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about Village Jubilee Celebrations

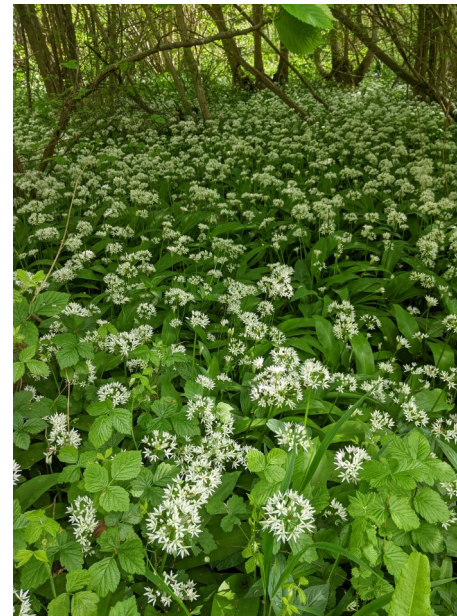


Welcome...

....to this edition of the Brettenham magazine. Well there is no forgetting that this month we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Whatever our views on the monarchy may be, I am sure we are all united in looking forward to having something to celebrate and a jolly good party! It will be a great opportunity to bring communities together again across the country, after a very difficult couple of years, and I know Brettenham will be playing its part.

Please keep sending your news, jokes and photos to...
brettenhammagazine@outlook.com.



Wild Garlic in Bradfield woods,
photo by Michelle Harvey.

Apparently, Cuckoos have been heard calling in the woods too. Sadly, this is a rarity now.

Front cover image created by
Beth Clarke

Please support the Fish & Chips Van



Customer numbers have been dropping recently to the point where we may lose this service, which would be a great shame so please support it if you can. See info notice opposite for day and time of the week.

Bigger Ernie Winners

- 1st Victoria Camp/Mills
- 2nd Mal Davey
- 3rd Tania De Burnay

Village Noticeboard

Village Hall

To book contact Julie or Ozzie on
07810434470 or email
bvahallbookings@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
6.40pm to 7.10pm
outside the church



June Mag Deadline:

15th June

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Brettenham Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting held on 14th April 2022 allowed us to hear reports from the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Plan group, the Footpath Officer, the Tree Warden, the SALC representative, the Churchwarden, the BVA and the Neighbourhood Watch representative.

During the Chair's report, thanks were extended to various members of the community who have helped, and continue to help, with various areas that all contribute towards making Brettenham the village that it is.

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

The AGM and Parish Council meeting was held on 12th May, which we will report on shortly.

DC/22/01878	Hall Lodge Cottage, The Street, Brettenham	Householder Application - Erection of an annexe to provide guest and family accommodation
DC/22/02155	Church Farm, Land West Of Buxhall Road, Brettenham	Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area- Fell 2No. Hybrid Black (T1 and T2). Fell 2No. Hybrid Black Poplar (T3 and T4), Fell 3No. Lombardy Poplar (T5, T6 and T7). Fell 1No. English Elm (T8). Remove lower limbs of 1No. Tree (T9).

Clerk/RFO: Della Clarke

Email: brettenhamparishcouncil@btinternet.com

Food Bank Update

Once again, many thanks for the contributions you have made over the month. The number of families appreciating these efforts has risen to 19 and is expected to increase due to the cost of living rises that we are all aware of. There is real concern that many will not be able to heat their homes next winter, so bearing this in mind, anything you can do is going to make a difference to someone.

Items particularly appreciated at the moment are tins of meat products - chilli con carne, stewing steak, minced beef and onions, together with soups, tinned carrots and peas, sweetcorn, beans, tuna. Also, boxes of Weetabix, sugar, coffee, pasta and curry sauces. A sweet treat is always welcome at times of austerity. Just a reminder please that all items continue to be gratefully received, drop off at the Church or my woodstore. Anne-Marie or myself are also happy to pick up from you if you are not able to get to either of these.

If you prefer to donate financially, cheques are payable to Bildeston Community Support or via BACS to Bildeston Community Support, Account No 49886479, Sort Code 52-30-31.

Acknowledging the rise in numbers in the area we are covering, please do remember that if you or someone you know might appreciate a helping hand now or in the future please make contact as below.

Many thanks again

Alyson Wilson, Spinney Cottage 07798 633044

Anne-Marie Hodgkiss 07818 286770

If you would rather contact the Foodbank directly you can do this through Facebook messenger from the Bildeston Foodbank Facebook page.

Tel: 01449 257136

Email: Bildestoncsg@gmail.com



Brettenham Village Association (BVA)

Village Hall Hire Charges

Rates applicable from 01.05.2022	Residents	Non residents	Commercial use
All events	£8.50/hour	£12.50/hour	£15.00/hour
Communitywide organisations: – Parish Council, PCC, Gardening Club	No charge		

Multi-day events, or anything that does not fit the above profiles can be agreed by negotiation

Use of bar – by negotiation, please contact Peter Truin - 07799 640326
petertruin@aol.com

Use of marquee – by negotiation, please contact Julie or Ozzie - 07810 434470
bvahalbookings@gmail.com

Brettenham Village Association (BVA) expressly reserves the right, as it sees fit and at its absolute discretion, to vary any of the above hiring charges at any time. Hiring charges will be reviewed at least once a year.

In addition, the BVA may make such charges to a hirer to cover the reasonable costs (including, without limitation, any cleaning, polishing, painting, decoration, repair, or other remediation work costs), that it considers are required to restore the village hall to its pre-hire condition.

If you require the use of the playing field whilst using the village hall, please let the booking clerk know at the time of booking as permission needs to be gained from the parish council.

All enquiries for the booking of the hall please contact:

Julie or Ozzie

M: 07810 434470 E: bvahalbookings@gmail.com

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 2nd June - Jubilee Celebrations, see centre page
 Sunday 5th June - BYO Picnic Lunch, see centre page
 Sunday 19th June Sunday Village Inn from 12.30pm
 Saturday 25th June - Safari Supper
 Friday 1st July - Village Inn 7.30pm
 Saturday 9th July - Summer Fair at the village hall, see page 22
 Thursday 14th July - Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
 Sunday 17th July - Village Inn 12.30pm
 Friday 5th August - Village Inn 7.30pm
 Sunday 21st August - Village Inn 12.30pm
 Friday 2nd September - Village Inn 7.30pm
 Thursday 8th September - Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
 Sunday 18th September - Apple Day 12pm
 Friday 7th October - Village Inn 7.30pm
 Sunday 23rd October - Village Inn 12.30pm
 Friday 4th November - Village Inn 7.30pm
 Thursday 10th November - Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

St. Mary's Stall

A very big thank you to all who have donated to the stall. It is wonderful having such a variety to ring the changes. Also thank you to all of you who buy things, that is equally important! Please don't stop. Please keep it coming and put in cart lodge at Buggs Farm.

I have acquired quite a lot of baby equipment over the months. A very good buggy, a Mamas and Papas gym for a baby to lie on, a walker, a battery operated swing chair, a bouncer that fixes in a door way. If anyone is interested or knows of others who might be please ring me. All in very good condition. 01449 736901

Again thank you to you all and DON'T FORGET CARDS FOR SALE IN THE CHURCH.

Viv

St Mary's Church Brettenham

Rev'd Canon Tiffer Robinson

Tel: 737197 or 07789 772024

Email: tifferrobinson@gmail.com

Church Warden Annie Tavener Tel: 736412

Email: annie_tav@hotmail.com



June Programme of Services in the Benefice

Thursday 2nd June

Hitcham 7.00pm Jubilee Songs of Praise

Friday 3rd June

Thorpe Morieux 6.00pm Jubilee Evensong

Pentecost (Whitsun) 5th June

Rattlesden 9.45am Holy Baptism
 Thorpe Morieux 10.00am Morning Prayer
 Hitcham 11.00am Morning Prayer
 Brettenham 11.15am Family Communion
 Rattlesden 3.00pm Jubilee Celebration Service
 Rattlesden Pavilion (Birds Green) 6.00pm Praise and Donuts

Saturday 11th June

447 memorial, High Town Green, Rattlesden 2.00pm Act of commemoration

Trinity Sunday 12th June

Brettenham 8.30am BCP Holy Communion
 Rattlesden 9.45am Morning Prayer (Streamed)
 Thorpe Morieux 10.00am Family Communion
 Hitcham 11.00am Holy Communion

The First Sunday after Trinity 19th June

Rattlesden 9.45am Holy Communion (Streamed)
 Thorpe Morieux 10.00am Morning Prayer
 Hitcham 11.00am Family Service
 Hitcham Village Hall 6.00pm Songs of Praise

The Second Sunday after Trinity 26th June

Brettenham	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion
Rattlesden	9.45 for 10.15am	Breakfast Church (Streamed)
Rattlesden	11.00am	Quiet Service
Hitcham	11.00am	Holy Communion
Thorpe Morieux	6.00pm	BCP Evensong

It is finally here: the Jubilee we've all been waiting for: 70 years our Queen! I say all, perhaps not everyone is so keen on celebrating, and our sympathies must be with our more republican brothers and sisters who may find the next weekend quite a challenge. For her Silver jubilee in 1977 the Sex Pistols released "God save the Queen", which accused the monarchy of being a "fascist regime" and got to number 2 in the charts. For the Platinum jubilee it is being rereleased, but lead singer Johnny Rotten said in an interview recently that despite his anti-monarchist views he had actually always rather liked the Queen. It's quite something when even your detractors who oppose everything you represent and stand for have to admit that you are really, pretty good.

I have to agree with him, I think she's done a marvellous job, and it's not been easy. I wouldn't swap jobs with her for the world, and I suspect most of us would have retired long ago and let someone else take the reigns (ho ho). Her sense of duty, self sacrifice, alongside her sense of fun and independence are enduring qualities that have made her well suited to the role.

The bible contains some seemingly paradoxical views about monarchs. It starts out clear that Kings and Queens are a 'Bad Idea', because for the people of Israel God was their king, and had always put in place leaders for the people who came and went, but God's care and leadership was constant. God tells the people that monarchs are bad for the economy, taking the best men and women as servants and needing so many resources for their palaces, and can quickly become power crazed and oppressive.

The people of Israel complained that they wanted one anyway, because all the other nations had them, and so God relents, and gives them Saul. King Saul starts off well, but quickly goes off the boil, so instead King David is anointed in his place. David was a fantastic King, who led the people in the worship of God, but made several pretty big mistakes too.

He is promised that one of his descendants will one day rule just as he has, not just for a time, but for all eternity. Predictably, his son Solomon also ends up leading the people astray, and from then on, with a few exceptions, all the Kings are scoundrels, and some of the Queens as well, until eventually the monarchy largely dies out during one of the exiles.

The prophecy however, remained, and the people of Israel waited centuries for a King who would rule like David, born of David's town, Bethlehem. A King who serves the people, and does not lord over them. A King who is not just a king for a decade or even 70 years, but for all eternity, whose kingdom is unlike any earthly kingdom we know.

Our Queen has spoken about this King, her King, in these terms: "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace...is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing....God sent his only son 'to serve, not to be served...Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) – but a Saviour, with the power to forgive".

As we celebrate the platinum Jubilee, we give thanks for our Queen, for her service, but also for her faith, and her willingness to speak about her faith in Jesus Christ, the King of Kings

Reverend Canon Christopher "Tiffer" Robinson

Sunday Village Inn

Sunday 19th June, from 12.30pm

Brettenham Village Hall

Do come along!



Wilf's Sponsored Litter Pick

Wilf is doing a sponsored litter pick to raise money to purchase one king size mattress and two single mattresses for the charity we volunteer for.

As many of you know, Wilf loves a litter pick (he even has his own picker and takes his high vis duties very seriously!) and wanted to support the work that he has seen his family and neighbours do.

As a family we have been volunteering for the Rattlesden Benefice Refugee Community Sponsorship group, where members of the local community work together and "sponsor" a refugee family to come to the UK using safe routes. As part of our role we have to find them private accommodation and support them in setting up their new life in the UK. You can find out more information on this website about Community Sponsorship:

<https://resetuk.org/about/what-is-community-sponsorship>

The group has privately obtained a suitable property, redecorated and furnished it and we now need three mattresses for our family.

Wilf pledges to litter pick over the next week, covering the main roads in and out of our village, which we will document with photographs.

Any money towards this is greatly appreciated, thanks in advance.

Wilf and family x

Donations can be made in cash or by visiting:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/josephine-schofield?utm_term=qqmz8mABw



Recipe Page

Sourdough Bread – Friendship Bread

Sourdough bread is particularly **rich in nutrients** that the body can easily absorb. This is due to the way that the lactic acid bacteria in the bread interacts with these nutrients. It is also a rich source of vitamins and minerals.

I first started making sourdough bread during the first lockdown as I couldn't buy any yeast. (Do you remember how crazy that all was?)

Sourdough starter

I always have spare starter, if anyone wants to try to make some bread but doesn't fancy the messing around for potentially 10 days making the starter, please let me know and you can come and collect some from me. Or if you let me know where you are I can bring you some.

50g Strong white bread flour

50ml tepid water

Mix the flour and water in a bowl, cover and leave somewhere warm for 24 hrs (ish). Remove half of the starter mix (put this half in a separate container and keep in the fridge for later) add another 50g of flour and 50ml of water. To the remainder of the starter. Stir well!! Repeat for approx. 5 days. It could take 10 in a cooler kitchen. You should gradually see bubbles appearing and it should have a slightly sour smell.



Your starter is ready.

Bread Recipe

The night before you want your bread you will need to make a sponge.

Mix, 150ml of starter, 250g strong white bread flour and 275ml warm water in a large bowl.

Cover with a clean tea towel and leave overnight.

In the morning your sponge should have lots of bubbles and the mixture will have risen slightly, add to the sponge mixture 300g bread flour and teaspoon of salt. Make into a ball adding more flour if it's still sticky.

Knead for 20 mins adding flour if needed. Put back into the bowl cover and leave for 30 mins.

Grease and flour a baking tray ready for the next stage.

After 30 mins rising time, knead for another 10 mins and put onto the tray. This will need to be kept somewhere warm for approx. 2 hrs.

Once it has risen place in the oven 180F for approx. 20-30 mins (this is very dependent on how much it has risen and the temperature it was kept at for the 2 hrs) once brown take it out of the oven and tap it. It should sound hollow. Its ready!!

Put on a cooling rack.



Continue to feed your starter for future loaves of bread. When removing half of the mixture put in a container in the fridge.

Don't waste it by just throwing it away.

More recipes to come with the saved mixture. Pizza, crackers, dough balls!! Yummy!!

Michelle Harvey



Brettenham Gardening Club

By the time you read this the Summer Planting on the green will be complete. As always, a huge thank you goes to all our volunteers who have helped with nurturing and growing the plants, clearing the beds and of course the planting. The scheme this year has a Jubilee theme with the centre bed being our take on Platinum colours. We are hoping for a great display. If anyone can help with watering the green please let Jane Moulding know. It is not an onerous task now that we have our tap and hose and if we have enough volunteers you will probably only be needed for one week of the summer,

Holme House Garden Visit

Monday 13th June 3pm

This is well worth a visit and the cost of £10 includes tea and home-made cake! If you would like to come please let one of the Janes know.

Summer Fair

Saturday July 9th

We again plan to hold our annual **PLANT STALL** so we are looking for people to help on the day and of course plenty of plants and garden related items to sell. Please bear the stall in mind when you are dividing plants, potting up seedlings and clearing out your shed!

Back by popular(!) demand we are planning to again run our **Great Gardening Competition** at the Summer Fair. We are letting you know today to give everyone plenty of time to get your thinking caps on! The competition is open to all, young and old and really anything goes! The theme this year is the **Platinum Jubilee**. See the page opposite for more information. It would be wonderful to have lots of entries to celebrate the Jubilee! It will be on the same lines as last year and all you need to do is submit an entry, Jubilee related, in any medium that you choose.

Finally a date for you diary: **Saturday August 13th** a chance to visit one of our beautiful Brettenham gardens, a chat, a wander and some refreshments. What could be nicer! So lots to look forward to and we hope to see some of you very soon. Please get in touch if you have any questions about the club, would like to join in any of the events or are able to help. **See contact details at bottom of page opposite.**



Brettenham Great Gardening Competition



Open to all residents of Brettenham young and old
Please submit an entry on the
morning of the fair to celebrate
the Platinum Jubilee



This could be:

A vase of flowers that you have grown

A selection of vegetables or fruit arranged on a plate or tray

A miniature garden on a plate or tray

A 3 D model

Strange looking vegetables

A painting

A drawing

A collage

A Photograph or a collection of photographs

(Please mount any pictures or photographs on card so they can be displayed)

The competition will be judged at the Summer Fair by our president Mr Stuart Kershaw and first prize will be a Garden Voucher and THE CYNTHIA CUP donated by Stuart in memory of his wife who was a very loyal supporter and founder member of the club.
Other prizes will be awarded for second place and for children under 13

For more information, please contact Jane Moulding on 736178 or email grahame.moulding@btopenworld.com or Jane McDonald on 736957 or email felicityjmcDonald@hotmail.co.uk



Village Inn Thursday
2nd Jun 2022
Celebrating the
Platinum Jubilee of
Queen Elizabeth II

Bar opens at 5 pm

Barbequed food available between 6 – 8.30 pm

(orders taken from 5 pm)

Pork or venison sausages, beef or venison burgers, all with buns and side dishes - £5.00

Choice of desserts - £3.50

A small beacon lighting ceremony will take place on the playing field at 9.45 pm

Please come along and share in the celebrations with friends and family. Feel free to bring along a camping chair or blanket to sit outside. Wet weather contingency in place!

Any profits will be donated to the Disaster Emergency Committee, supporting refugees from Ukraine and Afghanistan



Beacon
lighting
9.45pm

Sunday 5th June Celebrations Continue with a BYO Picnic Lunch on the Playing Field

To round-off the long, bank holiday weekend, come along with family and friends and a picnic lunch to the playing field, as Brettenham hosts its own version of the national 'Big Jubilee Lunch' taking place that day. The bar will be open from 12.30pm, so come along any time from then.



I don't have many memories of previous Jubilees but all the children in the village were given commemorative teaspoons at the time of the queen's coronation - I still have mine. In 1977, the queen's Silver Jubilee, there were 77 children in the village, who all received something. Somewhere I have a list and some of the 'children' are still resident here. In 2002 all the children were given a commemorative mug for the queen's Golden Jubilee.

Annie Tavener



Getting to Know... Pete Knight

Full Name:	Peter Knight (my dad didn't believe in middle names)
Birthplace:	Horsham, West Sussex
How long have you lived in Brettenham?	Almost 13 years
Current/Last Job:	Head of Information Governance, Suffolk County Council
Do you have any pets?	Two dogs – Foxy (11 years-old) and Lyra (1 year-old)
What is your biggest fear?	Regret
What makes you laugh the most?	Swiss Toni from The Fast Show (which reminds me, completing this questionnaire is very much like making love to a beautiful woman...)
What would you change about yourself if you could?	Be more decisive. I think
What is the favourite place you have visited?	I always hoped I would get to visit these stunning, iconic buildings – La Sagrada Familia (Barcelona), Guggenheim Museum (Bilbao) and Sydney Opera House. And I have.
What really makes you angry?	The killing of any animal in the name of "sport" Excessive artificial light in the countryside
What is your favourite book/film/play/show?	Book: 'Silence in the Age of Noise' by Erling Kagge Film: Blade Runner TV Show: Mindhunter
What has been the proudest moment of your life?	Our previous Labrador Darcy winning 'Best Biscuit Catcher' at the Burgh Dog Show Bribing my way to a First-Class Honours degree

What did you want to be when you were growing up?	The person who puts the Sellotape around biscuit tins to seal the lid
If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?	Hiking in mountains, with a celebratory pint at day's end
What is your favourite game/sport?	County Cricket (none of that short-form nonsense)
If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?	Moules mariniere et frites
Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?	Someone I play football with calls me 'Pistol Pete' because he thinks I have a lethal left-foot
Who would you want to be stranded with on a deserted island and why?	Anyone who possessed a frisbee
What would you do if you had a significant win in the lottery?	Buy a woodland and manage it for wildlife
If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to and why?	1973 – so I could discover the joy of listening to some of my favourite albums on the day they were released (Selling England by the Pound, Tales from Topographic Oceans, Larks' Tongues in Aspic, Dark Side of the Moon, Tubular Bells). I was only 8 at the time and hadn't progressed further than 20 Wombling Greats.
What's your best claim to fame?	I won a competition to spend the day at the house of Anthony Phillips (founding member of Genesis) in Clapham. He served me coffee and cake in his garden, and performed some gorgeous instrumental 12-string guitar pieces. A truly magical day.
What skill would you like to master?	The drums

Nature Notes

The daisy is probably one of the first flowers we learn the name of as children, and who hasn't made a daisy chain? We regard it as the ground hugging flower that grows everywhere.

The Anglo-Saxons called it "the days eye" as it comes into bloom usually from about March onwards once there is a bit of warmth in the sun. After all, we sometimes say we feel "fresh as a daisy".



As a plant it has one of the longest flowering seasons and is found in countries across the world, as they became colonised. It has been discovered decorating Egyptian pottery and hair clips from the Minoan culture on Crete. Its Latin name is *Bellis Perennis*. *Bellis* has several meanings including "pretty" but it's also linked to war.

The Romans squeezed the daisy plants and used the liquid to soak bandages to fend off infection and help the healing process. This idea was supported in this country as it developed the folk names of bruisewort and woundwort. In the past, daisy tea was drunk to ease a sore throat and help with breathing and stomach aches.

In Scotland and Northern England, it has been called the gowan and bairnswort in recognition of children being attracted to it. It also has connections with romance. In Norse mythology, the daisy was sacred to Freya, goddess of love, beauty and fertility and for generations girls have pulled off the petals one by one, chanting "he loves me, he loves me not."

It's also influenced phrases in sport. In the 1790s a commentator referred to a horse trotting without lifting its hooves high, as a daisy cutter, an expression adopted by cricket in the 1880s for a ball running flat and fast along the ground.

"It's daisy" is an expression common in the 19th century to describe something of top quality and "ups-a-daisy" is an expression still used today, to comfort a child who has fallen over. It is thought that the phrase "pushing up daisies" a light-hearted comment about human burial, was first used in the 1840s and came into more use after the First World War.

From 1901 May 24th (Queen Victoria's birthday) was declared Empire Day, and from 1916, it became a national celebration with schools closed and daisies commonly being worn.

The yellow centre of the daisy represented the home country and the petals represented the colonies. By the 1950s the idea had generally petered out. Although Daisy has been a favourite name to give to a cow for at least two centuries, there's more to that than mere sentiment. According to a survey carried out by Newcastle University, addressing a cow by name creates a bond with the farmer, improves her wellbeing and perception of humans, lowers her levels of the stress hormone cortisol and induces her to yield up to 500 pints of extra milk per year.

Finally, the daisy has also played its part in poetry. It gets mentions in Shakespeare's Hamlet and Love's Labour's lost as well as Wordsworth writing "To The Daisy." Going back even earlier, Chaucer wrote "To seen this flower agenst the Sunne spread, what it upriseth early by the morrow, that blissful sight softeneth all my sorrow"

Who would have thought that a small, some would say, nondescript flower, could have had such an impact on our culture, language and history?

David Golding



Rainbow over Dux
Street, photo by
Annie Tavener

There was a swarm of bees at Buggs Farm last month in exactly the same place as last time. Viv says if anyone has their own swarm that needs relocating, to give her a ring as she has her own personal beekeeper! 01449 736901



Summer Fair Saturday 9th July From 12 noon at Brettenham Village Hall

BBQ lunches, licensed bar, cake stall, bric-a-brac.
Games: bagatelle, ladder, golf, bowling, whisky draw
etc.

Grand draw: 1st prize £100
2nd prize £50

Everyone welcome, **FREE ENTRY**
All proceeds to church funds

Summer Fair Volunteers Needed

The PCC is delighted to say that the Summer Fair will be taking place on Saturday 9th July from 12 noon. There will be BBQ lunches, the bar will be open and there will be the usual traditional games and stalls. The raffle draw will take place at 3pm, 1st prize £100, 2nd prize £50. Remember, you have to be in it to win it! Tickets will be on sale before and on the day. The Garden Club will be running a plant and produce stall, and the Potato in a Bucket competition will be judged and the winner announced. Everyone is very welcome and entry is free, so do come along and join in the fun and help raise funds for our church.

If you are able to help with a game or a stall on the day do please let me know, and if you have any items for the bric-a-brac stall they would be very much appreciated.

Annie Tavener 01449 736412 annie_tav@hotmail.com

Rambling with Gus

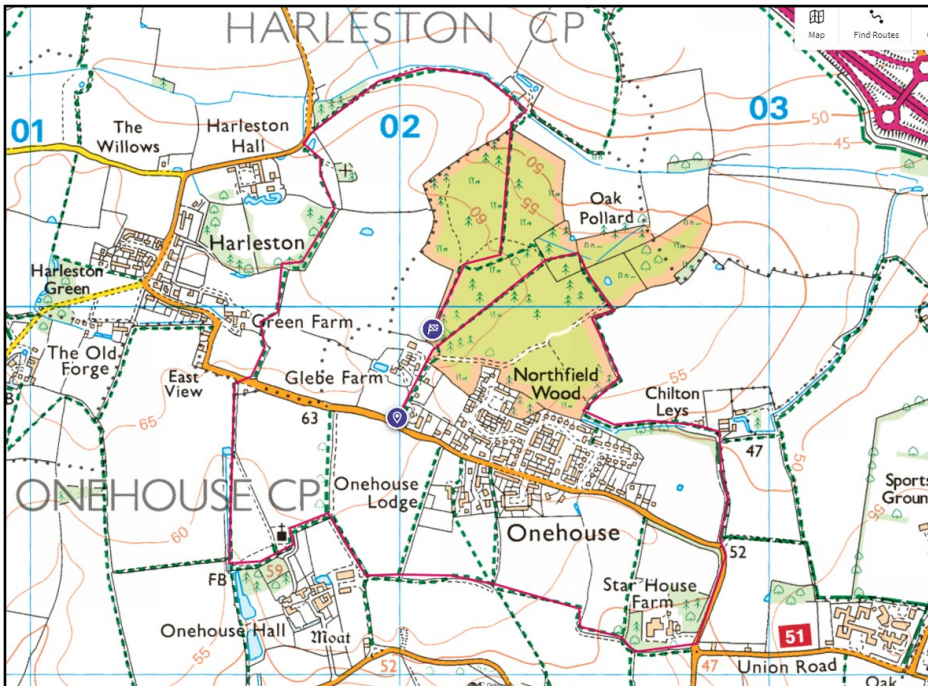
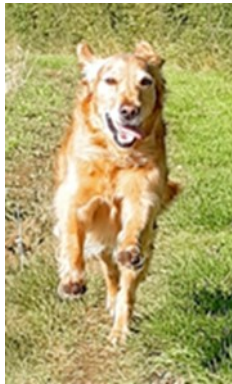
Onehouse loop: approx. 4 miles, approx. 1 and 1/2 hours, starting at Onehouse Village Hall where there is offroad parking.

Although so close to Stowmarket, this is a tranquil walk. It starts and finishes in the ancient Northfield Woods, which are filled with Bluebells in spring. It also passes by the remote Onehouse church with its round tower.

There are refreshments nearby at the Shepherd and Dog www.theshepherdanddogonehouse.co.uk and the Lake House Café www.thelakehousecafe.co.uk. Do check opening times for both in advance as they do vary.

You can find this route listed on the OS Online Maps as: Gus Rambles at Onehouse

Carrie Dye



Motoring Memories, Part XII and Final Episode

This month sees the conclusion of Stuart's entertaining motoring memories. We are grateful for Stuart sharing them with us.

Over and Out

Sadly, in my view, the era of petrol heads is rapidly nearing the end. It has lasted just over a century.

It seems we may be doing more walking, and cycling in the future. I have driven an electric car and enjoyed it. It is not too much different to driving an automatic except all the power is available almost immediately. Depending on the car, braking is not really necessary as releasing the accelerator immediately slows down and stops the car. It needs a bit of practice getting used to this but it is a skill to be mastered.

I'm not sure how the electricity will be created to enable all vehicles to be run on it and also to power everything else. Remember 1979 and the power cuts...will the choice be a cup of tea and cooking a meal or charging the car?

There are issues with the yet largely undeveloped infrastructure, public charging points and questions around how people with on street parking will be able to charge up at home. Some suggestions point to a Scaetric type scheme whereby the car will connect to a system built into the road. Another concern maybe the limited natural resources to produce the batteries which store the power and of course the range between charges. At the current time cost is a major prohibitive factor with electric cars costing much more than a petrol or diesel, powered car.

Some years ago I was at a conference where BMW were discussing their developments of hydrogen powered cars; these exist but have their own challenges not least of which seems to be the stability of the fuel and risk of explosion!

History has a habit of repeating itself and I suppose the concerns about electric cars being silent equates to concerns about the dangerous petrol cars which resulted in a law requiring it to be preceded by a man with a flag. For now I will continue to enjoy my cars, driving and reminiscing about all aspects of motoring.

Stuart Earle

What's On In Hitcham For June

Every Monday HITCHAM BOWLS CLUB. 19.30. Call Bill Gray on 07526 069 631

Every Tuesday. EXERCISE FOR ALL. 14.00 - 14.45. £5 per class or 6 sessions at £24. Call Gill on 01449 741 169 or 07977 746 244.

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Every Second Thursday 9th June 14.00-16.00. THE RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN. For more info www.ruralcoffeecaravan.or.uk or call 01379 855 338

Every Friday. LINE DANCING. 18.30 - 19.30. For mixed abilities. £5.50 to pre-booked & check availability or £18. course of 4 classes. Contact Rosie on ldrosie@yahoo.co.uk or call 07748 563 926

29th May (normally first Sunday every month) – 10.00-12.00 HITCHAM SCRIBBLERS art group. Contact Simone Beadle on 07775786850

Thursday 2nd June—Sunday 4th June. Jubilee Celebrations. See the village website for full information: <https://hitcham.co.uk>

Saturday 11th June CREATIVE WRITING INTRODUCTORY SESSION 09.30 – 12.30 Beginners and novice writers welcome. Contact caroline@fosterent.co.uk

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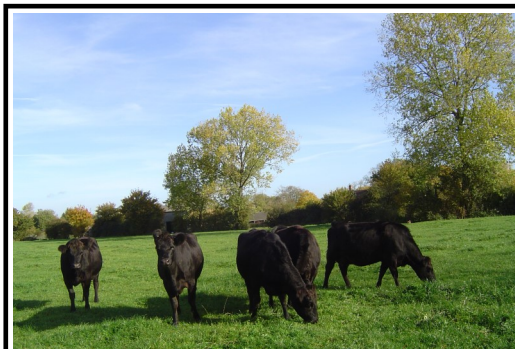
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