contact me asap so I can gauge numbers to try and organise this event near year.

David Wilde: Essex and Suffolk Gliding Club.

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Or

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DESSERT

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Crème
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NIGELLA TORTOISE

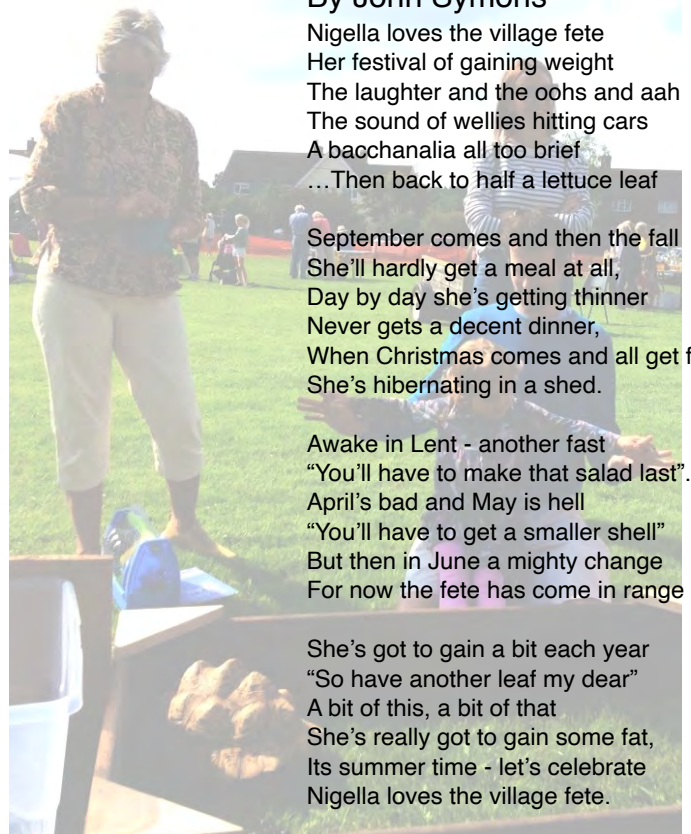
By John Symons

Nigella loves the village fete
Her festival of gaining weight
The laughter and the oohs and aah
The sound of wellies hitting cars
A bacchanalia all too brief
...Then back to half a lettuce leaf

September comes and then the fall
She'll hardly get a meal at all,
Day by day she's getting thinner
Never gets a decent dinner,
When Christmas comes and all get fed
She's hibernating in a shed.

Awake in Lent - another fast
"You'll have to make that salad last".
April's bad and May is hell
"You'll have to get a smaller shell"
But then in June a mighty change
For now the fete has come in range

She's got to gain a bit each year
"So have another leaf my dear"
A bit of this, a bit of that
She's really got to gain some fat,
Its summer time - let's celebrate
Nigella loves the village fete.



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ROGER HARLOW KEMP

12.04.1944 – 02.09.2023



Roger was born in Penhalonga, a small gold mining village in Manicaland, Zimbabwe quite near to the Mozambique border, where his father was Mine Secretary at Rezende mine. His family, including his sister Jo then moved to Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) and lived an idyllic life 'in the bush', surrounded by wild life. He even had a pet lion cub for a few months before it grew too large and was sent to London Zoo. There followed several moves and finally the family settled in Salisbury (Harare) until he left school in 1962 and flew to London to work at Carreras Rothmans in Baker Street at the age of 18 where he was to spend a year learning the tobacco trade. He remained with them for 24 years! He met Tricia in 1965 and they married in 1968 living in Harpenden for many years with their son Steven and daughter Nicola.

He had a wide range of outdoor and indoor interests which encompassed an appreciation of most sports and pastimes including an active participation in rugby, cricket, swimming, snooker and badminton. Later in life he was to enjoy golf. He had a love for travel and ventured to several corners of the world. He tried most things including gliding, whitewater rafting, archery, micro lighting, ice skating, go-karting, wind surfing to name a few.

For the last 13 years of his business life, he and Tricia opened a childrenswear boutique called '7 Ages' in St Albans selling designer clothing. It was fun but hard work and eventually they decided to retire to the quieter life in Suffolk. First of all, in Drinkstone Green where they lived for 15 years and where his love for drumming began. He became a member of the Drinkstone Old Guits – a group of semi-retired and retired gentlemen. The name Guits was because they were all musical and some played guitars. As with most things in Roger's life, everything was fun and filled with laughter. He never took life too seriously!

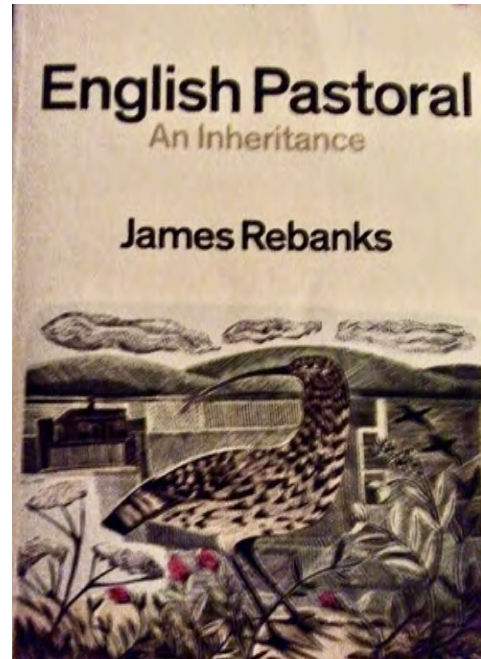
In 2019, and due to some ill health they moved to Assington. Happy Sounds proved a great way to meet new friends and enjoy singing each week.

Sadly, Roger died on 2nd September and his funeral at St Edmund King & Martyr church took place on 6th October. There were eulogies given by his son Steven, an old friend Chris Kyriakides and a friend from Drinkstone Professor Duncan Hannant. Happy Sounds choir were joined by his daughter Nicola for a favourite song of Roger's. He will be missed by many friends and family. He brought love, laughter and happiness to so many people throughout his life. RIP

BOOK REVIEW:

English Pastoral An Inheritance by James Rebanks

James Rebanks writes about his family's farm in Cumbria over three distinct periods of his life, covering three generations and a period of remarkable change.



He starts with his childhood and an affectionate account of time spent with his Grandfather. Seeing his Grandson's growing disillusionment with farming the Grandfather takes him under his wing and reconnects him with the land. Reinvigorated, James goes on to study agriculture and, inspired with the new techniques in farming, starts working with his father on the family farm.

This takes you into the second phase of the book, which explores modern farming and the benefits that come with the efficiencies of intensive farming and the use of chemicals. As an example the 30,000 dairy farms in 1995 reduced to 12,000 in 2020, but still produced the same milk yield. The drive to push down prices has seen a dramatic reduction in the percentage of the household budget spent on food, from 35% in the 1950s to around 10% now.

However, there are environmental and other costs and pressures that come with the drive for efficiency. James explores this, including taking a trip to America to study the practices in the mid west. He comes away concerned about the sustainability of their approach.

In the final third of the book James has inherited both his Father and Grandfather's farms. He has looked at what he has learnt and decided on his approach to farming. He does not condemn modern farming methods as he recognises the need to provide affordable food, but he asks the industry to consider the wider and longer term implications on both the environment and the farmers. James has considered the options and moved his family onto his Grandfather's "unimproved" farm to live.

The book is an enlightening exploration of how farming has evolved in the last few generations, the benefits this has brought and the issues it raises. It does not fall into the trap of making farming an environmental villain, but provides a reasoned discussion on the decisions we need to make about our future.

From Jeff Stacey

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ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Matters of Interest discussed during a meeting held at Assington Village Hall on Monday 25 September 2023

Present: Councillors Simon Thorogood, Andrew Hill, Tony Howcroft, Helen Wallace & Bronwen Stacey

In attendance: Cllr James Finch & Christine Hargan (Clerk). No members of the public were present

■ **Apologies for absence:**
Cllrs Ian Jordan and David Wiles, DCllr Lee Parker

■ **Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation from Councillors**
Cllr Stacey reported an interest in the Donations to both organisations discussed.

■ **County and District Councillor reports and public forum**

Suffolk County Council report: Cllr Finch updated his report on the following:

- He has been elected as Chairman of the Dedham Vale AONB
- Trading Standards Team are being proactive regarding a number of issues
- SCC Social Care Team were shortlisted for national awards
- Fire service training centre has now opened in Wattisham
- Offered assistance to the co-operating group of Parish Councils to protect landscape and skyline from impact of National Grid's Bramford-Twinstead reinforcement

Babergh District Council Report

No formal report was received

Public forum

There was no public contribution to the meeting

■ **Planning:**

- **Planning applications:** There were none
- **Status of planning applications:**

The Clerk updated that the non-material amendment DC/23/04069 Land to the North of Assington Barn had been refused although block paving has already been installed. The Parish council supports the use of block paving given the rural nature of the village, considering that tarmac creates an urbanising effect which is not in keeping with the street scene.

■ **Finance**

- From the **RFO**, review Reconciliation of Accounts against Bank Statements and the Statement of Accounts vs Budget **Report**, authorise payments made/to be made and note income received since the last meeting
Accepted
- Transfer of funds from Barclays Bank to the new Unity Trust Bank: unanimously agreed
- Donations were formally agreed of £500 to the Assington Association and £600 toward churchyard maintenance. When the churchyard donation is made, Clerk to ensure that the donation is ringfenced specifically for churchyard maintenance
- Resolved to renew insurance with Zurich

- Conclusion of annual audit. Auditor's comments were noted. Clerk to verify figures submitted on AGAR form prior to signature next year

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

- Dog bins are now installed.
- Cllr Wiles has organised planting of the two "Greens" in the village which were re-instated during the road safety works
- Suffolk County Council response relating to bus stop: while sharing safety concerns from villagers and users of the bus service, the Parish Council has been unable to find a workable solution to improve the situation, but remains open to suggestions

■ **CIL expenditure**

- To date, the Parish Council has used Community Infrastructure Levy funding from local development to support projects including road safety work, improvements to public-footpath drainage, replacement of parish noticeboards, new table tennis tables, a new bench, additional dog bins and infrastructure improvements at the allotments
- Other projects planned but not yet implemented include energy efficiency works and EV charging equipment at the Village Hall, a village sign and accessibility work on public footpaths
- At present the Parish Council does not see a way to proceed on additional new footpaths, replacement of stiles at Sheepwalk Farm, a road mirror opposite the track to the church, village beacon & flagpole, road signage, bus service replacement or bus-stop improvements.
- Suggestions for possible future projects to benefit the community using CIL expenditure are always welcome

■ **Update on National Grid Bramford to Twinstead reinforcement**

- The Planning Inspectorate examination of the proposed scheme runs to March 2024
- Cllr Finch has agreed to support the campaign by a group of Parish Councils including Assington for additional undergrounding in Polstead, Leavenheath and Assington where the proposed line runs within 1.6Km of the boundary of Dedham Vale AONB
- NG has agreed to additional undergrounding in Great Horkesley because of possible impact on the setting of the AONB, so there is precedent
- Additional undergrounding would materially reduce the impact by also removing the need for Cable Sealing End Compounds in Leavenheath and Workhouse Green
- The group of Parish Councils aims to commission research from an expert on landscape character assessment, impact assessment and landscape evaluation to develop the argument for presentation to the Inspector. Resolved to contribute a maximum of £1,000 for this work

■ **Questions to the Chair** There were none

■ **Next scheduled meeting** will be held on Monday 27th November 2023 at 7.30pm.

■ The meeting was closed at 9.10pm

REMINDER:

There will be a **Celebration of 30th Anniversary of Assington Village Hall** on **Sunday 19th November 3pm until 5pm**



HARVEST

The Village Harvest Supper was held on the evening of Saturday 14th October. It is always a wonderful opportunity to meet and eat and drink with friends and neighbours from around the village. Thanks to Linda Britcher, the delicious food was expertly organised, and was served by a team of smiling helpers. "Seconds" were available for those with healthy appetites....



Several people made a splendid job of decorating the church,

The donations for drinks, (kindly donated by John Symons) raised a brilliant £229.30, for UNICEF, (The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) currently working to care for children in war-torn zones in the middle east, among other places.

Thank you to Sue Taylor, who generously gave us the most fabulous jewel-colours dahlias, for some of these beautiful arrangements.

A short programme of light entertainment concluded the evening, with songs from the duo, Cecily and Simon, and a little later, Ted, and a couple of poems from John, followed by a rousing chorus of that traditional favourite 'Farmers Boy' and 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter'.



Thanks also to David Wiles for the wheat-sheaf bread, and to Bryn Hurren for decorative fruit and veg.

Thank you to Maxine, for hosting a collection box in the village shop, and to all those who made contributions towards the village food collection, which was delivered



up to Sudbury Storehouse on the Monday.

After expenses, the Supper ticket money raised £221.90, which amount has gone towards the church Tower Project Fund. which now stands at £33,665.00.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER



The Harvest festival in church was held on Sunday 15th.

On Remembrance Sunday, which will be on 12th November, there will be a Service in Assington.

As is now a village tradition, and whatever the weather, David Wiles will lead a parade through the village, ending up at church for the 10.30am service. If you intend to come to the service, please feel free to join in as it passes by, if you are able to enjoy such exercise.



During the Service the names on our WWI and WWII plaques will be read out, and the service will culminate outside in the graveyard, at the war grave there.



Everyone is most welcome, there will be refreshments after the service.



ASSINGTON REMEMBERS

In November we pay tribute to the many young men of Assington who gave their lives, or whose lives were changed irrevocably by the two wars of the twentieth century - the larger numbers in the 1914-1918 WWI, and but one in WWII

Excerpts from some Parish magazines have been printed below, telling us something of the times:

ASSINGTON PARISH MAGAZINE (Uncertain of month) 1917 "PARISH NOTES

Letters have been received during the past month from Albert Cole, R.N., and Fred Turner and Fred Smith from France. They all write in cheerful tones, and we have no doubt from what they say they will welcome, perhaps even more heartily than we do, the more genial weather that we are now experiencing.

We are glad to see Walter Butcher again in Assington. His right arm is badly damaged from the wound received nearly ten months ago. There is reason, however, for hoping that by judicious care it may become in course of time a useful limb.

Frank Butcher, who has lately suffered from slight laryngeal trouble, is spending a few days with his parents.

Arthur Butcher, the only son of Mr Arthur Butcher, Furher Street, is wounded in his right arm. He is an in-patient of St Mary's Hospital, London; we have not heard at present the extent of his injury.

Ernest Frost has also been wounded, but we hope not at all seriously. James Smith and George Hurst are suffering from accidents to their legs. We hope they are recovering.

We were extremely sorry to hear only a few days since that the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Sadler, of Coote's Corner, was killed. He was not himself known to us, but to the bereaved parents we offer our sincere sympathies.

Just as we are going to press the tidings has reached us that Herbert Jakeman has been wounded in the back. We do not know at present the extent of the injury; we sincerely trust that it may not be very serious."

ASSINGTON PARISH MAGAZINE June 1918 "NEWS FROM THE FRONT

We are always glad to have an opportunity of recording any personal experiences of our young friends now on active service. Mrs Palmer's son, Mr Fred Palmer, is now in Palestine. He has visited spots there that are very sacred to all Christian people. At the time of writing he had seen Bethlehem and had stood near the spot where our Lord was born. He says that there is a beautiful church there which is said to have been erected in AD 330. He also speaks of having been upon the road between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. He was, he says, one of the first of our soldiers to enter Jericho. Jericho presents no attractions, however, beyond its historical associations..

We have not so far made any reference to the loss sustained by our friends Mr and Mrs George Smith, Partridge Row, Assington, in the death of their only son, James Smith, which occurred in action on March 22nd. James Smith will be remembered in Assington as one who received a Military

Medal in recognition of his bravery in the field. He fell, as, alas, so many noble young men did, on the Western front in France. To Mr and Mrs Smith we desire to express our sincere and very deep sympathy.

Within a week of the above mentioned date, the son of Mr Henry Griggs was also killed in France. It seems so short a time since he was a boy at our school, and we can recall now the very subjects in which he excelled. He grew up and was a quiet well behaved lad, and we sympathise with his father, who has now no one to share his sorrow. He is living alone, and we see him almost daily at his work. May God support and comfort our bereaved and sorrowing parishioners.

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BURIALS
1918
Jan 25 Albert Jakeman, 19 years"

THE PARISH MAGAZINE June 1942 ASSINGTON

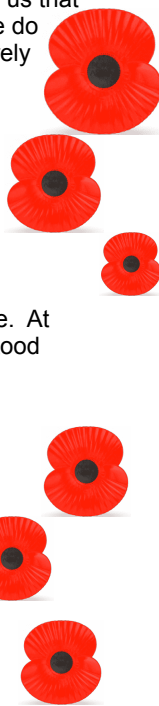
"My dear People,
Very shortly we are to have an Invasion Test in Assington. I am writing to ask all those in the affected area to kindly co-operate to the very best of their ability. What will be comparative fun for us on the appointed evening, may well be stark and grim reality in the future. So it behoves us to take the experiment seriously and to be willing to put ourselves to inconvenience if needs be, in order that everything will work smoothly should the unhappy occasion ever arise.

Messages will be sent to you by approved messengers, all of whom are known to you. You may be requested to make a token call at your Food Dump to test the time it will take to dispense with the food. You may be asked to vacate your house for a short spell. Fifth Columnists may ask you pertinent questions regarding local positions. If you are in the Civil Defence services you may be called upon to take your part in the exercise. It is up to all of us, and not merely to a few, to enter heartily into the spirit of the thing, and determine that Assington, at least, will be prepared for all eventualities. Fuller details will be made known later."

THE PARISH MAGAZINE May 1943 "ASSINGTON

My first duty this month is to extend to Mrs Harry Smith and her family our profoundest sympathy in this time of trial. As a parish we are justly proud that her son, Leslie took part in what was the greatest raid of this war, and by doing so represented us in the tremendous struggle against evil things. Whatever maybe be the ultimate news about Leslie, we pray that God Himself will grant the needed courage and strength.

This leads me to say that, the forth-coming "wings for Victory" week in Assington (May 8th - 15th) with its challenge of £2000 for the target, has a special interest for all in this parish. We have now a personal account to settle, and we must see to it that Leslie's fellow-crews and pilots shall not lack the very best machines to carry on the job he was forced to leave in their hands....."





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THINGS TO DO



Fungus Foray

Please join our second Fungus Foray of the season at Tiger Hill, Assington on **Sunday 12th November, at 2pm** on the Wormingford Road, towards Arger Fen. The entrance is among trees, between Moors Farm and the Water-splash - postcode CO8 5BW. All ages welcome. No charge. *Please don't bring excitable dogs.*

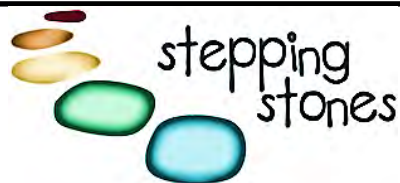
Hadleigh Choral Society

Pulses will race as Hadleigh Choral Society performs an evening of Mozart and Haydn at our Autumn concert at St. Mary's Church in Hadleigh on **18th November 2023**, a night not to be missed!

The evening will include the well-known and ever-popular Mozart Requiem plus a special concerto for flute & harp and other choral gems.

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The concert will **start at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are **£15** (free admission for those in full time education) and will be available on line through www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk, members of the choir, The Idler bookshop in Hadleigh, or on the door. For more information contact 01473 823 791.



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We meet in the Shoulder of Mutton at 6pm.



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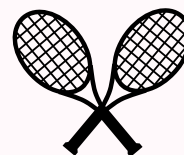
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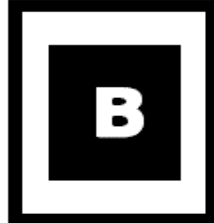
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VILLAGE NEWS AND UPDATES

News from HappySounds

Here at HappySounds HQ we are delighted to announce that, from January 2024, our little HappySounds family will be growing! After many years running the hugely successful Sudbury Sings choir, their wonderful leader Martyn Blagden is taking a well-deserved retirement, and he has very kindly asked me to look after their 70-strong band of singers to ensure we can continue their future together. From January, they will be known as HappySounds Sudbury, and will be joining forces with our 40-strong Assington choir for our fundraising concerts – we are looking forwards to performing at Sudbury Arts Centre and at Bures Music Festival in 2024, as well as coming to Assington in the Spring. We would like to extend our warmest thanks to Martyn and wife Jane for this fantastic opportunity and wish them every happiness for the future.

Both choirs are currently closed to new members as we prepare for our Christmas concerts, but will be taking new registrations for a January start. Tickets for our Christmas concert at All Saints Church in Sudbury, in aid of Little Havens Children's Hospice are also now available. Please go to www.happysounds.co.uk for more info



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A BIG THANK YOU TO Nayland First Responders

Congratulations and huge thanks to The Nayland first responders' team for their excellent delivery of the CPR and Defibrillator training courses that were carried out at Assington Village Hall.

I am sure that all who attended will endorse this, and I hope they all feel confident to apply the techniques if ever required to do so.

A big thank you from all who attended.

David Wiles
Chairman Assington Village Hall Charity

POPPY APPEAL



Dear Village

Last year was a bit of a struggle getting around the Village with the Poppy Boxes, on account of illness and only a few stalwarts left standing!

Please support this very vital Charity, and help us to do better, and with more collectors on board we can get further afield to outliers and to all the lovely "new comers"!

If you feel you can help, please phone me on 01787 211534.

Many thanks and Best Wishes

Louisa Symons, 'Centuries'



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ASSINGTON REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



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PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Letter from
Dr John Symons,
Reader for Bures with
Assington and Little
Cornard



Dear friends We are rapidly approaching Advent, a lovely time of the year and one in which we expect larger congregations. A time then, when we, the church, have a great opportunity to spread the good news of Jesus, recount his teaching and explain His promises.

But before that, next week, there is Remembrance Sunday. We will read out the names of so many young men who laid down their lives for their friends.

In that service and at all times we must remember the young man who laid down his life for everyone, across the globe and across the ages. The sacrifice that Jesus made, of Himself, gives hope that everyone can, with repentance and the grace of God, reach that marvellous place that He has prepared for them.

God bless you all, John S.

UNICEF DONATION

Donations into John's bucket at the Harvest Supper totalled £229.30, which John is sending to UNICEF, towards their care for children in the Israel/Gaza war zone.

Thanks to all who contributed by having some of the drinks on offer.

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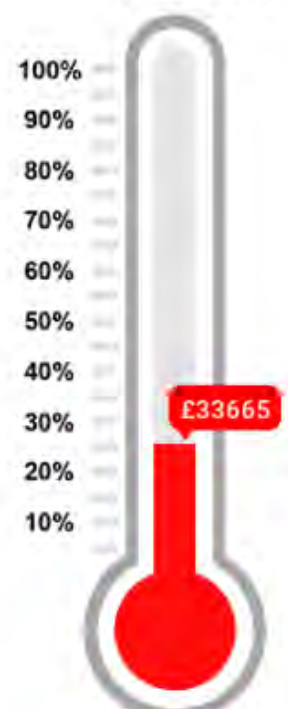
Update on our fundraising:

This year the proceeds (after expenses) from the ticket sales for the Harvest Supper of £221.90 have gone towards the Church Tower Project fund. Additionally, the Tower Project has benefitted from donations totalling £1,060 over the past month, for which we are hugely grateful.

The amount in the fund so far is a wonderful **£33,665**.

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A VIEW FROM AROUND THE BEND

Not good report from around the bend this month, Heath Farm turned out to be Health Farm, Bobbie swears she clearly told me that and that I should turn my hearing aid up a bit, as I don't have or need one, that did not go down too well. I stuck it out for three days before walking out and heading out for a place called Harwich which was seven miles on the signpost. Got a ferry from there back to Suffolk and bus and taxi home which was expensive, had to break into my own house through a window to get large sweet jar from bedroom to pay the 38 quid taxi fare. That money was hard but well earned and it cost another 18 quid to have a piece of glass cut for me to mend and putty in the old window, as well as time and money on the bus fare.

Bobbie returned yesterday and was very cross that I had left her and I was even crosser that she had taken me to such a place, we had another blazing row and she walked out in floods of tears and went home to her other house with the bigger drive, that is if her builders ever finished it.

The place we went was not a farm at all, had no crops or animals, just very silly people with posh cars and ways of speaking and with more money than common sense, we were fed awful food which I would not have given to cattle, although very similar to what was used in my farming childhood, also awful squashed up stuff that I spat out and dripped it all down my best green waistcoat. Even the tea was like cats wee and tasted vile. I lost 7 pounds in three days. I far prefer my own bed, the garden and cats. I told this to herself and that was when she went home screaming how ungrateful I was and just didn't understand her.

Beginning to miss her a bit now and she did look so very beautiful when she returned, also I was cold last night, which is the first time since the weather changed from summer to autumn.

Maybe I will give her a call next week, or I could even send her a texted, she taught me to do that a few weeks ago on a mobile, which is sort of a mini phone with no wire. I was amazed. Maybe even tomorrow as am a bit worried for her now.

Before we went away, life was good with a chance of work in a nearby village looking after the chickens on a sort of farm. The pay is poor but the offer of a free dozen eggs per week sealed the deal and I can cycle there easy and still get home jobs done. Clocks go forward next week, so that will help and I don't mind the dark, was going to tell Bobbie after our farming break but looks like I won't have to now and she won't be needing her tea warmed for her return from work in the early evening. I shall miss that.

Will be busy in the garden anyway as have fantastic crops to harvest, will try to store as much as possible in the old shed that I have patched up to keep the rats out. Also have new freezer out there that Bobbie got from old folks place, not sure what I have to do to veg first to enable it to freeze but I am sure that my new found friends in the old farts club will know and tell me. Parsnips and carrots will be fine in a clamp and marrows, pumpkins and squashes will keep on shelves in shed as long as they remain frost free, better give them a blanket. Brassicas will keep well on plant as long as I can keep pigeons off and fruit will keep in pantry and we had lots of soft fruit cooked pickled and chutneyed.

No need to worry about me, I will survive, I have before. Does anyone in the village do ironing?

May see you around, will try and get to more events in the village next year as could do with the company, I have managed to visit the fantastic shoulder of mutton pub and they didn't bite me, so who knows.

If spared, I'll be on the pink bike with cowhorn handlebars. Kindest. **Esra.**

NATURE WATCH

Good news!

A boardwalk is to be installed in the wet area of Tiger Hill Wood. The work has been arranged by Suffolk County Council and the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project. This scenic area is a popular link between Assington, Arger Fen, and Bures.

Refreshments and a guided tour of Tiger Hill Nature Reserve will be provided to all who would like to help with light duties, preparing for the work. The likely date is between 4th and 12th November, for details nearer the time contact Nick Miller at Tiger Hill on 01787227359, or nickmiller919@gmail.com.

There will be other pleasant volunteer jobs at Tiger Hill, through the Autumn and Winter - please contact Nick, or Steven Smith 07763 981875, or ssmith2624@gmail.com.

Fungus Forays

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ECO CORNER:

I have been absolutely astounded at how much of the extra wrappings on products is produced by a modest two-person family over a few days. We used to have to dispose of such things as cling film, cellophane wrapping, plastic bagging, crisp packets, more crisp packets, (did I mention how many crisp packets there seem to be?) chocolate bar wrappings, pet food pouches and much more in the "refuse bin".

Did you know...?

Large local supermarkets (such as Tesco in Sudbury) have a receptacle for disposal of all such wrappings; anything which displays the following sign, and which we previously threw in the bin can now be recycled.



I am constantly amazed at how rapidly the collection of miscellaneous bags and wraps accumulates, and therefore how much stuff which previously was going into landfill is now being happily recycled.

Admittedly, I find it hard to remember to pick up the "bag of bags" as I call it, when I'm off to the supermarket, but when I have got my act together, it is an easy step to drop (or throw, if you are not very tall) your collection into the cage sited just outside the entrance sliding doors, and just before you pick up your trolley. And you will find that

you are by no means the only person doing so: lots of people are now including this in their shopping routine.

.....It's just another little thing which can help environmentally; one small step for us, but another giant leap for mankind, if we all do it. Even if you don't shop at Tesco, I expect that many of you get some of your petrol there, and could perhaps make the extra little trip to the supermarket entrance.

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- Face-to-face support: Dementia Advisers in Suffolk will offer pre-assessment and post-diagnosis support to help people with dementia come to terms with their diagnosis and navigate the maze of health and social care services. They will also provide crucial emotional and practical support so that individuals feel empowered to take control of their condition and live well with dementia.
- Telephone support: Dementia Advisers will offer information provision, advice and signposting in a timely manner over the phone. Our regular Keeping in Touch calls ensure that individuals can be easily referred into the face-to-face service if more support is needed.
- Online support: People with dementia or memory concerns, their family and carers will be able to access a range of online support available 24/7. This includes a library of digital information booklets, peer support communities (Talking Point) and a directory of dementia friendly services across Suffolk.
- Alzheimer's Society will deliver the service together with Suffolk Family Carers who will undertake Carers Assessments and Carers Emergency Plans.

Referrals

Self-referrals into Dementia Connect can be made via telephone, email or our online referral portal for professionals. The Memory Assessment Service and GPs can also refer individuals into the service with their consent.

Telephone: 0333 150 3456

Email: dementiaconnect@alzheimers.org.uk

ASSINGTON RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES

Bill Milner (rainfall)

and Bob Cowlin (temperatures)

HISTORY annual rainfall :

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

2019	mm	max	min
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

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

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

2022	mm	max	min
JAN	7	12°C	-6.5°C
FEB	46	13°C	-4°C
MAR	29	18°C	-2°C
APR	9.5	22°C	-6°C
MAY	37	25°C	0°C
JUNE	33.5	30°C	2°C
JULY	5	36.5°C	6°C
AUG	11.5	32°C	7°C
SEPT	25	25°C	1°C
OCT	63	18°C	0°C
NOV	107.5	14°C	-2°C
DEC	45	10°C	-9.5°C

2023	mm	max	min
JAN	41	10°C	-7.5°C
FEB	3	14°C	-7°C
MAR	78	15°C	-6.5°C
APRIL	65	18°C	-2°C
MAY	19	22°C	1°C
JUNE	15.5	30.5°C	6°C
JULY	72.5	28°C	8°C
AUG	65	29°C	4°C
SEP	41.5	30.5°C	5°C

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

Report from Roz Mortlock

We are now well into Autumn and all our bowling is inside and no longer outside. So we look back to bowling news at the end of the season in August/September.



Huge congratulations to Mike Billington, Mary Dallas and Lesley Cook for winning the STL Triples competition. This is an open competition that took place throughout the season with players from other clubs around the region. Well done!

We had our Club Finals Day in August, and our president George Bullett presented the trophies to the winners. Below are

photos of some of the winners:



Mixed pairs: Margaret Blakebrough and Gary Whiteman

Gents 2 wood Singles, Gents 4 wood Singles and Club Singles – Glen Loe



Gents Pairs – George Bullett and Malcolm Grimwood



Monday Morning League – Alan Clark, Mike Billington (captain), Roz Mortlock, Ian Whipps, Anthea Holden, Jerry Zoers.



Have a great Indoors season everyone if you are playing, and if you are not, then enjoy the rest over the next few months.

SESAW NEWS

Is it too early to mention the 'C' word when bonfire smoke has yet to fill the chilly evening air? I hope not because one of our supporters has the ideal gift for avid readers. They say everyone has a book inside them. Well in Frank Payne's case it's not one, not two - but three!

Frank Payne started to chronicle his full and interesting life during lockdown, as a fundraising exercise for SESA. "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow" began with his childhood in wartime London to a promising career in sports journalism cut short by National Service. "Well Worth Waiting For" charts extreme highs and lows in sales and advertising, whilst raising a family and rescuing dogs.



The trilogy is completed with "It All Kicks Off on Sunday" which lifts the lid on the inside story of football after forty three years as a referee. Our awesome author is offering all three volumes for £12, a perfect Christmas present or enjoyable holiday reading for you. Frank is donating all proceeds to SESA, please phone him on 01206 263006 or email cahors@live.co.uk to place an order.

Look out for our SESA stall at the Charity Craft Fair on Sunday 18th November at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX. A bumper festive event, open 10am-3pm.

Please keep your pets safe during the firework season and check for hedgehogs before you build a bonfire. Mum says now the clocks have gone back (where to, I know not!) and Autumn has arrived, our opening hours are subject to change so please check before visiting us. Mum also says that's quite enough writing from me, I'm not to get any big ideas, the world is not ready for the memoirs of me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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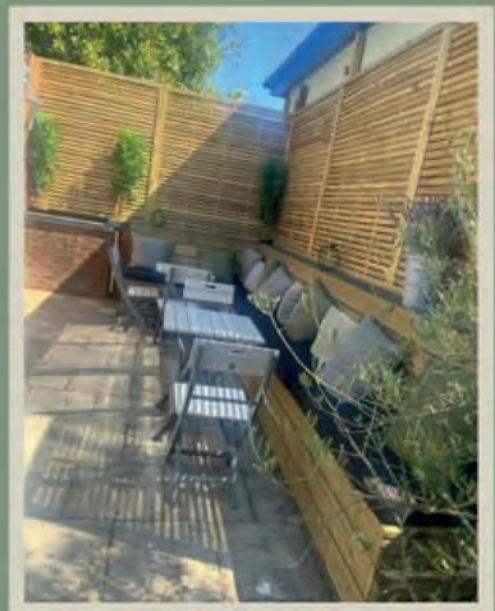


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