

**BRETtenham
MAGAZINE**

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Happy Easter

Welcome...

to the April edition of the Magazine. As usual, no shortage of news and plenty going on in our beautiful village this Spring. Thank you Annie for the lamb pic on the front cover. Remember, we need village photos for the Neighbourhood Plan (see page 5) so get snapping in the spring sunshine. Not only do we have the Easter weekend to look forward to but the Coronation will soon be upon us and Brettenham will be putting out the bunting for the village to come together and celebrate. Some reflection on the coffee morning and recent wine tasting—two new events that we hope will become regular diary dates. As always, the editorial team are very grateful for your contributions whether news, photos, jokes or anything else of relevance, so please keep them coming to: brettenhammagazine@outlook.com.

Have a very Happy Easter from the editorial team.

Bigger Ernie March Winners

1st Vanessa and Ian Whymark

2nd Lyn Rufus

3rd Dave Pearcy

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 3rd April— AGM & BVA meeting 7pm

Tuesday 4th April—Coffee Morning 10.30am

Friday 7th April—Village Inn 7.30pm

Thursday 13th April—Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7.30pm

Saturday 15th April—Gardening workshop Village Hall 10.30am

Sunday 23rd April—Village Inn 12.30pm

Saturday 29th April— An Evening with ShantyFolk

Friday 5th May—Village Inn 7.30pm

Sunday 7th May - Coronation Cream Tea (see page 22)

Sunday 21st May Village Inn 12.30pm

Friday 2nd June—Village Inn 7.30pm

Saturday 17th June— Summer Fair (more details to follow)

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

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Where to get Village News?

Check out the latest village news on the
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If you would like anything added to
the page contact Greg Potter at
greg.potter66@me.com
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email updates please contact
chairbva@gmail.com 

Suffolk Mermaid Fish & Chips

Is no longer coming to
Brettenham.

May Mag Deadline:

15th April

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Brettenham Parish Council—Have your say

Voting in the May Elections - A reminder that you need photo ID to vote in this year's elections. Please see below the accepted forms of photo ID:-

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass funded by the Government of the United Kingdom
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass funded by the Government of the United Kingdom
- Oyster 60+ Card funded by the Government of the United Kingdom
- Freedom Pass
- Scottish National Entitlement Card
- 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- War Disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state

- Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- Voter Authority Certificate
- Anonymous Elector's Document

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate, if:

- you don't have an accepted form of photo ID
- you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you
- you're worried about using an existing form of ID for any other reason, such as the use of a gender marker

You need to register to vote before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.

Out of date photo ID You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

Neighbourhood Plan update - Photographs still needed!



I know from being a reader of the village magazine there are always lots of inspiring photos reflecting life here. We still need lots of photographs to include in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. These can include a view, a building, an event, seasons, sunsets. Anything to show the village seen through your eyes. Photographs should be emailed to BrettenhamNP@outlook.com. Please include your full name when sending.

Coronation celebrations

See page 22 for more information about our Coronation Cream Tea, taking place on Sunday 7 May, part of the national Coronation Big Lunch theme. The Parish Council will be supporting the BVA in bringing you this event which I am sure you will agree looks a real treat to help round off the Coronation weekend.

Next Parish Council Meeting, including the Annual Parish Meeting is on Thursday 13 April

Alyson Wilson, Chair: 07798 633044

Brettenham Village Association (BVA)

Community Matters

Ordinarily I wouldn't dwell or comment on past BVA events, confident that most if not all will have had varying degrees of success and, if necessary, can be analysed for future planning for subsequent follow-up functions. Instead, I much prefer to look forward to the next programmed event or opportunity fostered from an emerging idea for development. However, I feel compelled to write about two extremely successful initiatives that have highlighted the requirement for additional communal gatherings, which appeal to others not normally associated with the usual BVA functions or formats.

The first monthly coffee/tea morning held in the village hall is my first case-in-point. What a pleasant and refreshing surprise it was to chat to villagers who might not generally wish to attend evening events centred around bar opening times. It's long been suggested that success could be measured by the 'difficult second album' but I do hope that we are able to support the next and follow-on monthly tea/coffee mornings. So, a big thank you to Michelle Harvey and Val McGuill in organising, what is hoped to be, a regular BVA fixture for those who fancy a morning lift, chat or purely for the shallow reasons of sampling some cake.



Equally, Mick Kelly's brilliantly organised and extremely well delivered wine tasting event is testament to those within our community who accepted the call to arms for more volunteers. The owner of the Bildeston Kings Head gave a superb overview of 6 wines on offer and allowed us to judge between France V The New World. On a day when France gave England an unprecedented thrashing at Twickenham, it was

no surprise that they completed a second triumph by beating the rest of the world at wine production. Although, the Argentine Malbec was my particular favourite. A huge thank you to Mick for his meticulous planning together with all those who attended, making the event such a wonderful success. Perhaps next year we could have a return leg based around English and French sparkling wines. Just a thought Mick!



Future events

Don't forget there will be a BVA meeting scheduled for 3rd April with the addition of the AGM at the start, which will give you the opportunity to jump on-board as a member of the BVA Officer Group and adopt an active role in some of those functions that help keep the BVA juggernaut rolling along. The AGM will start at 19:00 followed by the quarterly BVA meeting. This will be your opportunity to have your say and/or share your thoughts and ideas for future events. Again, we're always looking for volunteers to head our BVA events.

The next Friday Village Inn will feature a menu from Riding for the Disabled, see page 12 for more information.

Unfortunately, the Shanty Evening scheduled for 29 Apr is now fully subscribed but please let either myself (chairbva@gmail.com) or Mark Baker (msbaker14@mail.com) aware if you'd like to be on our reserve list for this one-off, prestigious event.

Ozzie, Chair BVA

Nature Notes

We will all have seen a Kestrel hovering over our fields and verges as we drive along. Although the Kestrel population has declined in the last 50 years or so I get the feeling that numbers have remained strong in our part of Suffolk.

Their distinctive hovering skills make them easy to identify as they hunt for voles, mice, small birds, frogs and insects. Their hovering is very energy sapping for them and they need to catch 4-8 mice and voles each day.

If they have good weather conditions in which to hunt they will often store their catches for a day or two should the weather deteriorate. They have superb eyesight, which enables them to hover at significant heights before gradually dropping closer to the ground as they get their prey within their sight. They can see the smallest of their prey from a distance of 50 feet.

It has been estimated that they patrol an area of between four to eight square kilometres. The male and female birds separate during the winter but pair up again in the spring and up to six eggs are laid towards the end of April.

Like several of our birds of prey they have adapted to our town and city environments. Many years ago, when I was working as a teacher in an old school building in London, a pair of Kestrels nested in a broken pipe three storeys above the ground. To our surprise a pair of starlings nested about 20 feet below the Kestrels and for several weeks all was calm with the two



species ignoring one another. Come the late spring both nests were full of young and the adult kestrels bided their time. Within a couple of days of the young starlings fledging, the Kestrels struck, invading the Starling's nest and flying off with all the young. A tough reminder that nature can be cruel at times.

Dave Golding

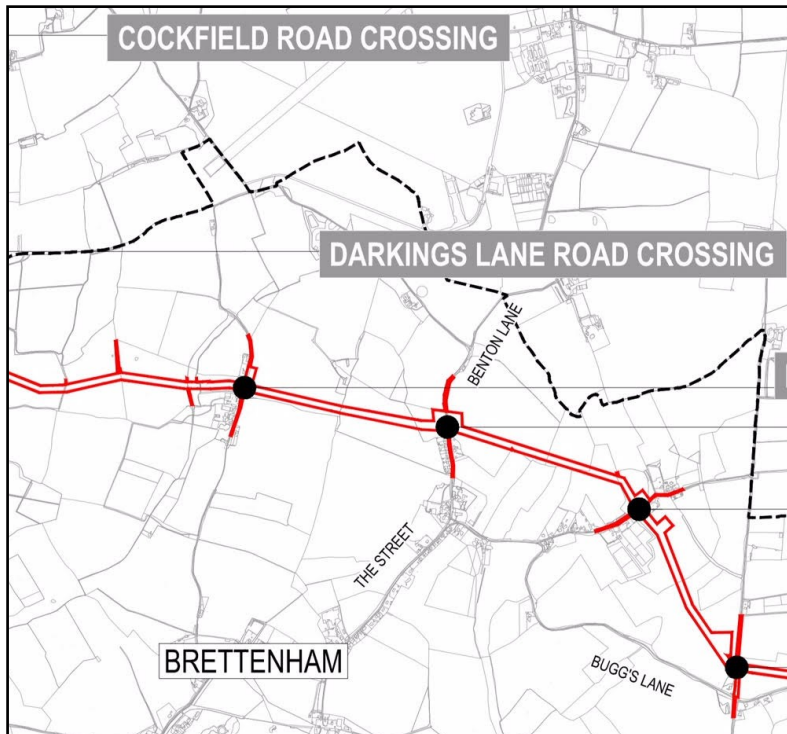


Anglian Water Pipeline

We had a meeting last week with Anglian Water's surveyor and two of the project managers ahead of them starting enabling works for the proposed pipeline. They are hoping to begin cutting back hedges along the route of the pipeline within the next few weeks before the nesting season. They will then come back in the summer with a digger once planning permission has been granted and remove the hedges before building starts.

They are hoping to start building the pipeline near Bury in October, so will probably get to Brettenham early in 2024. It's going to be disruptive but at least it sounds as though we are not going to have any major above ground infrastructure like pumping stations built locally. We'll just have to hope for a nice dry period during the build so that the damage and disruption is kept to a minimum!

Tom Tavener



St Mary's Church Brettenham

The services at Rattlesden are no longer streamed however the Church of England service is on at 9am and can be viewed on their website - www.churchofengland.org



There is also the Cathedral communion service which starts at 10.30am and can be found on their facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/stedscathedral/live/>

Benefice contacts

While we do not have our own rector, if you need to talk to someone about a pastoral matter, we have these contacts:

The Rev Canon Sharon Potter, the Rural Dean, on 01284 828599 or 07825 086063 Email: revsharon2@gmail.com (Sharon's rest day is on Fridays).

Alternatively, you can contact our lay readers Stephen Collins on 01449 737541 or on spgc544@gmail.com or Ruth Crocket on 07811333560 or ruth.crocket@gmail.com

Our Benefice PA, Charlotte Faircloth, may be able to help with some issues and her information is: charlottefaircloth13@gmail.com and 07397 240 713. If you need to talk to someone about a local church matter, please contact the church warden: Annie Tavener 01449 736412 annie_tav@hotmail.com.

April Programme of Services in the Benefice

This maybe subject to change so please check before going

April 2nd Palm Sunday

Brettenham 8.30am BCP Holy Communion

Rattlesden 9.45am Breakfast Church

Thorpe Morieux 10am Holy Communion

Hitcham 11am Morning Prayer

April 6th Maundy Thursday

Hitcham 7.30pm Holy Communion/Evening Prayer and watch

April 7th Good Friday

Rattlesden 2pm Good Friday Service

April 9th Easter Sunday

Rattlesden 9.45am Easter Communion

Thorpe Morieux 11am Easter Communion

Brettenham 10am Easter Communion

Hitcham 11am Easter Communion

April 16th The Second Sunday of Easter

Rattlesden 9.45am Morning Prayer

Thorpe Morieux 10am Morning Prayer

Hitcham 11am Holy Communion

April 23rd The Third Sunday of Easter

Brettenham 8.30am BCP Holy Communion

Rattlesden 9.45am Holy Communion

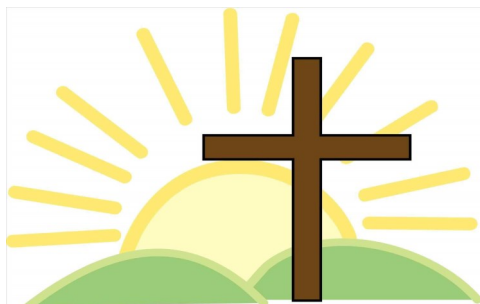
Rattlesden 11am Quiet Service

Hitcham 11am Morning Prayer

Thorpe Morieux 6pm BCP Evensong

April 30th The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Thorpe Morieux 10.30am Benefice Communion



Friday Village Inn

7th April 2023

In aid of St Edmunds Group
Riding for the Disabled Association

Main Course

Aberdeen Angus boeuf bourguignon, baked potato,
Peas and carrots £10

Dhansak curry, basmati rice, dhal,
mango chutney and popadom £10

Aubergine lasagne, baked potato and green salad £9

Pudding

Canterbury tart £3

Orange and almond tray cake
with crème fraiche £3



See you there!

FOBS—Friends of Bildeston Surgery

A few brief notes from the meeting held on 9th March 2023.

- One of the funding requests from the surgery was an ECG machine. This has now been purchased and means the surgery has two in operation.
- A new female doctor, Dr. Amy Dower will have started work by the time you read this. She will be working at the surgery four days per week.
- It is hoped another Doctor will be joining the team later in the year, although this is not definite yet.
- Bildeston village hope to be holding a fund raising event during July or August. FOBS have been asked if we'd like to be involved. We are going to find out more about it. I will let you know more after our meeting in May.

Dave Golding

Food Bank Update

Another good month, thank you very much for your continued support.

Financial aid continues to be accepted by cheques payable to Bildeston Community Support or via BACS to Bildeston Community Support, Account No 49886479, Sort Code 52-30-31

Food donations can be left in the church porch or the woodstore on my drive.

Individuals/families do not need to be referred by the authorities. Locally, for either help with giving or receiving donations, please contact in confidence:

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, email or call:

Bildestoncsg@gmail.com Tel:01449 257136

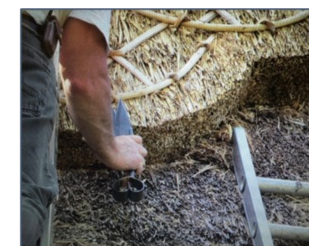
Write On...



We are fortunate to have several thatched houses in Brettenham that bring that particular “chocolate-box-charm” to our village. It is always interesting when the thatch has to be repaired, to see the thatcher at work. It is an ancient craft that really does not seem to have changed at all. This poem is by the great Irish poet, Seamus Heaney (1939 – 2013). The accompanying photos, showing the tools and methods mentioned in the poem, were taken by Lindsey Collings when her house was recently re-thatched.

Thatcher by Seamus Heaney

Bespoke for weeks, he turned up some morning
Unexpectedly, his bicycle slung
With a light ladder and a bag of knives.
He eyed the old rigging, piked at the eaves,

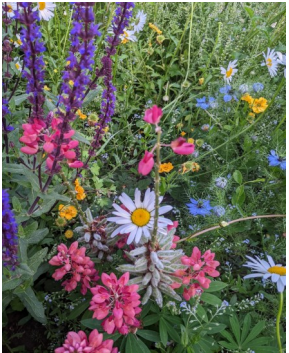


Opened and handled sheaves of lashed wheat-straw.
Next, the bundled rods: hazel and willow
Were flicked for weight, twisted in case they'd snap.
It seemed he spent the morning warming up:



Then fixed the ladder, laid out well honed blades
And snipped at straw and sharpened ends of rods
That, bent in two, made a white-pronged staple
For pinning down his world, handful by handful.

Couchant for days on sods above the rafters
He shaved and flushed the butts, stitched all
together
Into a sloped honeycomb, a stubble patch,
And left them gapping at his Midas touch.



Brettenham Gardening Club

As many of the Gardening club members are aware Jane McDonald and Jane Moulding have both stepped down as joint Chairs of the gardening club. I would like to thank them both for the hard work and dedication they have given the club over the past few years. I am very pleased to say they will both still be actively involved in the group.

Potato News -All 42 potatoes were sold ready for the annual Potato in a Bucket competition. The potatoes will be weighed at the summer fair. Good luck everyone!! It all seems very competitive!!

We have arranged a **Saturday morning workshop** on April 15th, 10am - 12 at the Village Hall. If the weather is dry we will be outside. This will keep the Village Hall as tidy/clean as possible. During the workshop will be planting a variety of seeds, and making environmentally friendly pots. (No plastic)

Everyone is welcome to come along and give gardening a try. There is no cost for this workshop but please bring soil, newspaper and seeds if you have any to share.

In August we are aiming to have a Brettenham Gardening show/competition to see how everyone's plants have grown (or not)!! Date and details later.

Further plans for the Village. The Gardening Club will also be arranging a scarecrow trail. This will involve villagers making their own scarecrow. The scarecrow will need displaying in your garden for passers by to see. Everyone will get a chance to vote for their favourite scarecrow. (Again this is all just a bit of fun). More details later!! The winner will then be announced at the Gardening show in August. There might even be a prize!!

If you feel like helping at any of these events, or have any new ideas, please email Michelle, brettenhamgardeningclub@gmail.com

I'm looking forward to the weather improving and a great year of gardening,

Michelle Harvey (BGC Chair)



Farming Focus

As I sit here in my office with a fairly unpleasant blizzard happening outside the window, it's hard to imagine that a couple of weeks ago I was drilling spring crops into perfect soil conditions, wearing a t-shirt and with dust coming off the drill! This year, for the first time I can remember, all spring drilling had been completed and all crops had their first application of fertiliser before the end of February. It was even possible to roll the last drilled winter wheat fields, which hadn't been possible in October as the soil was too wet. Combined with the early fertiliser application, this should hopefully encourage the plants to put out more young shoots and thicken up a bit as some of the later drilled wheat looked a bit thin in places (mainly thanks to pressure from slugs and the ever expanding rabbit population!).

As the days get longer and the crops start to grow, the focus for field work turns to fertiliser and spray applications. We apply fertiliser as a liquid rather than the solid fertiliser which comes in bags. The main product we apply is a mixture of nitrogen, in the form of urea and ammonium nitrate, and sulphur, which is all blended and dissolved in water to allow it to be applied through the sprayer. Fertiliser is odourless and because of the way it is applied through the sprayer as a continuous dribble of heavy droplets, the application is extremely accurate with zero drift. If I'm on the sprayer and continue working when you are nearby on a footpath it is because I'm applying fertiliser – I will always stop if I'm spraying and someone is nearby!

Unfortunately, the manufacture of fertiliser is very energy intensive, using large amounts of natural gas, which clearly is not great for our carbon footprint. We used to exchange straw for muck with S&P in Thorpe which helped to reduce our bought in fertiliser requirement. It would be fantastic if there was still plenty of livestock locally and we could use muck to supply more of our fertiliser requirement but the reality is that manufactured fertiliser feeds around 50% of the world's population, so unless people worldwide dramatically alter their diets we will continue to



Spraying

need artificial fertilisers - we will just have to continue to strive to make sure that it is used as sparingly and efficiently as possible. It's interesting that there is currently a very vocal campaign against animal agriculture as well as a campaign against the use of artificial fertilisers. If we can't access natural fertilisers as a by-product from animal agriculture and we're not allowed manufactured fertilisers there will be a lot of starving people in the world!

Up until the 1990s, all crop sulphur requirements used to be met through deposition onto the soil from sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere, which was released as industrial pollution from burning coal and the use of high sulphur fuels. Successful environmental regulation has reduced these emissions by an incredible 98% since 1970 meaning we now have to apply sulphur along with nitrogen as a fertiliser.

The amount of fertiliser applied depends on the crop, potential yield, intended final use and, crucially at the moment, the ratio of the fertiliser price vs the wheat price. Ideally, it is applied when the plant is growing and just before a light rainfall, which washes it into the soil to prevent it from evaporating, allowing it to be taken up as efficiently as possible by the plant and to prevent any from being washed into water courses.

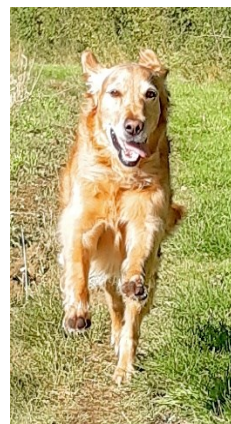
As legumes, beans fix nitrogen from the air through bacteria in nodules on the roots, so no additional fertiliser is needed. This is one of the areas being looked at as a key goal of genetic engineering, in the hope that wheat could be developed to fix nitrogen in the same way, eliminating the need for additional fertiliser.

Genetically modified crops are controversial, but in the face of climate change and an ever growing global population, compromise will need to be made somewhere, either in people's diets or in the way we produce food to ensure everyone has enough to eat.

Tom Tavener



Applying fertiliser



Rambling with Gus

**An easy circular walk of 2.5 miles (approx. 1 hour)
from the outskirts of Brettenham to Felsham and
back.**

Perversely, the closer spring draws, the more wintry the weather. Today as I write, there is snow on the ground but when I did this walk in February it was a glorious day with deep blue skies and golden sunshine. It not a long walk but has a wide variety of scenery including open fields, the centre of Felsham, woodland and ponds. The paths are mainly grassy, with just one short cross-field stretch. The paths are well-marked and well maintained. It is an absolute gem and the starting point is less than a mile from the Brettenham boundary.

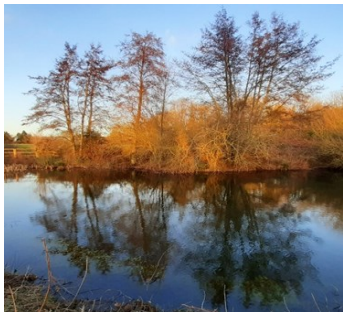


**If you have OS Maps online, you will find this walk listed as “Rambling
with Gus from Moore’s Farm to Felsham and back.”**

The starting point is the footpath sign by Moore's Farm: To find Moore's farm, take the road from Brettenham to Felsham. Go past the Gliding Club runway and take the first right with Castle Farm on the corner. Go along the road until you come to a sharp bend to your right, then look out for the footpath sign on your left immediately before Moore's Farm and find a safe place to park.

Early on, the walk crosses the Brettenham to Felsham road and then takes you along field edges to the centre of Felsham passing allotments and goats before coming out in the centre of the village by the post office. Here you turn right and head down the gentle hill towards the grassy triangle at the road junction to Brettenham and take the footpath opposite into the woods. This winds back alongside field hedges, small streams and ponds until you reach a road where you turn right again to walk along the road to your starting point.

Carrie Dye



A couple of photos taken on the walk



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—08:50

Runners / Cyclists—09:00

All ages, abilities & animals welcome

For more info contact Ozzie:

chairbva@gmail.com



A Rural Education Part 8

This month Stuart reflects on discipline and behaviour and reveals a connection with Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry.

The classroom occupied by Mr Burt (the history teacher we were introduced to last month) had a connecting door to the classroom next door, this was occupied by Mr Bernard Sifflett who taught Religious Knowledge. He drove a three wheeled Reliant car. The car park at Beyton school was reached by driving through the playground. Often pupils would run towards his car attempting to push it over as he completed the sharp turn into the car park.



The Reliant Robin

Mr Sifflett had little authority in the classroom. His classes could best be described as riotous. At the outset of the class there would be desk tops banging and shouting from the pupils. The crescendo of sound only increased as he shouted to try and gain control. In the corner of the classroom there was a store cupboard, I recall that on one occasion Mr Sifflett was in the cupboard and desks were pushed against the door preventing him from leaving. The classroom was on the first floor with a flat roof outside, pupils would often exit the classroom through the window and get on to the flat roof. Mr Burt from the adjoining classroom would come through to restore order when the noise became too disruptive. On some occasions Mrs Hazel the Deputy Head would take over the class allowing Mr Sifflett some respite.

There were three sets of married staff at the school. One couple were Mr and Mrs Mitchell. Mr Mitchell taught Science and his wife was the School Nurse. Her room was attached to the Science Lab and had a connecting door. When Mr Mitchell was delivering sex education lessons he would first go to the back of the room to ensure that the door was closed, presumably to exclude his wife from listening in to the lecture. He would then proceed with the lesson. If his wife happened to open the connecting door then he stopped immediately to speak with her.

The lab was quite basic, there was an upgrade during my time at Beyton and for a number of weeks we went to the college in Bury St Edmunds for the lessons. This meant travelling on the bus so by the time we had arrived there little time was left for the lesson.

Mr Roy Stokes was the music teacher, he played the grand piano for assemblies and also ran the school band. He was a tall gentleman sporting a waxed moustache. His lessons were always enjoyable and he was very encouraging. He seemed keen to ensure pupils had good opportunities and obviously spent time teaching members of the school band during lunchtime and in after school activities.



The late Pete Sayers

During my time at Beyton there was a concert in the main assembly hall which was attended by the whole school. The musician was Pete Sayers. I recall that he sang and played a number of instruments during the concert including the steel guitar and violin as well as acoustic and electric guitars and the banjo. He was the only British performer ever to appear as a regular guest on Nashville's legendary Grand Ole Opry (the home of country music). During his teenage years he formed a Bluegrass band which was possibly the first in this country. Pete Sayers spent five years in Nashville from 1966-71 where he was hired as an Opry warm-up artist. He frequently appeared on the show itself and additionally hosting a Nashville-based morning TV program. On returning to England in 1971 he toured with George Hamilton VI before founding the Grand Ole Opry (England), which staged shows in the Kingsway Cinema at Newmarket. Around 1988 he partnered with BBC Radio Cambridgeshire presenter Christopher South, in the years that followed hundreds of comedic characters were created including the yokel Dennis of Grunty Fen and rock & roller Ricky Storme, both of whom took on additional life during his concert appearances. I don't know who had organised the concert at the school but it may well have been part of a programme to get children more interested in music.

Stuart Earle



Sunday 7th May
2pm-5pm

**Tea served
3pm**



**£2
per person**

**To Celebrate the Coronation
of King Charles III**

Sandwiches
ham/mustard ~ smoked salmon/cream cheese
coronation chicken ~ cheese/pickle ~ egg/cress
sausage rolls ~ meat free plant rolls ~ crisps
scones with cream/jam ~ doughnuts
assortment of cakes

Bar will be open 2pm-5pm

Spaces may be limited if we have inclement weather,
so pre-booking will be required.

Please contact Jane Moulding to book:
Telephone: 01449 736178/07552812668
Email: grahame.moulding@btopenworld.com



Welcome to Brettenham Guinea, a companion for Wendy. Named because of her markings, Guinea is short for Guinness.

Thank you to Ella Brinkley for the photos.



Thank you to Michelle and Ozzie for the photos above of the Coffee Morning and Wine Tasting.

Thank you to Rachel Coomber for the artistic photo on the right of the Pussy Willow.

We always enjoy receiving your photos of the village and events so please keep



Recipe—Hot Chocolate Pudding

Hot chocolate pudding is an indulgent treat for Easter. I enjoy this Served with cream. This is a very simple, no fuss recipe that tastes delicious. Even better, it can be ready in 20 mins. Perfect!!!!

Ingredients

100g butter

100g Chocolate

150g Light brown sugar

3 large eggs

1 spoon vanilla extract

50g Plain flour

Cream or ice cream to serve



Melt the butter and chocolate in a microwave until soft. Using an electric hand whisk, mix in the sugar. Then add the eggs one at a time and whisk. Add the vanilla extract and finally the flour.

Divide the mixture between 6 small dariole moulds

Bake in a pre heated oven 180 fan/200c/gas 6 for 10-12 minutes or until the tops are firm to touch but the middle still feel squidgy.

Turn out and serve with cream or ice cream.



It's lovely to see pictures of recipes that people have made. Carrie Dye made the Pithivier from the Dec 22 edition and Wendy O'hara Wakeman made the Shakshouka from the March 23 edition.



Please keep sending them over.

Michelle Harvey

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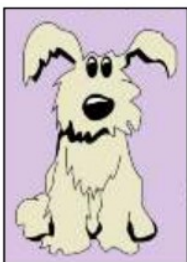
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Hope to see you there!

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