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Welcome...

Like many of us, Peter Truin has never felt more like singing the blues—read his account of the time line of Managers that have led Ipswich Town to where they are today on page 18. Another interesting contribution comes from Mick Kelly. We have so many dog lovers in the village and Mick has shared information about a scheme from Sweden to help us all live in canine harmony (see page 8). Some photos of our coronation celebrations are on page 6 and 7, such a lovely day. Well done and thank you to all who made it happen. As is often the case, putting this magazine together highlights all the good things about this village and how much we have to be thankful for. The editorial team would like to welcome Lynne Golding to the team, she is already proving a real asset. As always we are very grateful for your contributions, news, photos, jokes and anything else of relevance, so please keep them coming to: brettenhammagazine@outlook.com.

Bigger Ernie May Winners

1st Gwinnie Rudder

2nd Helen & Steve Chalk

3rd Patrick Murphy

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 2nd June—Mobile Library (see info opposite)

Friday 2nd June—Village Inn 7.30pm

Tuesday 6th June—Village Coffee Morning 10.30-12.00

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

Sunday 18th June – Sunday Village Inn 12.30

Tuesday 4th July—Village coffee morning 10.30—12.00

Friday 7th July—Mobile Library (see info opposite)

Friday 7th July—Village Inn 7.30pm

Sunday 9th July—Village Cricket Match (see page 7)

Tuesday 11th July—Village Coffee Morning 10.30-12.00

Thursday 13th July—Parish Council meeting 7.30pm

Sunday 16th July—Sunday Village Inn 12.30

Thanks to Rachel Coomber for the photo of bluebells on the front cover

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
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
chairbva@gmail.com



Mobile Library

Stops at the village Hall
12.45-13.05
Church 15.20-15.35
First Friday of the month

**July
Mag
Deadline:**
15th June

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Brettenham Parish Council—Have your say

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 11th May, followed by the scheduled Parish Council Meeting. Following the local elections all councillors kept their roles, uncontested. The council said goodbye to Emily Wood who has stepped down after a considerable spell on the council, carrying out the offices of Vice Chair and Planning Officer with much commitment and energy. We thank her for her time and hard work. We would like to take the opportunity to welcome Grahame Moulding and thank him for stepping up to the council. I am sure Grahame will prove as much of an asset to the council as he has to the village community in general. The roles of Chair and Vice Chair were voted in, along with other officers both on and off the council body.

I would like to thank the volunteers who carry out the extra roles which prove of such use to our community. The officers' roles remain mostly unchanged apart from the Vice Chair post, now occupied by Harvey Daniel. The other change is to the role of Website co-ordinator, carried out for so long by Beth Clarke. Thanks to Beth for doing a wonderful job and welcome and thank you to Michelle Brown for volunteering to take this role on. There is still a vacancy for a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator in the village. If you are interested to find out more about this role please contact Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association at enquiries@suffolknwa.co.uk

The Parish Council meeting dealt with business as usual with updates and progress on a number of issues. Minutes from both meetings will be available in due course.

Bus Service – the Transport officer for the council reminded us that the 379 bus, run by Chambers, still travels from Brettenham to Bury St Edmunds every **Wednesday**, leaving adjacent to the Church at **1020** and returning from the bus station at **1255** the same day. Full details of other stops are on the bustimes.org website.

Neighbourhood Plan - Photographs still needed

It is expected that the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan will be available to parish councillors and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Team to look at by the end of May. An appeal yet again for photographs to include in the final version - 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

A big thank you for the wonderful day coming together for the Big Lunch on Sunday 7th May, some late unexpected sunshine and a happy, celebratory crowd certainly made this a day to remember and worth the effort by the team and bar staff to bring it all together.

A reminder that the council has gifted a Coronation Mug to all the children and young people 16 and under in the village. These will be distributed by Annie Tavener in due course. There are still surplus mugs available at £4 each if you would like to purchase one.

The next council meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Thu 13 July. Any queries through the Parish Clerk at brettenhamparishcouncil@btinternet.com

Clerk/RFO: Della Clarke Chair: Alyson Wilson

Email: brettenhamparishcouncil@btinternet.com

Recipe - Overnight Oats

A lovely summer breakfast for those lazy summer days!!

50g porridge oats

1 tsp Chia seeds

Handful sultanas/dried cranberries or raisins

Sprinkle of ground cinnamon

100ml Milk

Fruit of choice.

Natural Yogurt

Honey



The night before put the oats, chia seeds, sultans and cinnamon into a breakfast bowl. Mix together and add the milk.

Cover and leave overnight.

The next day add fruit of your choice and top with two tablespoons of natural yogurt and drizzle with honey.

Michelle Harvey

Do you need help with household costs, mental health or family activities?

Help is available from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC). If you go online to the SALC website and look at their current newsletter there are links anyone can use to get help.

Look for **INFOLINK** which has links to services for families, such as childcare, local groups, activities and help for children with special needs. For adults there are tips on how to stay healthy and mental health advice.

There is also **Cost of Living Support** with advice on where to find food banks, recipes for meals for £1 and a link to Warm Homes Suffolk. There are tips to reduce energy bills and contacts for schemes for low price tariffs for water (up to 50% off) and phone and broadband and oil clubs. One example is that you can have old heaters replaced with new electric storage heaters free of charge. There are one off grants for those in need.

If you do not have a computer to see the SALC advice there is free access to a computer at Libraries in Lavenham, Hadleigh and Stowmarket and the staff will help you to use the computer. You can buy things online, get the best electricity deals and look on the NHS website for health advice. Parish councillors can also help you.

If you need help to access any of these sources of advice contact the Chair of the Parish Council Alyson Wilson or Lindsey Collings (SALC contact).



Village Cricket Match Sunday 9th July At Brettenham Park

If regular cricket isn't your thing, but an afternoon in the sun is, then this summer sees the return of the village vs club match. The game will take a friendly format, and no experience is required. So, if you would like to volunteer for the village team, please do drop me a line at harvey.daniell@outlook.com. I'd love to hear from you.

Harvey Daniell



Coronation Celebrations



Some grumpy men need space

Recent estimates have suggested that 34% of UK households own a dog, this equates to around 13 million dogs and makes the UK the second highest ranking European country for dog ownership, the first being Germany. The most popular pedigree breed incidentally continues to be the Labrador. Amazingly, it is estimated that 3.2 million dogs were acquired during the pandemic lockdown. Unfortunately, post lockdown we are now seeing problems arise within the dog population, the number of abandoned dogs has soared as people are unable to cope with their canine acquisitions due to other commitments and, further exacerbated by the cost of living crisis. Another major problem that has become evident are the number of behavioural problems amongst some dogs caused by a lack of socialisation due to pandemic restrictions. It is incumbent on all dog owners to be aware of the effect their dogs have on other dogs and indeed other people.

A recent initiative is being promoted in the UK which first started in Sweden. The *Yellow Dog Project* seeks to promote awareness that 'some dogs need space'. The reasons for this are many and varied but include: 1. A dog that may have health issues or may be recuperating. 2. A rescue dog may be being rehabilitated 3. The dog that may have had a bad experience with other dogs 4. A bitch may be in heat 5. A dog that is in training 6. The dog may be old and senile 7. A dog may be nervous or shy 8. The dog may just be grumpy and unfriendly towards other dogs.

The *Yellow Dog Project* seeks to highlight the above factors by indicating this with various items coloured yellow. A dog may wear a yellow coat or bandana, the lead may be yellow or may be displaying a yellow ribbon or the dog walker may be wearing a yellow vest themselves.

When walking a dog, it is always good etiquette when encountering others, human or canine to call your dog back to you and bring it under control by making it walk to heel or putting it on a lead. You can then establish if the person or dog owner is affected by any of the issues highlighted above and whether they wish to interact with your dog or let their dog do so. Hopefully you wouldn't run up to another person and push your face right into theirs so why let your dog? Further information can be found at yellowdoguk.co.uk.



It's not only dogs that can be grumpy of course. It has been suggested that I update my wardrobe perhaps...

Happy dog walking

Mick Kelly

Village Inn Friday 2nd June 7.30pm

Food provided by Real Thai Food

Please pre-order your food if possible. Van will be on site from 5.30pm

REAL THAI FOOD

Menu









Appetizer

- ★ Spring rolls Chicken, Veg £ 5
- Fish Cake £ 6
- Chicken Satay £ 6
- ★ Chicken wings Thai style £ 6.5
- Prawn Cracker & Sweet Chili dip £ 3

Main

- ★ Massaman Beef or Chicken Curry £ 9 £ 8.5
- ★ Green or Red Curry Chicken £ 8.5
- Yellow Curry Chicken (pre) £ 8.5
- Panang Curry Beef (pre) £ 9
- Tom Yum Prawn or Chicken £ 9 £ 8.5
- Chicken Cachew nuts (pre) £ 8.5
- Sweet & Sour Chicken (pre) £ 8.5
- Beef Stir Fried with Oyster Sauce £ 9
- ★ Pad Thai Beef, Prawn, Chicken £ 9 £ 8.5
- ★ Pineapple Friedrice Prawn, Chicken £ 8.5
- ★ Fried rice egg £ 6
- Jasmine Rice £2.5 & £1.5
- Green, Red Curry Friedrice Prawn or Chicken £ 8.5
- Padphed Chicken or Beef (pre) £ 8.5 £ 9
- Kao Pad Prick Pao Chicken £ 8.5
- All Vegetables & Curry Tofu dish (pre) £ 8

Dessert

- ★ Mango Sticy (pre order) £ 7

Allergens : Soybeans, Peanuts, Eggs, Fish, milk
Sesame, Milk, Oyster, Wheat, Prawn
Gluten

★ **Recommend Dish!!**

Whats App 07951613382

DELIVERY & TAKE AWAY

25 EMERSON WAY HADLEIGH IP76DJ

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/steds cathedral/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:

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. To talk to someone about a local church matter, please contact the church warden: Annie Tavener 01449 736412 annie_tav@hotmail.com.

June Programme of Services in the Benefice

These times may change, so please check before attending

4th June	Trinity Sunday		
	Rattlesden	9.45am	Breakfast Church
	Thorpe Morieux	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	Hitcham	11.00am	Holy Communion
11th June	First Sunday after Trinity		
	Brettenham	9:00 AM	BCP Holy Communion
	Rattlesden	9.45am	Holy Communion
	Thorpe Morieux	10.00am	Holy Communion
	Hitcham	11.00am	Morning Prayer

18th June	Second Sunday after Trinity		
	Rattlesden	9.45am	Morning Prayer
	Thorpe Morieux	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	Hitcham	11.00am	Holy Communion
25th June	Third Sunday after Trinity		
	Rattlesden	9:45 AM	Holy Communion
	Rattlesden	11:00 AM	Quiet service
	Brettenham	11am	Morning Prayer
	Hitcham	11.00am	Morning Prayer
	Thorpe Morieux	6pm	BCP Evensong

CHURCH SERVICES: The service rota for June, July and August will look very different from usual, so please keep an eye on the noticeboard for times – and types – of service. We hope this is just a temporary change but it is very difficult for the benefice organisers to arrange for the four parishes to have the services they want every week while there is a shortage of clergy.

SHANTY NIGHT: Thank you so much to ShantyFolk and to Mark and Oz, on behalf of the BVA, for organising such a fun evening. The music was brilliant and everyone I have spoken to has said how much they enjoyed it. Thank you, too, to Julie for running the raffle, and to the cooks, and to everyone who bought tickets and supported our fundraising evening. With ticket sales, raffle, donations and bar profits we made over £1200 which is a fantastic kick-start to our Raise the Roof campaign. Thank you everyone.

FETE: Preparations are well under way for the fete, see poster. We would be very **grateful for donations of items for the stalls: bric-a-brac, cakes, books, etc.** They can be collected if necessary. Also if you are available to help on the afternoon with a game or a stall it would be much appreciated, please let me know.

Annie Tavener 01449 736412

Friends of Brettenham Church

As mentioned in the March 2023 Brettenham magazine, the church roof is in need of substantial repairs to the extent that the nave roof tiles must be completely removed, the south wall propped up, several of the beams repaired and the tiles replaced or renewed. The diocesan surveyor and a structural engineer have provided their expert opinion that the PCC must raise at least £200,000.

In order to raise this very large sum of money and ensure the money is used for the roof repairs it has been proposed to establish «Friends of Brettenham Church » (FOBC) similar to that for Hitcham church. FOBC would be established as a charity and thus donations would benefit from gift aid (i.e. the charity would receive an additional 25% for each donation from HMRC).

Would you like to become a Friend and help get FOBC off the ground?

For further information please call either Annie Tavener on 01449 736412 or Chris Clarke on 07483841531.

Food Bank Update

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 at Spinney Cottage, Brettenham.

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



For more information, contact Leonie on 07866897651



Books for sale in the church

Hardbacks and paperbacks all 50p.

Childrens' books 25p

Vanessa Whymark has kindly volunteered to organise the books in the church. She goes in regularly to sort through and arrange them on the shelves. If you have books to donate, please leave them behind the curtain at the back of the church. If you have any queries about the books, please contact Vanessa on 07817852328. We are very grateful for your donations and purchases.

Church Stall

Any queries with the stall, please contact Viv Bourne on 07748814447

Nature Notes


Although Knapweed looks thistle like it is in fact a member of the daisy family. It is found across the country close to woods, fields and paths. It is a perennial, and has other names such as Hardheads and Paintbrush. In the 12th century Welsh physicians used knapweed, birthwort and field scabious as a cure for adder venom. In medieval England it was used to cure the infections of the fingertips and up to 400 years ago it was used to heal wounds and stop bleeding.



The Field Bindweed, not a favourite of many of us I suspect, can climb and smother other plants very quickly and can grow up to a metre in length. It grows well on both cultivated and wasteland.



A more popular and attractive wildflower, reasonably common around Brettenham is the Field Scabious. Its local names refer to the shape of the flower. It's known as "Grandmother's pincushion" in Sussex and "gentleman's pincushion" in Somerset. Also, more widely



across the country, it is known as “gypsy rose”. The name scabious derives from the word scabies. In Latin the word “scabere” means “to scratch”. It is thought that scabious was used as an ointment for skin complaints and for the “buboes” or boils that gave bubonic plague its name.

David Golding

OBH Footpath

Please could Brettenham residents be mindful of the public footpath that meanders through some of the playing fields at OBH. It is important that members of the public do not stray from the pathway and keep all dogs on leads while walking. If unknown persons are seen elsewhere on site it may well lead to the police being telephoned as a precautionary measure with

school children using the site at all times. Recently a number of individuals have wandered away from the designated path which has caused some concern. Many thanks for supporting the School with this. I hope you enjoy using the footpath.

David Griffiths, Headmaster



Swimming at OBH

Old Buckenham Hall is to open their lovely open-air swimming pool to the locality again this summer. Dates are yet to be confirmed but the aim is for swimming to be available in July and August. This year the school will ask for booking and payment in advance and swimmers will be limited in number, so watch this space for further information.

Lynne Golding

Stowmarket Chorale sings Royal Anthems by Handel

Following the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, Stowmarket Chorale will take you on another journey of pomp and majesty through a performance of 'Handel's Monarchs'.

St Mary's Church, Brettenham Rd, Buxhall, at 7.30 pm

Saturday 17th June 2023

Tickets are £18 via tickets@stowmarketchorale.org.uk or 07972 668180

Farming Focus

The wet weather has continued on through April and into May but thanks to a lovely week of sunshine in mid-April most farmers locally managed to get their sugar beet drilled in good conditions. Spraying conditions have been challenging this spring but between the showers, wind and thunderstorms we have managed to keep reasonably up to date. I use a professional agronomist who makes weekly visits throughout the year to help monitor the crops and advise on crop protection and timing of spray applications. The main groups of chemicals we use are herbicides, fungicides and plant growth regulators (PGRs).

Herbicides are used to control weeds in the crop. Most crops get a herbicide treatment soon after drilling, before the crop emerges. This is the only time available to control broadleaf weeds in beans and is the only really effective time to control Blackgrass, the main problem grassweed, in cereals. This is a highly invasive and competitive grass which in the worst cases can reduce wheat yields by 50%. The wet conditions this spring has meant there has also been a widespread flush of broadleaf weeds in the cereal crops which have needed controlling. Weeds not only compete with the crop, reducing yield, but also make harvest difficult as they stop the crop from flowing through the combine properly, causing blockages, poor threshing and contamination resulting in problems with grain storage and processing. Some weeds can easily be removed by hand if populations are low, so rather than spraying we will just pull them out in the early summer before harvest.

Fungicides are used to control fungal diseases in the crops which otherwise cause damage to the leaves resulting in less leaf area available for photosynthesis and subsequent loss of yield. As well as reducing yield, some of these diseases also produce toxins which make the grain unsafe to eat, meaning the processors will reject the crop and it will end up as animal feed. The main concern for processors is grain mycotoxin levels. Mycotoxins are toxic chemicals produced by naturally occurring fungi which grow on cereals crops. There are legal limits for the level of mycotoxins allowed on crops entering the food chain. We have to carry out a mycotoxin risk assessment for every load of wheat leaving the farm which takes account of whether a suitable fungicide program has been applied according to risk factors such as weather conditions, wheat

variety, cultivation methods etc. The generally wet and humid weather so far this growing season has meant that disease pressure on the crops is higher than normal, meaning a robust fungicide program has been needed to try to keep the crops free of disease.

Plant Growth Regulators are applied to cereals in the spring to manipulate plant growth by shortening the plant stems, producing more young shoots, or tillers, and to put energy into supporting these tillers, resulting in more ears and higher yield. This results in a shorter and stiffer plant meaning it is less likely to be flattened by the wind and rain before harvest. If the crop gets flattened by the weather it takes much longer to dry out and the grain can start to produce shoots while still in the ear, reducing the quality and making it only suitable for animal feed. It also makes it very difficult and slow to harvest as it has to be scraped off the ground with the combine.

Insecticides are used far less often now than in the past and most enlightened farmers really try to avoid using them, however, sometimes it is unavoidable. The main time we might use an insecticide now is in the late autumn, to control an aphid-borne cereal disease called Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus (BYDV) which can affect the cereal crops. BYDV resistant wheat varieties are now being developed, so hopefully this won't be necessary for much longer. The only other time we use an insecticide is to control Black Bean Aphid in the bean crop if the infestation is bad enough to cause significant damage.

Despite the challenging spraying conditions so far this year, the crops look fairly clean and with the abundant moisture, things look quite promising for harvest in a couple of months.

Tom Tavener

Sunday Village Inn 18th June

From 12.30pm

Drinks only

The end of the Nightmare and the Beginning of the Dream



Since 2002 it has been a difficult time to be an Ipswich Town supporter. In 2001 we finished 5th in the Premier league, but then chairman, David Sheepshanks, thinking the good times were here to stay, became a little too excited. A new stand was built and expensive transfers came in, but the new players upset the team spirit, and relegation followed, just as a big TV deal for the second division collapsed. In those days relegated clubs didn't receive the enormous "parachute" payments they get now, and unfortunately the club went into administration in 2003. However, this was not the start of the nightmare. It was not good for local businesses which were owed money, but the club seemed to cope reasonably well. Many fans became shareholders, including me, manager Joe Royle was playing an entertaining style of football and he twice came near to getting us promoted. Of course there was little if any money for transfers, and our best players always seemed to have to be sold to try to balance the books. Eventually, Joe Royle became frustrated by the lack of funds and left.

Careful what you wish for

With no money available for another big name manager, retiring player, Jim Magilton was given the job, and he did quite well, but what we all wished for was a wealthy new owner. About a year later there was much excitement when Marcus Evans bought the club. He had plans to put in lots of money and get us back to the "Promised Land", but this is actually when the nightmare began. Evans' heart was in the right place, but unfortunately he knew little about running a football club, and he appointed people who seemed to know even less. What could possibly go wrong?

The man of whom we do not speak

They thought they needed a new manager, so they sacked Jim Magilton, just after his side had beaten Norwich - that we have not beaten them since tells you a lot. The new manager did so much damage to our club I refuse to say his name. When I first saw the announcement, my heart sank. Yes, he was great player, but he's also a thug and bully and I thought he was totally unsuitable for our family club. He sacked the head of our

academy, Brian Klug, who had a fantastic record of getting players into the first team, and he sold for peanuts our most promising youngster for years because he had a row with his dad, our goalkeeper coach at the time. Worst of all, he wasted Evans' money on expensive players who were not very good. He was soon sacked with the club in serious relegation trouble. Later Klug returned, but the young player went on to score lots of goals for other clubs.

Paul Jewell came in and saved us for one season, but the next left us facing almost certain relegation again. Mick McCarthy was then appointed at Jewell's suggestion, and he did a marvellous job at first. He kept us up, and the next year came close to promotion. I think if Evans still had money left for transfer fees, promotion might have been achieved. McCarthy kept us mid table in the Championship (the second tier) for a few seasons but the style of play was so poor, the fans were not happy, and eventually the atmosphere became so toxic he had to be sacked.

From bad to worse

The next manger, Paul Hurst was a disaster and only lasted fourteen games. In came ex-Norwich manager Paul Lambert. Despite his past, he won the fans over, but relegation to League One followed. We were now in the third tier for the first time since 1956, and with no money having been spent on maintaining the stadium for years, Portman Road was looking very sad indeed. Lambert was sacked in Feb 2021 and in came Paul Cook.

The dream begins

The Marcus Evans years were marked by steady decline, but in March 2021 he sold the club. Three Americans (who have had success with a club in Arizona) with backing from a pension fund are our new owners. We now have owners who understand and love football, and their first appointment was a masterstroke. Mark Ashton was brought in from Bristol City to be chief executive, and he has been marvellous. Many new players were recruited that summer, but unfortunately, Paul Cook, like all the managers Evans chose, was a failure and was sacked with us in the bottom half of the third tier. Evans' new managers were always lined up before the previous one was sacked, but Ashton invited applications. No one in Suffolk had heard of 35 year old Kieren McKenna, but since his playing career was ended by injury at 22 he had been learning his trade coaching at Spurs and Manchester United. He was appointed in December

2021, and the transformation in results was dramatic. Unfortunately, Cook had left him too much to do, so we had another season in League One to look forward to.

Back where we belong

Last season started really well and a third of the way through we were top of the league. There was then a dip in form and following only four wins in fifteen games it seemed automatic promotion was out of reach and we would have to settle for the playoffs. However, after that, the final third of the season was simply Roy of the Rovers stuff, thirteen wins and a draw from fourteen games saw us secure promotion with a match to spare.

Next Season

For the first time for very many years, I'm really looking forward to the start of the new season. Improvements have already been made to the stadium, a piece of land next to it has been bought, and this summer many millions are being spent on building a new Premier League standard pitch. The current squad will be strengthened further, and we will compete well next season. It's very good indeed to be back in the Championship, but our new owners are not going to settle for that, and exciting times could well be ahead. Roll on August!

Peter Truin



An evening with ShantyFolk

Brettenham Coffee Morning



If you fancy 'elevenses'
tea, coffee and biscuits for 50p and more
importantly a chat and a laugh with fellow
villagers, come along to the next one on 6th June
at 10.30 till 12.00

Children welcome but no dogs until the weather
improves and we can be outside.
Hope to see you there!

For more info contact

Val 07711562520 or Michelle 07535814939



Coffee morning chatter

The camassias are out at Buggs Farm.
Thank you Viv Bourne for the pic.



A Rural Education Part 10

After School Clubs

There were quite a number of after school activities which included the Stamp Club run by Mr Burt, various sporting activities run by Mr. John Cook, Mr O Hare and Mrs Addison. One sporting activity which I did enjoy at Beyton was Judo and this was run as an after school class. Although I have not practised this martial art for fifty or so years I can still recall the names of the various holds and falls: I probably would no longer be able to perform them without doing myself serious injury but who knows? These days I just practice a bit of Tai Chi, although this is a martial art it does not entail combat and is primarily focussed on developing good posture, balance and mobility. During the first few years I was at Beyton school the swimming pool was completed and lessons were part of the games curriculum. Great emphasis was placed on achieving the Amateur Swimming Association Awards and despite not being able to swim I did achieve a Bronze Personal Survival Award. The assessment was focused on aspects of First Aid such as resuscitation and assisting in rescuing a person from the pool safely. The Silver and Gold awards did require candidates to swim.

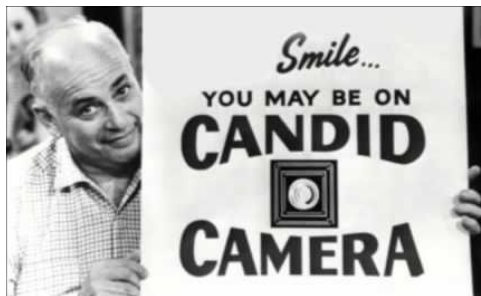
Travelling to School

The school bus to Beyton left Brettanham shortly after 8am and travelled through Rattlesden, Drinkstone and arrived at Beyton school a little before 9am. Mulleys was the main bus company although occasionally there would be other companies such as Bickers of Coddanham or Cuttings from Whepstead or possibly Simonds of Botesdale. Being interested in all types of vehicles I was always intrigued to see what make and model of buses other companies used. Often Mulleys used a Double Decker AEC Routemaster which had seen service in London. This was a half cab with the driver being separated from the passengers. When this bus was used there was a Conductress, we called her Annie. She had the dubious task of maintaining order. Generally she stood on the platform at the back holding on to the poles to attempt to stop pupils getting off prior to the bus stopping. Between stops she would sit inside the bus and try to warm up. On the journey the bus would be clipping trees and some pupils would be leaning out of the windows grabbing leaves and branches. The owner of Mulleys Coaches was a Jack Mulley, something of a character. Over the

years he took over some other companies including Jolly's of Norton and Combs Coaches. He often wore different coloured shoes and when questioned he stated he had a similar pair at home. When he was driving passengers on a day out to Great Yarmouth he took his bike, which was painted up in the distinctive orange and cream livery of the company, and rode to the beach. This was a bit of advertising too. He was an enthusiast for vintage buses and the yard at Ixworth had many vintage buses. Some of these have been restored and the Bedford OB and a Chevrolet LQ 14 seater coach are now in the Ipswich Transport Museum both in the livery of Mulleys Motorways. When I was at Beyton School there were two journeys that stand out. The first was as the bus was close to the school, a Leggetts articulated lorry was coming towards the bus, at that point the road was too narrow for them to pass. Neither driver was prepared to reverse. The driver of the lorry expressed his determination to stay put by placing his feet up on the steering wheel. Eventually the cars were building up behind the vehicles and after some considerable time a truce was called and both the bus and lorry did some manoeuvring in order to pass. On another occasion the trip home from school was on a Galloways coach from Mendlesham. The driver sported a handle bar moustache and before the journey commenced he delivered a lecture on how he expected the passengers would behave. Within minutes of leaving the school he stopped the bus and began shouting because somebody was shifting around in their seat. Throughout the journey he was constantly observing the passengers and any movement caused him to shout. During those years I was at Beyton School the programme Candid Camera popular. One of the regular Mulleys bus drivers, Colin, featured in one of the episodes.

Next month, Stuart looks at the three tier system which was introduced from 1974 in this area.

Stuart Earle



Gardening Club –

Everyone is welcome to take part and join in any of our activities, you don't have to be a gardening club member!

June – Just a reminder to everyone about the Potato in a Bucket competition. This will be held at the summer Fair on the 17th June. All entrants need to be brought along to the Fair to be weighed. Please put your name on the bucket, if it's a child's potato please put the child's age. Also cut off any remaining greenery from the potato. Good luck everyone!!

July – Start of the Scarecrow competition. I will have a bale of hay in my driveway for people to help themselves to. Please only take what you need for your scarecrow. Lets see how many scarecrows we can have on display around Brettenham. Be imaginative and have fun!!!! You will have the whole of July to build your scarecrow and put it somewhere that is visible from the road or footpath. If you would like to be included in the trail/competition, please email me so that we can add you to the village scarecrow trail. brettenhamgardeningclub@gmail.com

August – Anytime during the first two weeks of the month, you will be able to take friends and family along the Scarecrow trail. Judge the scarecrows for yourself and let me know what you think. Also, before the 19th Aug measure your sunflowers and send in a picture to brettenhamgardeningclub@gmail.com



Saturday 19th Aug. Gardening meeting. (to be held at the village Hall) 10.30am—1pm. The meeting is open to anyone and this will be held to award the best scarecrow and the tallest sunflower. We will also hope to celebrate our gardening successes. Please bring samples of what you have grown to the village hall. Tomatoes, cucumber, courgettes, sweet peas, roses. In fact, anything you have grown this year. We will display these for everyone to see. If you would like to stay a little longer please bring along a picnic and hopefully enjoy the sun. (more information later)! If anyone would like any further information about any of the events or would like to help in anyway please contact **Michelle Harvey**

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