

the Brandeston

Barack Obama to attend fete?

Suffolk's best village fete is upon us again.

For weeks, a tightly knit and motivated group have met on licensed premises to discuss all kinds of innovative and wacky new ideas for this year's event.

As in the previous three successful years, the fete will be held in the grounds of the Queens Head. Once again it will be accompanied by a three-day beer festival, featuring 12 guest beers.

The barbecue will be provided by the kitchen team at the Queen.

The next day the Queen hosts the by-now traditional hog roast.

The fete will be opened this year by the father of mine host at the pub, Andrew, who has just raised £1,000 for charity through a skydive.

Meanwhile Andrew's lad, Alan, will be discussing fete wars with Kettleburgh on radio with Nick Pandolfi and

Mark Murphy.

But the success of the fete depends on the stalls, so planners are looking for donations of goods and chattels you could do without. That old Canaletto over the fireplace



Well-heeled fun-lovers enjoy last year's fete

that you've never really liked, perhaps, or the family silver.

Please send whatever you have to the appropriate name listed below:

Plants & produce - Clemency Cunliffe (685326)

Bric a brac and collectables - Trish and Peter Smythe (685135)

60/40 stall, where 60% of the proceeds goes to fete funds - Trish and Peter Smythe (685135)

Fashion accessories: men's, ladies' and children's - Donna Johnston (685074)

Bottles - John Garratt (685233) or Chris McArthur (01473 737553)

Tombola prizes - Hilary Whiting (685449)

Draw Prizes - Fred Muggleston (685661)

Books - Colin and Christine Matthews (685589)

Cakes—Ruth Garratt (685233)

Contributions may be delivered to the coffee morning on Thursday 16th June or on the morning of the fete to the Queens Head.

There is also a need for as much bunting as possible. We want it to look as colourful as possible. If you have any to lend, please call fete supremo Darryl Morgan (685378).

Church to make urgent cash plea after shock roof probe

The regular five year inspection of Brandeston's All Saints' church has revealed the need for priority work both inside and outside before the end of the year.

The work will cost £45,000 and so fund raising is under way for builders to start in the autumn.

At the moment the church has about half of what it needs, £23,000.

The proceeds from the fete are shared 50/50 between the village hall and the church, so last year's successful event netted the church £2,500.



All Saints church: doomed?

But clearly the success of this year's fete is particularly important.

Builders are due to renew walls, floors and stonework, re-order defective rainwater drainage, treat woodworm and repair joinery and the tower roof.

But if there are insufficient funds then only some key priority projects can be undertaken. Others, however important, will have to be put on the back burner until more money is raised.

Plans to improve drainage as Environment Agency vetoes neat idea to dump Brandies' sewage in Kettleburgh

A plan by water bosses to dump diluted sewage into the Deben has been refused.

For years a problem has arisen after heavy rainfall. Drains have proved unable to cope, and some Brandeston houses still divert surface water into the system. So on occasions it overflows into other properties.

The natural solution was instead to divert the sewage to Kettleburgh.

But in a shock move, the Environment Agency has refused Anglian Water permis-

sion to the dump sewage in the river there.

Instead, a trial will be carried out in Mutton Lane and Low Street. The plan is to clear ditches to ensure better flow of surface water, and to liaise with residents on making sure drainage systems are connected properly.

Anglian Water will shortly be writing to all Brandeston residents, to explain the plan and seek co-operation.

Any alterations to the drainage systems of relevant properties will be carried out free

of charge.

Anglian Water's Pete Holland explained the problem and its intended solution at the annual parish meeting earlier this month. He was keen to stress that it is intended as a collaborative project, and comments and views from Brandies will be welcome.

There has been a long-standing complaint by Low Street residents about sewage smells in Low Street, caused by drains overflowing.

'It didn't ought to be allowed,' claims Lucy Daykin (Mrs).

Brandeston goes French for high summer event

Just like Brandeston, every French village enjoys its summer festivities.

So this year we thought we'd have a French event as well.



M'sieur Daykin makes a most plausible French peasant

A lunch is planned outside the village hall in traditional French style.

Among other events after

lunch there will be dancing on the terrace and a petanque competition, in which Brandies can show off their silky wrist actions. (As well as playing petanque.)

The jour de fete will be on Sunday 21 August. Details as well as ticket prices will be in the next exciting edition.

Entries from poster competition will mark Brandies' special day

As part of the advertising for this year's fete, there is a competition intended to festoon the village with posters.

Brandies are invited to design and submit a poster. The style can be either conventional (there's no need to include the date and time as they will be overprinted later) or your artistic impressions of a fete.

Images must be size A4 and can be a painting, drawing or any other format.

There are three age groups for the competition: under 11; 12 to 18; and adult.

There will be a prize in each category and the best entries will be reproduced as advertising for the fete and put up in the Street.

Enter as many times as you like. Deadline is 12 June and completed entries can be sent to The Yews in the Street or left at the Queen's Head or the coffee morning.



There is no suggestion that the ladies will perform another can-can at the French event. It just provides a cheap excuse to show this picture again.

Dates for your diary

29 May—Broadhurst open garden, 2.30-5. Entry £3.

2 Jun—Film club: 'Mrs Henderson Presents'

18 Jun—Village fete, 2.30

26 Jun—Pétanque v Cretingham Bell

10 July—Charity walk & picnic at Dial Farm, Earl Soham, on behalf of Driving for the Disabled, £7.50. Info from Patience (685996)

21 Aug—French lunch & gûinette (Details later)

...and at the pub:

17-19 June—Beer festival

19 June—Hog roast at 3pm. Tickets at £12 should be bought before the event

First Family Friday is the first Friday of every month—a family evening with all main courses at only £5

If the devil were to cast his net now...



Brandies always love a party, and a suspiciously large group - Don't these people have any work to do? - went off on a knees-up to Felixstowe port, organized by TJ and Rosie. We counted them all out and we counted them all back...

A slightly cautious welcome for these new neighbours



The buzzard isn't common to this part of the world, but the pair who have been seen soaring high above the village for some weeks now seem to have taken to us, and have perhaps nested somewhere in the parish.

Ace buzzard spotter is Jane Mitchell, who has been tracking them for several weeks. Her lurcher Alfie isn't so keen. He hides when a buzzard shows up.

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

Lucy Daykin does a stint at Pampered Pets in Hacheston, which also acts as the local dog pound. The dogs have very few toys and those they have are in a poor state. So Lucy would be grateful for any unwanted dogs' toys to pass on. Cal her on 685438...

The new industrial dishwasher in the village hall is reckoned to save the lunch club an hour's work...

Nick Hayward's boat is launched, after he had spent three years building it. At the time of going to press, it's still afloat...



What is parish council chairman David Risk doing moonlighting as a traffic cop in the ritzy French

resort of St Tropez? The picture was taken by one of this organ's team of roving snappers, always alert for a celebrity scoop...

Shock news of Humphrey, the black rabbit of Brandeston! (See last amazing edition.) On one of his moonlight jaunts, Humphrey wasn't too choosy about his companions and contracted myxomatosis. But fortunately he is now on the mend...

Finally, no excuse is needed for this picture of the delightful Christina, who charmed custom-



ers at the Queen's Head until she left recently for the bright lights of London.