



Welcome...

....to this edition of the Brettenham magazine. Our thanks to Tom Tavener for the cover photo taken with a drone - not a view of the village many of us will ever experience! Also in this edition there is information about climate change and what we can do about it, news of village events, a walk and a recipe that you might like to try, along with the latest of Stuart's Motoring Memories, plus all the regular features. Enjoy the read, and please keep your photos, jokes, material, reviews and ideas coming into brettenhammagazine@outlook.com.

Dates For Your Diary

- Friday 5th November Village Inn 7.00pm
- Thursday 11th November - Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
- Sunday 21st November Village Inn 12.30pm
- Saturday 27th November - Charity Fun Quiz
- Friday 3rd December Village Inn 7.00pm
- Sunday 19th December Village Inn 12.30pm
- Friday 24th December - Christmas Drinks
- Friday 31st December - New Year's Eve Drinks

**Bigger Ernie Monthly
Winners**

1st Julia Rivington
2nd Anne-Marie Hodgkiss
3rd Adrian Peters

Cover photo
by Tom Tavener,
shows the weather
vane on the church
tower, repaired and
refurbished

**December Mag
Deadline:**
15th November

Village Noticeboard

Village Hall

For village hall bookings contact
Katrina Kearns 737987 or
katrinakearns2@gmail.com
To request a licenced bar
contact Peter Truin 07799
640326 or petertruin@aol.com

Village Website

www.brettenham.onesuffolk.net
If you would like to see
something new on the website
please contact Beth Clarke
clarkeeac3@gmail.com

facebook 

Where to get Village News?

Check out the latest village news on the
BVA Facebook page
[Facebook.com/pg/BrettenhamVillage/posts](https://www.facebook.com/pg/BrettenhamVillage/posts)
If you would like anything added to
the page contact Greg Potter at
greg.potter66@me.com

If you would like to receive regular village
email updates please contact
peterkt@live.co.uk



Suffolk Mermaid Fish & Chips

Every Thursday, from
6.40-7.10pm outside
the church



Brettenham magazine is published and edited by Emily Woods (07738 127204), brettenhammagazine@outlook.com and Carrie Dye on behalf of Brettenham Parish Council. The views expressed by the contributors to the magazine are not necessarily those of Brettenham Parish Council. As well as the printed copy, the magazine is available online, in full, via the village website: www.brettenham.onesuffolk.net

Brettenham Parish Council

The meeting of the Parish Council was last held on 23rd September 2021 and reports were heard from Robert Lindsay (SCC and BDC Councillor). There were also updates regarding the flooding that occurred in July; and the Neighbourhood Plan (see further details on p6).

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on 11th November at 7.30pm, in the village hall.

Clerk/RFO: Della Clarke

Email: brettenhamparishcouncil@btinternet.com

Chair: Chris Clarke Tel: 736607

The following planning applications have been received since our last report:-

DC/21/04541	10 The Gardens, Bury Road, Brettenham, Suffolk IP7 7PJ	Householder Application - Erection of 2no single storey side extensions (following demolition of existing exten- sions and outbuildings)
DC/21/05384	Fern Hall, Beales Drive, Brettenham, Suffolk IP7 7QL	Application for Works to trees Protect- ed by Tree Preservation Order WS315/ A4 and in a Conservation Area - Re- duce lateral limbs of a group of trees consisting of Ash, Sycamore and Crack Willow by up to 3m as indicated on G 1 on plan due to excessive shading. Re- duce lateral limbs by 3 meters on the south east side because of excessive shading.
DC/21/04406	Poplar Farm, Buxhall Road, Brettenham, Suffolk IP7 7PA	Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/21/03295 - Condition 5 (Scheme for Disposal of Manure)

DC/21/05556	10 The Gardens, Bury Road, Brettenham, Suffolk IP7 7PJ	Application for works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (WS66/A1) - Fell T3 Austrian Pine (Very tall, subsiding limbs and has shed large branches onto garden) Fell T5 Corsican Pine and replace with 1no small leaf Lime and 1no Holly Tree (Poor physiological condition and leaning toward the road) Fell Area of suppressed trees/shrubs including 6no Cherry Laurel, 4no Lawson Cypress and 2no Sycamore, replace with plantation belt of shade-tolerant understory to provide dense screening to the road (Allowing open views into garden)
DC/21/05656	The Limes, The Street, Brettenham, Suffolk IP7 7QP	Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area: Crown reduction of 2no Plane (T1 and T2) trees by 1/3rd, removal of damaged branch from 1no Walnut tree (T3) followed by minor work to rebalance the tree, felling of 2no Leylandii trees (T4 and T5) from front garden, removal of a section of 1no Ash Tree's (T6) forked trunk, and removal of 8ft Leylandii hedge (T7) to replace with Beech hedge
DC/21/05671	Whitebeams, Beales Drive, Brettenham, Suffolk IP7 7QL	Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area: Reduce height of 1no Hazel (T1) by 4m and prune sides by 1m, reduce height of 1no Hazel (T2) by 3m and prune sides by 1m, fell 2no Lawson Cypress (T3 and T5) and 1no Leylandii Cyprus (T4) to ground level and grind stumps



Neighbourhood Plan Update

The results of the neighbourhood survey have been compiled by Ian Poole the consultant. We have also received the design guidelines from AECOM. In the light of this, Paul Bendall, Geoffrey Bourne, Larry O'hara and I have reviewed the survey results, and the Drinkstone neighbourhood plan report, in order to define the outline of the Brettenham neighbourhood plan.

The main sections are: introduction, defining characteristics of Brettenham including the history, current issues, planning policy context, vision and objectives, spatial strategy, housing, natural environment, built environment and design, infrastructure and services.

We have agreed the allocation of sections of the Brettenham neighbourhood plan amongst us and we will develop a draft for discussion and review. The development of the draft neighbourhood plan will take into account the residents' survey results. It will also incorporate the design guidelines. Paul, Geoffrey and Larry will work with their respective neighbourhood plan working groups.

A drop-in session will be held in January 2022 in the village hall for residents to review progress to date and make comments. Date to be announced.

Chris Clarke

Friday Village Inn

**Friday 5th November, from
7.00pm**

Brettenham Village Hall

**Food provided by Wagyu Gourmet
Burgers & Street Food from
5.30pm (food can be pre-ordered
if preferred)**

**Full menu available at the village
website 'What's on' page**

GOURMET BURGERS

ALL OUR BURGERS ARE GROUND BEEF WAGYU STEAK 40Z PATTIES, GLAZED BRIOCHE BUN, HONEY-MUSTARD MAYO, GEM SALAD, BEEF TOMATO, RED ONION & GHERKIN PICKLE

	SINGLE	DOUBLE
PLAIN JANE (ADD CHEESE 50P)	£5.00	£6.50
BACON & CHEESE	£6.00	£7.50
FULLY LOADED	£8.00	£9.00
(PULLED BBQ SMOKED BRISKET, BACON & CHEESE)	£8.00	£9.00
THE CHEESY PIG CRISPY MOZZARELLA, PULLED SMOKED BBQ PORK, STREAKY BACON, CHEESE	£5.50	£7.00
MOTHER CLUCKER (CRISP BUTTERMILK CHICKEN FILLET WITH A CAJUN CRUST)	£6.00	£5.00
GRILLED HALLOUMI BURGER WITH CAJUN SLAW	£6.00	£5.00
VEGGIE BEETROOT FALAFEL BURGER	£5.00	£5.00
ADD CHEESE		50P
ADD BACON		£1.00
ADD BBQ BRISKET		£1.50
MIGHTY MEAT COMA WRAP (PULLED BBQ SMOKED BRISKET OR CRISP BUTTERMILK CHICKEN FILLET WITH A CAJUN CRUST, CHEESE, SALAD, HONEY MUSTARD MAYO & BBQ SAUCE)		£7.50



Brettenham Village Association

proudly presents



Charity Fun Quiz Night

Saturday 27th November 2021, 7.30pm

at Brettenham Village Hall

Your Quiz "Masters" for the evening:

Pete Knight & Martin Schofield

Teams of up to 6 people, Tickets £5 per person

Bar!
Nibbles!
Prize Raffle!

All proceeds from the evening donated to
www.youngminds.org.uk (young people's mental health charity)

To register a team contact Pete
07752 222 866 or peterkt@live.co.uk

The Brettenham Flyers

If you're considering a new challenge, or just fancy joining us on a morning jog / walk around the village for a little exercise (approx. 5.7K), come and join the Brettenham Flyers for a Sunday morning lift.

Every Sunday at the Village Hall

Walkers / Dogs – 0850

Runners / Cyclists – 0900

All ages, abilities & animals welcome.

For more info contact Ozzie:

oilyturk67@hotmail.com

.....Jog on, jog on....



Brettenham Village Association (BVA)

Hi all,

It was terrific to see such a great turnout at the October Friday Village Inn, with the village hall being pretty much full, aided undoubtedly by The Mobile Pizza Co. being in attendance. Clint and his daughter did an amazing job of cooking and serving about 60 pizzas in two and a half hours. Such a high turnout was obviously good news from a bar takings point of view as well, with our income over the last 18 months or so having been so decimated. Clint has already indicated that he would be happy to come back for another Village Inn...so we have already booked him again for Friday 3rd December, so make a note in your diaries.

Because the October Village Inn proved a successful trial, we wanted to try to secure the services of another food provider for the November Village Inn but we struggled to find someone at relatively short notice; and on Bonfire Night too! However, I'm delighted that Greg 'The Fixer' Potter has come up trumps and has arranged for 'Wagyu Gourmet Burgers & Street Food' to be with us on Friday 5th November 😊 A few people (including Em and I) have sampled their fare previously, and the burgers come highly recommended. The truck will be on site from 5.30pm until such time as the orders 'dry up' (so don't leave placing orders TOO late!); an extract from the menu is included on p6. The village hall bar will be open from 7.00pm, so it would be great to see lots of people enjoying a drink and a bite to eat again.

I have also made contact with people who have cooked for us before at Village Inns and the good news is that we have already secured commitment for some of the Friday Village Inns for 2022. However, we still have a number gaps, so if anyone is interested in doing the food at a Friday Village Inn, please do get in touch with me.

Can I thank everyone who attended the most recent meeting of the BVA on 4th October. It was a really good meeting with lots of healthy engagement and debate. In BVA Officer news, Paul Bendall has now stood down as one of the caretaking team, but in a seamless handover, Greg Potter has taken on the weekly village hall checks that Paul undertook for a number of years. Also, Grahame Moulding has stood down from his position as one of the bar stock purchasing team, but Stu Butcher has kindly agreed to replace Grahame, so he will work with Peter Truin and I to try to keep the bar running smoothly and well stocked.

It will soon be time to turn our attention to the renewal of subscriptions for 2022 for our village lottery, affectionately known as the Bigger Ernie. I really do hope that everyone who subscribed this year will also roll forward their subscription for next year, and it would also be great if anyone in the village who is not currently a member considers joining. Subscriptions are only £12 per year and not only are you then entered for all monthly and bonus draws, but 50% of the profits go to the BVA which helps keep our finances in good shape. There will be more information about Bigger Ernie 2022 in the December edition of the magazine.

Martin Schofield and I are now in full preparation mode for the fun charity quiz which takes place on Saturday 27th November (please see advert on p7). There is still time to register a team, but there are limited spaces, so let me know ASAP if you would like to take part. We are also still on the hunt for prizes for the raffle to be held on the night, so please do let me know if you have something you would like to donate for a very good cause.

Sadly, we did not get enough early commitment to confirm the booking of the band for the proposed New Year's Eve Party. So we have stood down Loxley's Corner, but the really good news is that they have agreed to play for us on 31 December 2022! 😊 So what we have decided to do for this New Year's Eve is just to open the bar so that people can enjoy a drink and see in the new year in the company of friends and neighbours if they would like to. We might even have some low-key festive music, although I'm hoping this won't just be Abba's 'Happy New Year' on endless repeat! There will be more details on the New Year's Eve arrangements, as well as for the opening of the bar on Christmas Eve, in next month's magazine.

Lastly, next time you attend an event in the village hall, can I encourage you to take a brief moment to study the chair you are sitting on! Our chairs were desperately in need of a professional clean, and Darren Old (who was recommended by a resident of Thorpe Morieux) has done a terrific job of getting the chairs back to excellent condition. So three chairs for Darren!!

Pete peterkt@live.co.uk 07752 222 866

Sunday Village Inn

Sunday 21st November, from 12.30pm

Brettenham Village Hall

DRINKS ONLY

St Mary's Church Brettenham

Rev'd Tiffer Robinson Tel: 737197 or 07789 772024

Email: tifferrobinson@gmail.com

Church Warden Annie Tavener Tel: 736412

Email: annie_tav@hotmail.com



November Programme of Services in the Benefice

7th November: Third Sunday before Advent

Rattlesden	09.45	Holy Communion (Streamed)
Thorpe Morieux	10:00	Morning Prayer
Hitcham	11:00	Morning Prayer
Brettenham	11:15	Family Communion
Rattlesden Pavilion	18:00	Praise and Donuts

14th November: Remembrance Sunday

Rattlesden	10.15	Remembrance Service (Streamed)
Thorpe Morieux	10:50	Remembrance Service
Brettenham	10:50	Remembrance Service
Hitcham	10.50	Remembrance Service

11th November: Remembrance Day

Rattlesden War Memorial (Cemetery)	11.00	Short Act of Remembrance
------------------------------------	-------	--------------------------

21st November: Christ the King

Brettenham	08:30	BCP Eucharist
Rattlesden	09:45	Holy Communion (Streamed)
Thorpe Morieux	10:00	Morning Prayer
Hitcham	11:00	Family Service
Hitcham Village Hall	18:00	Songs of Praise

28th November: Advent Sunday

Brettenham	08:30	BCP Eucharist
Rattlesden	09.45	Family Service (Streamed)
Hitcham	11:00	Holy Communion
Thorpe Morieux	18:00	BCP Evensong

Five years ago, in a church in Normandy an elderly priest, Jacques Hamel, was killed by terrorists while saying mass. Christians are killed for their faith every day around the world, but this was the first time it had happened in Western Europe in recent memory.

On 15th October 2021, a Christian was killed in a Church in this country, no more than 50 miles away from our Suffolk villages. Not a priest, but a devout Roman Catholic member of parliament, in a Methodist Church in Southend for a surgery with his constituents. Conservative MP Sir David Amess was stabbed multiple times in what is at the time of writing being described as a terrorist incident, though more details may well emerge later. I've made the link with Jacques Hamel, but of course not far from our minds is the murder of Labour MP Jo Cox also 5 years ago, in a terrorist attack, on her way to do exactly the same thing: meet with the public she represented.

When Jo Cox was killed much was made about the rhetoric, particularly around the Brexit campaign, which some felt fuelled hatred and in some way contributed to the white supremacist views held by her murderer. I hope there is similar reflection by those who would call conservative members "scum" or even worse. This hateful and divisive language that can be found in our political conversation is a deep part of the problem with our country, and tells the world that you are not allowed to love those with whom you disagree.

Paula Sherriff, a former Labour MP, told how David had been a fond friend to her in Parliament, despite their diametrically opposing views on pretty much everything, keeping in touch with her after she lost her seat and sending messages of support when she was going through challenging times. It's a shame that it's taken such a tragic death to hear stories of friendship across the divide, and to see that people can have huge respect for one another despite disagreeing in good faith.

Religion is often seen as a cause of division, and all too often it can be, but the faith in Jesus Christ transcends all political barriers, all class divisions, all the prejudices we hide behind for protection from those different to ourselves. There are cross parliamentary Christian fellowships, Israeli-Palestinian Church groups, and great friendships between Roman Catholics and Protestants throughout the Northern Ireland peace process that formed the bedrock of the eventual agreement. Christians worship a God who transcended the chasm we had created between him and us, and died for the very people who crucified him, and who still rebel against him today.

When we talk about the peace of God, we don't just mean a state of not fighting, but of active harmony with one another, of being one people despite all of our differences, centred around the cross which takes away our hatred.

As Sir David lay dying, a priest was refused access to him to offer him spiritual comfort as the police didn't consider this important enough, and perhaps many reading this would agree with them. Many Christians died in hospitals during that first lockdown without their minister with them, and worship was seen as a non-essential gathering by government. This is to be expected as our country becomes more secular, and faith is pushed more and more to the margins. How much longer will chaplains serve in our armed forces, offering spiritual care as they did through the many armed conflicts we remember on November 11th? Will the vacuum left by Christendom be one filled with love across the divide, or division?

Rev'd Tiffer Robinson

For more information about online church services or coming back into church for services, contact Tiffer. There are also weekly Wednesday online coffee mornings and monthly quiz nights:

Tel: 01449 737197

Mob: 07789 772024 Email: tifferrobinson@gmail.com



Work On The Church Tower

Our five-yearly (quinquennial) architect's report on the church identified several works that needed doing on the tower roof, including replacing the felt to stop the leaks, some rendering, replacing the flagpole and repairing the cockerel weather vane. The works are now finished and the tower is watertight. The cockerel looks splendid (see the front cover photo).

Annie Tavener

Harvest Festival



It was lovely to see so many adults and children in church for our Harvest Festival service on October 3rd. Jane McDonald and Lizzy Long made the church and porch, look wonderful, so many thanks to them. Thank you also to everyone who brought gifts to the church for the food bank, and to Jane for taking all 90 kilos of it to

Stowmarket. It is always much appreciated there and the organisers are always impressed by how generous the people of Brettenham are.

Annie Tavener



Bildeston Food Bank Update

The Bildeston Food Bank is still up and running. With the end of the furlough scheme and the drop in Universal Credit, alongside the growing fuel crisis, I am afraid this winter is going to be very hard for many. Can I please ask that you consider donating what you can, and if you feel you might benefit yourself from the scheme, please feel free to contact me in confidence.

Donations can be left at the church, or in my woodstore at Spinney Cottage (Popples end of the village).

Many thanks. **Alyson Wilson 07798 633044**

The Challenges Facing Gardeners Now and In The Future (Part 5)

Across Europe creatures are on the move. Scientists have estimated that southern insect species are travelling northwards at the rate of twelve miles per year, with around fifteen new beetle species and over ten new moth species being recorded in the UK every year.



**Brown Marmorated
Shieldbug**

Shieldbugs arrived in the UK around 2000. It breeds regularly, especially in the southeast where it is often found on runner beans. It's a major pest in Europe on a variety of fruit and vegetables but fortunately for us its numbers increase late in the year when the bean crop has more or less finished. The Brown Marmorated Shieldbug spread from China and Japan and is now found virtually worldwide. It arrived in the UK about three years ago in luggage, timber, and clothing from the US. It can damage over 100

recorded species of cultivated plants, and over winter in houses where it can leave a rather unpleasant odour if disturbed.

The larvae of the Oak Processionary Moth can be very dangerous to us, as their tiny hairs can cause severe skin irritation, asthma attacks and eye damage. They were originally confined to a few sites in London, but DEFRA have now declared them a Notifiable Pest but put the onus on the landowner to destroy them. Unfortunately, this is a dangerous and expensive procedure. If they had been classed as a Public Health danger and not a tree pest, they may have been eliminated more quickly.



**Larvae of the Oak
Processionary Moth**



We've all seen Harlequin Ladybirds in our gardens. At first it was thought they were a serious threat to our native Ladybird, but early research is indicating that's not the case. Certainly, if my garden is anything to go by, I've seen far fewer Harlequin

Ladybirds in my garden than the regular one so maybe they will be able to live together in harmony after all.

The Asian Hornet has been increasing in numbers since 2016 and is a serious threat to our native bees and other pollinators. If it establishes itself, it could really upset the balance of our pollinators which play such an important in our ecosystem. Our native hornet is larger than the Asian Hornet, has a pale-yellow abdomen and reddish brown legs. The Asian Hornet has a dark abdomen and dark legs with yellow tips. If you spot one it should be reported to the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology at brc.ac.uk.

The Biological Records Centre (BRC), established in 1964, is a national focus in the UK for terrestrial and freshwater species recording. BRC works closely with the voluntary recording community, principally through support of national recording schemes and societies.

David Golding



Asian Hornet



European Hornet



These mushrooms are edible, but give 1 in 25 people a stomach upset.

Ordinary parasol mushrooms do not upset anyone!

The big one has a diameter of 24 centimetres.

Nick Tavener

(We do not recommend anyone eating wild mushrooms)



Nature Notes

By now our winter visitors should be well on their way to our shores, especially if there have been easterly winds blowing in recent weeks. Redwings number around 1,000,000 during our winters, as do Fieldfares. Both feast on berries, fruit and insects in our fields, hedges and gardens. We also get visited by thousands of European Blackbirds at this time of year, especially if the weather is severe on the continent. This can increase their numbers to well over 12,000,000. If you do intend to feed the birds in your gardens this winter don't forget to ensure you provide them with a regular supply of fresh water.

David Golding



Redwing



Fieldfare

Save Energy & Combat Climate Change

Are you looking for simple, no-cost steps to save energy and money at the same time as helping us reduce our emissions?

Brettenham Parish Council would like to work with Groundwork East and the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership to help you lower your energy bills and reduce your carbon footprint.

We will be asking you to complete a short survey to help us understand what energy saving behaviours you currently carry out and then provide you with advice on the practical ways you can save money and reduce carbon – many of which are free!

We also have advice sheets for costlier measures like solar panels, insulation, and heat pumps. If you have a question that isn't answered, you will also have direct access to one of Groundwork's Energy Advisors who can provide further information and support.

In a few months' time, we'll ask you to re-take the survey to see if your energy savings behaviours have changed. Many thanks, **Alyson Wilson**



Brettenham



Do you want to save money on your bills and reduce your carbon footprint without spending a penny?

We're asking residents to complete this survey to help us understand more about our community's carbon footprint and how we can reduce it.

To take the survey, please visit:
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/greensuffolkbefore

Top Tips:

- Switch all appliances off at the plug
- Use a washing up bowl instead of washing under a running tap
- Turn your thermostat down by one degree
- Turn off lights when not in the room
- Line-dry your clothes in the summer rather than use a tumble dryer
- Only fill a kettle with the water you need

*Savings based on the average household and households who are on a water meter.

Doing all of these things could save you **£140*** per year on your energy and water bills!

Did you know?

The average household carbon footprint in Bretttenham is 20 tonnes CO₂e per year. You could save approximately 1 tonne CO₂e per year just by incorporating energy saving behaviours into your daily routine. That's the equivalent to driving 4,500 miles in the average petrol car or one return flight from London to New York!

More information

We have developed a series of advice guides to help you use less energy and are available online by visiting: greensuffolk.org/at-home

The guides cover no-low cost measures as well as higher cost measures like solar panels and heat pumps so no matter what your circumstances are, there is something you can do.

Our Community Energy Adviser

If you would like further advice, Sarah is our dedicated advisor. Sarah works for Groundwork East and has a number of years' experience providing energy advice to people. Sarah can be contacted on 07720 098980 or sarah.gill@groundwork.org.uk

Brettenham Gardening Club



As I write this we are about to have our first Gardening Club meeting for some considerable time and are so looking forward to meeting everyone in person and to be able to discuss the events we have had, despite the restrictions, and plans for the coming year.



Apple Day recently was a great success and the weather was kind. All afternoon the press was busy and many, many litres of juice were carried home. A huge thank you to Lyn, Fred and their wonderful 'pressing' team, for all the organising and constant hard work on the day. A huge thank you to chefs, Grahame and Ozzie, brilliantly assisted by Jane Moulding and Carrie, for the wonderful barbeque and also to everyone who helped to get everything set up and cleared away. A really good time was had by all as usual! See the back cover for photos of the day.

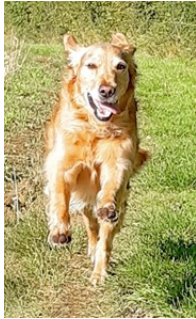


The summer display on the Village Green has been very successful this year with plenty of colour well into the beginning of autumn despite the floods in July when a lot of the blue lobelia was lost. Thank you to everyone who has helped with watering and deadheading to keep it looking so good, for so long. Thank you also to Ray, as always, for the grass cutting. However, the time has come for it to be cleared and the spring bulbs and plants planted. We are planning to plant, meeting at 10am on November 13th (weather permitting) so if anyone is around to help we would be really grateful. It would also be great to enrich the soil before planting so if anyone has a load of well-rotted manure or compost that we could use please let me know (Jane 736957).

If you would like any information about the Bretttenham Gardening Club please contact:

Jane McDonald 01449736957 felicityjmcDonald@hotmail.co.uk or

Jane Moulding 01449736178 grahame.moulding@btopenworld.com



Rambling with Gus

Gus rambles at Waldringfield: a circular 2-mile walk, approx. 45 minutes, starts at public car park behind the Maybush Inn.

Some friends came with Gus when he reced this walk on a sunny day in September but it would be lovely at any time of year.



Photos by Carrie and Katrina

It is an easy stroll along the shoreline of the River Deben and through the quiet village roads of Waldringfield. I suggest you do this walk in an anti-clockwise direction starting by walking along the river path which is a well defined gravel and grass path. There is then a short distance of quiet road before taking a footpath once again. Some sections of the path by the church are cross field paths so maybe muddy at times, but these could be missed by returning to the carpark on the road through the centre of the village.

The walk is listed on the OS online maps as Gus rambles at Waldringfield.

Carrie Dye



Getting to Know...Lynne Golding

Full Name:	Lynne Carole Shirley Golding (my dad got overexcited when I was born and put my mum's name in there too!)
Birthplace:	Forest Gate, London
How long have you lived in Brettenham?	20 years, since 2001
Current/Last Job:	Retired from full time Headship, now Interim Headteacher at Wetheringsett CE Primary
Do you have any pets?	Now have a miniature labradoodle puppy, 4 chickens and at least three fish out of five.
What is your biggest fear?	Cockroaches
What makes you laugh the most?	Lee Mack, John Hegley, my brother Andrew - but the most I ever laughed was at an interview with Norman Wisdom – he played the audience brilliantly and was physically and verbally funny from the first answer of 'yes I was born to a sorry family... my parents were very sorry'
What would you change about yourself if you could?	Prevarication
What is the favourite place you have visited?	Yellowstone National Park
What really makes you angry?	Social Inequality
What is your favourite book/ film/play/show?	The Magic Faraway Tree/ Gilda and Singing in the Rain/ Midsummer Night's Dream/ Hairspray
What has been the proudest moment of your life?	My graduation, my parents were so proud!

What did you want to be when you were growing up?	A museum curator
If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?	Travel in a hot air balloon over the Serengeti National Park
What is your favourite game/sport?	Bananagrams and Tennis
If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?	A roast Christmas dinner
Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?	Lindy-Lou
Who would you want to be stranded with on a deserted island and why?	Caitlyn Moran, she'd be positive, interesting and funny
What would you do if you had a significant win in the lottery?	Buy a house in Southwold
If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to and why?	1558 to see Queen Elizabeth 1
What's your best claim to fame?	Teaching Frank Lampard
What skill would you like to master?	Small talk



Thanks to Ray Latimer for this very seasonal action photo of wood chopping complete with flying wood chips

Motoring Memories, Part VII

Stuart's motoring memories are based on his childhood in the 1960s and 70s growing up in Brettenham where his Father ran a village shop and filling station. Last month there was mention of a celebrity's Rolls-Royce, this month we're back down to earth...

After working at the pubs, I then had a clerical job at Finborough Hall which was the HQ of Eastern Electricity. I had a 1966 Hillman Minx by then. It had a 1725cc engine and was quite quick. The fuel gauge went down at nearly the same speed as the accelerator. One frosty morning when I was driving through Buxhall, I approached a corner too fast and touched the brakes only to find myself facing in the opposite direction. It happened so fast and was frightening. I have been to a couple of skid pans in recent years which apart from being great fun also instils some skills to hopefully avoid the skid I experienced. I certainly needed a strong coffee on arrival at work.



Hillman Minx

I then purchased a Triumph 1300 from Fordham's of Ixworth. This was a comfortable car with good visibility and the controls well placed within easy reach. It was also very economical after the Hillman.



Fiat Mirafiori 131

Before too long I was keen to get something more sporty, and acquired the Fiat Mirafiori 131. This was a standard saloon but had very accurate handling and felt very sporty. On one occasion just outside of Bury St Edmunds I was waved down by the police. They asked me what the speed limit was. I replied "30mph". Their next question was "what was your speed?" I replied perhaps a little over the limit. They informed me that it was 42mph and were interested in the reason for this. I informed them that I had just collected the car from being serviced and that the performance must have improved beyond recognition. The officer grinned and suggested I move on with the second word of guidance being "off". Discretion without electronics, sadly now with so few traffic officers a thing of the past.

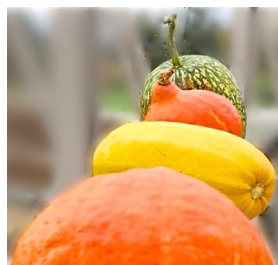
Other than the two Daihatsu Charade Gtis, I had a number of other Daihatsus. The first was a 3 door Charade with a 1 litre engine followed by the Turbo model. The company also produced a 4-door saloon, the Charmant. It was quite conventional but compared to British cars of the same era was well equipped with fully adjustable seats, a sunroof and a radio cassette player. Being part of the Toyota group, Daihatsu were built to a high standard and the quality assurance guaranteed. The local dealers were usually small and offered a really personal service. After 34 years the former owner of the garage recalls the cars I bought from him.

During my ownership of one of the cars, I was passing a garage in Kettering which was offering free window etching with each window being etched with the car registration. This was quite a security benefit, so I went into the garage to make enquires. They assured me it was free. They took details of the registration, came outside to check it and gave me a copy of the invoice advising me to come back in an hour. On my return the car was standing outside and on my way in to collect the keys I was shocked to see that the incorrect registration had been etched on all of the windows. I asked to speak with the manager who apologised and stated they would pay to have all the glass changed which was the only solution. I asked for this to be put in writing. He replied that his Secretary was not working and therefore it was not possible. I suggested that as he was the Manager I assumed he could write and that a handwritten and signed document would suffice. The garage did pay to have all the windows replaced. They had to be shipped from Japan and it took a couple of months before they arrived. After this I was convinced that etching was a good deterrent as any thief worthy of the title would not risk the possibility of having to replace the glass to avoid detection. These days on most cars I believe the vehicle identification number is etched into the windscreen and etching each individual window does not seem to be used nowadays.

Stuart Earle



**Thanks to Ray
Latimer for these
colourful seasonal
photos**



Easy-Peasy Christmas Cake

If you've never made a Christmas Cake and want to give it a go, this is the recipe for you! I have made it countless times and it has never gone wrong and never failed to impress. It keeps well so best made 3 or 4 weeks in advance to let the flavours develop. You can always add rum to keep it longer!

440g can crushed pineapple in syrup

1kg mixed dried fruit

250g butter, chopped

200g soft brown sugar

2 tbsp orange marmalade

2 tbsp dark rum

4 large eggs, lightly beaten

250g plain flour

50g self-raising flour

1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda

1 tbsp extra dark rum



- Drain pineapple over jug; discard 125ml of syrup.
- Combine pineapple, remaining syrup, fruit, butter, sugar, marmalade and rum in large saucepan. Stir over gentle heat until butter melts and sugar dissolves; bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, for 10 minutes. Cool to room temperature.
- Preheat oven to 150C/gas mark 2. Use three sheets of greaseproof paper to line base and sides of deep 20cm round cake tin, bringing paper up 5cm above edge of tin.
- Stir eggs and sifted dry ingredients into fruit mixture. Pour mixture into prepared tin.
- Bake for 1 1/2 - 2 hours. Cover top with tin foil if it starts to brown too much. Test cake with skewer after 1 1/2 hours, if skewer comes out clean it is cooked. If not, put back in oven and check again later.
- When cooked, brush while hot with extra rum. Cover tightly with tin foil; cool cake in tin. Decorate as desired.

For a quick response to all your pest problems call... **COMMAND**

- ★ Commercial, agricultural and domestic
- ★ Rodents, insects and bird proofing
- ★ Fly screens and insectocutors
- ★ Timber treatment / damp proofing
- ★ Very competitive rates



Established 1986
Member of the BPCA

Telephone 01787 248049

Fax 01787 247113

E Mail: info@commandpestcontrol.co.uk

Web: www.commandpestcontrol.co.uk

**Command Pest Control Ltd,
Command House, College Farm, Church Lane,
Preston St Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 9NQ**

'We cover East Anglia and beyond'

Best value independent **BMW** servicing in East Anglia

John Gagen Vehicle Services

- Over 25 years BMW experience • Full Diagnostic Facilities •
- MOT testing • Sympathetic to all older vehicles •
- Collection and delivery available •

Unit 2 Peppers Hall, Cross Green, Cockfield, IP30 OLH

Tel 01284 827404 (daytime) Mobile 07969 367640



07902 141140 01449 737307

hello@michellebrownsewing.co.uk

www.michellebrownsewing.co.uk

**From small repairs to clothing, made to measure blinds or full
upholstery of your special chair.**

Please visit website for services and price guide

Based in Rattlesden



Dan Brown

www.saveelectrical.co.uk

07731 67 27 57

dan@saveelectrical.co.uk

**Over 18 years of experience to provide you with a friendly, professional and
competitive service. Based in Brettenham.**

**All Aspects of Electrical Work Undertaken, including: Installation, Repair and
Maintenance, Test and Inspect, Home Theatres, Smart Technology, Security**

NIC Approved Installer, 18th Edition, Part P Qualified and Insured



For all types of fencing requirements including; closeboard, decorative iron work, post and rail, stock fencing, etc. Free quotations provided, fast and efficient local service.

Call Tim on 07851 254137 or email timsimonds@btinternet.com



STANSTEAD HALL B & B

Hitcham IP7 7NY

Moated Farmhouse surrounded by open countryside, quiet location away from the road. 2 Large Double rooms with adjoining showers

Full Traditional English Breakfast with local produce

ALSO Adults only CARAVAN CLUB CL Site on Farm

Reservations: 01449 740270 or Stanstead@btinternet.com

www.Stansteadcamping.co.uk

BatesWells & Braithwaite

Solicitors advising on:

- Accident Claims/Personal Injury
- Agriculture and Rural Business
- Children
- Commercial and Company Law
- Commercial/Business Disputes
- Debt Recovery
- Employment
- Estates, Trusts and Wills
- Family
- Litigation/Dispute Resolution
- Residential Property
- Matrimonial

Bates Wells & Braithwaite Limited
27 Friars Street Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2AD T: 01787 880440 F: 01787 880488
www.bwblegal.com solicitors@bwblegal.com



Country Maids Ltd.

DOMESTIC CLEANING TEAM

We are a local domestic cleaning company

Our team of 3 can tailor cleans to your exact requirements.

Contact us today

email: butchertaz04@btinternet.com

Telephone. 01449 741108

Keith Purvis Electrical

All domestic electrical work undertaken from a single socket to a complete rewire

ELECSA Mobile 07788 633276

Home 01787 249795

Email kpelec@hotmail.co.uk



W.A. Deacon

FUNERAL SERVICES

24 HOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE

Call: 01787 248282 & 01787 248147

3 Norman Way, High Street, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 9PY

Golden Charter pre-paid funeral plans



ESTABLISHED 1952

INDEPENDENT FAMILY COMPANY

Andrew Bingham

INDEPENDENT FUNERAL SERVICE

LOCAL INDEPENDENT FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICE

24 Hour Personal Service

01449 771666

The Nutshell, Milton Road South, Stowmarket, IP14 1EZ

www.andrewbingham.co.uk



Golden Charter
Funeral Plans



Rattlesden and District Community Shop and Post Office

We are **your** local community shop, run entirely by volunteers.
We aim to stock local produce and we have recently introduced cooked and frozen meat from Thurston Butchers.

We stock daily and Sunday papers and are open on Sunday morning for papers and all other goods. Orders can be taken for papers and magazines. We take credit and debit cards and have introduced a loyalty card for customers. £5 purchase gets a stamp and a book of 10 stamps entitles you to £2 off your next purchases.

Post Office services include cash/foreign currency, home shopping returns, dry cleaning, shoe repairs and flower deliveries.

Open daily 9am to 5pm: Saturdays 9am to 1pm and Sundays 9am to 11am. 01449 736199

The Post Office opens 9am to 1pm (12.30 Sat) 01449 736197

TOMLINSON GROUND CARE

Horticultural & Garden Machinery Suppliers

Sales Service Parts Repairs Toys

John Deere ride on mowers from £1599 Inc vat

Walk behind petrol & battery mowers from £199 Inc vat

Strimmers, hedge cutters, blowers, chainsaws etc.

Garden tools, paddock & turf machinery

Service & repair of all makes

Set in over 20 acres – Try before you buy

Established in Buxhall since 1991 – We hope to see you soon

Brettenham Road, Buxhall, Stowmarket IP14 3DL

01449 736060 www.tomlinsongroundcare.co.uk



AL-KO

EGO

ECHO

WEIBANG

HANDS UP NAIL STUDIO

Certified Nail Master with Diploma.

Only professional equipment. All the tools are cleaned, disinfected, and surgically sterilised after every customer ensuring no cross infection.

Manicure + gel polish £22 Pedicure + gel polish £25 Manicure + pedicure £40

Manicure includes filing, tag nails tidy, cuticle and dead skin removal.
Pedicure includes soak off bath, complete sole work, toenail work and cuticle removal.

Top Road, Rattlesden, Bury St Edmunds IP30 0SJ
Tel 07889 448186 / handsupmanicure@gmail.com
Bookings by appointment only



Rattlesden MOT Centre

Unit B Corern Farm

Woolpit Road

Rattlesden

Bury St Edmunds

IP30 0RZ

Contact: Tony 07487613115 or Richard 07767616188

Email: info@rattlesdenmotcentre.com

Class 4 & 7 MOT-Cars-Vans-Motorhomes





Hitcham Post Office and Stores

The Causeway Hitcham IP7 7NE
Tel 01449 740224

Back in business – try us and see!

Groceries, vegetables, frozen food, homeware and sundries
Wines, beer and cigarettes
Hot freshly baked pies and sausage rolls.

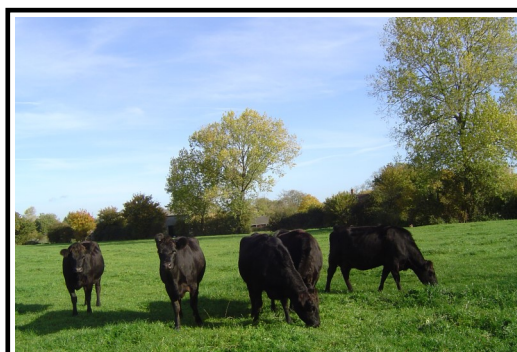
Home baked cakes and special puddings (*frozen or to order*)
Local meat and bread (Palmer's Bakery):
In shop or order in advance
(Place orders before midday for next day delivery)
Dingley Dell ham
Coal, wood and calor gas
Special deals on wines and spirits; crates of beer
– enquire in the shop for details

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES:
Monday – Saturday 7.30am – 7.00pm.
Monday- Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm (Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm)
Saturday 9.00am-12.30pm
Community corner

Why not Stop for a Hot Drink?





Punchards Farm
High Town Green, Rattlesden
Grass fed
Aberdeen Angus Beef
Rosé Veal

We supply a range of steaks, joints, mince etc. vacuum packed, labelled and ready for collection. All our animals are bred and reared here on our farm and visitors' are always very welcome to come and see themanytime.

01449 736395

jerseys@punchardsfarm.co.uk

www.punchardsfarm.co.uk

Apple Day September 2021

Thank you to everyone who sent us their photos

