



Huge response to plan quiz: results next week

Well over 90% of Brandeston residents responded to the parish plan questionnaire.

In all, 238 people gave their views on the way we should shape the future of the village.

Of the 116 questionnaires distributed 104 were returned, an example of the level of interest the village has shown in the project.

The survey purposely included not only adults but all young people over 10, since it is intended to discover what the village wants for the future.

The results have been analysed by Nick Hayward, who will present the results at the annual parish meeting next Wednesday, 14th May.

There is an embargo on the detail of the survey until then, but those present at the meeting will hear:

- What the young really think about the village
- What leisure opportunities

they most want to see here

- What the village thinks about more building and where we want it put
- The amazing pastime that tops our wish list
- The even more amazing new initiative we'd like at the hall
- What the police and local authorities are likely to think about it
- How healthy we think we are
- How many of us intend to move in the future
- What we feel about a village shop
- What we feel about this newsletter, and about the website
- Ideas for more picnic areas
- The importance of the countryside to the village
- What (or possibly who) is considered our most un-

popular nuisance

- Just how smug and complacent we Brandies really are

The meeting begins at 8 and is open to everybody. An early arrival is recommended, since late-comers may be relegated to standing outside with noses pressed to the window.

There will be refreshments afterwards, probably including wine. (There usually is.)

Those wishing to continue the debate afterwards will do so at the pub.

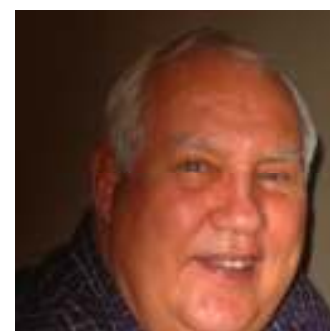
The next step will be for the village as a whole to review the ideas and decide on which of them to act.

There will be an informal open evening on Thursday 29th May, for residents to call in as and when they can and talk over the ideas and their preferences among ourselves.

Free refreshments will be available.

So what do you think?

Three Brandies have their say



Rick Reade: 'No more building'



Tim Randall: 'More support for small entrepreneurs'



Tiger Pike: 'No problems—an excellent questionnaire'

Peggy Hayward, 1917—2008

Peggy Hayward, a well-known and well-liked resident, has died after a debilitating illness, and has been buried in the village that she loved.

Peggy was born in London and worked at the Admiralty, with whom she was transferred to Bath at the beginning of the war. It was there that she met her husband Ken.

They travelled to Africa and Ceylon,



where Nick was born, then on to Hong Kong, Singapore and Malta.

They moved to Brandeston in 1969. Ken died in 1985 but, with a brief interlude elsewhere, she lived on here until her illness.

She will be missed by all those who knew her.

Fete is part of weekend's extravaganza of fun

This year's fete will be held in the grounds of the Queens Head, and is part of a bumper weekend-long festival of fun.

On the Friday evening, 20th June, there will be a celebration of the anniversary of Queen Victoria's ascension to the throne.

The fete begins on the Saturday afternoon at 2pm, and attractions will include books, cakes, tombola, a bottle stall, children's treasure hunt, carriage rides, welly throwing (though this sounds much more like the kind of thing Kettleburgh would do), perhaps music from Brandeston School, a whisky lottery, flowers, a band, games for children, plants and home-made produce, fashion accessories, ice creams and something messy which involves

throwing eggs.

There will also be a return of the successful 'rat down a drainpipe' competition. As before, it's worth pointing out that this is not to be confused with a rat up a drainpipe, which is quite different and could lead to unfortunate



Family evenings are proving a hit at the pub. They are held on the first Friday of each month

misunderstandings.

A new feature this year will be a photography competition, with details still under wraps.

Then and still at the pub, on the Sunday there will be another hog roast during the afternoon. Last time the event was sold out, so pork fanciers should book early. During lunchtime and the afternoon the Brandeston Pickles jazz band returns, at enormous expense to the management, to complete the weekend's fun-filled fiesta of frolics and foodie festivities.

Throughout the weekend there will also be a beer festival at the pub.

In all around 12 or 15 beers and ciders will be available, including a bitter-like cask conditioned lager from Hampshire and a cider from the West Country.

For more fete information, call Darryl Morgan: 685378.

New dates for your diary

- 14 May—Annual parish meeting
 - 29 May—Parish plan evening
 - 13 June—Cinema club: 'To Catch a Thief'
 - 21 June—Village fete
 - 4 July—Wine society
 - 11 July—Cinema club: 'Pride & Prejudice'
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- 26 May—Barbecue
 - 20-22 June—Beer festival
 - 20 June—Celebration of Queen Victoria's reign
 - 21 June—Village fete
 - 22 June—Hog roast & Brandeston Pickles jazz band.

Focus on: the Brandeston wine society



The Brandeston wine society was established so that oenophiles might taste and discuss in a measured and sophisticated sort of way the finest products of the grape. But Brandeston has always liked a party. Somebody suggested that small nibbles to accompany the wines might be in order, but the idea of cheese straws only lasted for one event. So last week more than 30 people ate chicken liver pate, cassoulet and tarte tatin—all of them prepared by Tim Owens—to accompany six French country wines.

Parish pump ... what's hot and what's not at the coffee morning and elsewhere

BT plans to remove the public telephone box opposite the Old Vicarage, because it's hardly used. Objections should be sent to Suffolk Coastal's planning department...

The rising cost of domestic oil has led to a reported spate of thefts from neighbouring villages, though none so far in Brandeston...

The Haywards have set up a 24 hour vigil over this season's brood of moorhens. They have six so far, though their established reputation in the feline

world of being a good hostelry or passing cats might yet lead to disaster...

Still on things ornithological, how is it that The Street already has its first house martins and the cuckoo, whereas Low Street is still waiting? It's known that Low Street residents tend to look on The Street as being the industrial end of the village, so the absence of summer visitors is causing quite a stir...

Pauline Locke is back from Utah again for a while. She says Utah has a lot more god and a lot less alcohol than Brandeston...

The Hutson girls have been saving primroses in Mutton Lane by replanting them out of the way of the sprayers...

Used nappies have been found discarded (presumably from a passing car) between the Potash and the school. Perhaps the culprits are the same mothers who also leave them in the bins in the children's playground...



Scott Bange looks forward to the next edition of the Brandeston, due in July