



PUB WALKS *with Darcy*

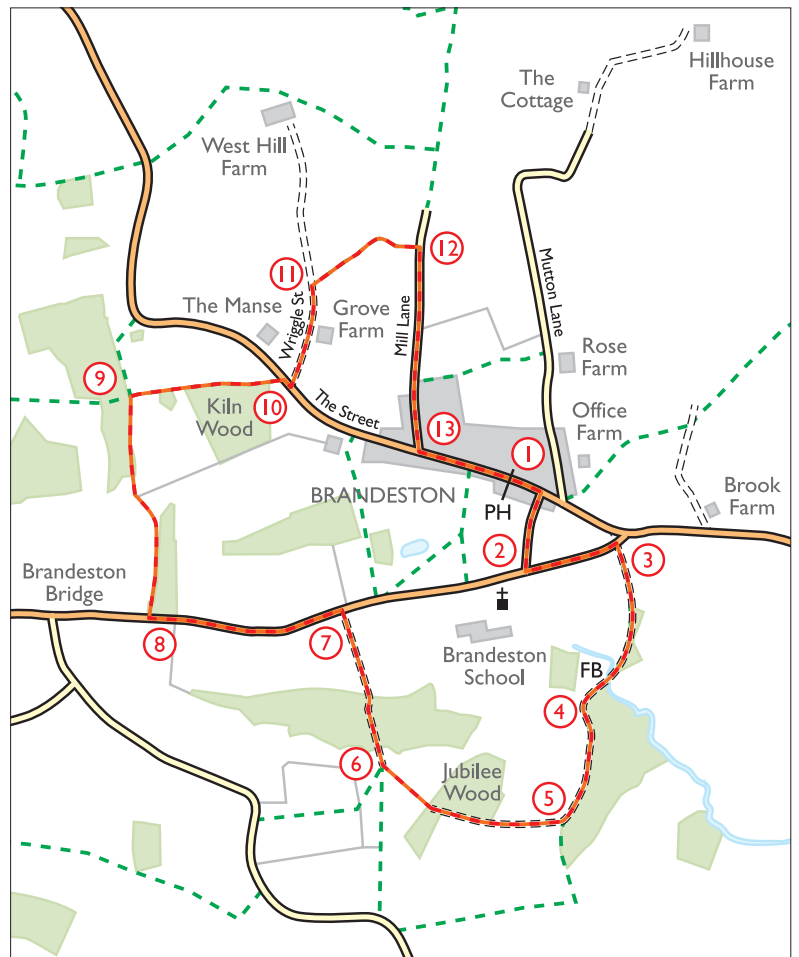
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This month Darcy takes a trip to Brandeston and the recently refurbished Brandeston Queen

I was quite surprised when we first headed out on this walk that my wife wasn't sure where Brandeston was; if you are the same I can tell it is a small beautiful village about a ten minute drive to the southwest of Framlingham. I have become familiar with it over the last five years as I always drop copies of our magazine at the lovely village pub, The Queen (formerly the Queens Head), however if business or pleasure doesn't bring you to this part of the county I can see how it can be missed and this perceived remoteness is part of its charm.

The village is home to Brandeston Hall prep school which is an impressive backdrop to the early part of the walk, as is the mediaeval All Saints church. Having skirted the rear of the school the walk takes you across (or in Darcy's case through) streams, it reveals vast open vistas and takes you beside the picturesque Cretingham golf club before a short stretch of road walking back to the Queen at the start. As a winter walk it's definitely one for wellies and boots as it can be wet in places but don't let that put you off. It is one of those walks that I honestly believe is enhanced by wilder weather and knowing you can sit by the open fire at The Queen at the end is surely the perfect way to round off a trip into this less travelled part of the county.



THE WALK

Distance: Approx. 3.5 miles

Time: Approx. 1 hour 15 minutes

Terrain: Varied. Paths, quiet country lanes, tracks, field edges, woodland. Some dog friendly stiles.

(Can be wet: Boots advised in winter)

Stops: The Queen

Ordinance Survey Map: Explorer 212

Start Point OS reference: 249 605

As always please keep your dog under close control and follow any advisory signs. For a printable version of this and previous walks go to: www.essentialsuffolk.com/dog-walks where you will also find more pictures of each walk route.

1. From the pub car park cross the road and walk down the road opposite.
2. At the junction turn left and walk along the road for approx. 275 yds until you reach a bridleway sign (BVV) on your right.
3. At the sign turn right and follow the track and cross the bridge.
4. Shortly after the bridge turn left at the footpath (FP) sign and keep to field edge.
5. Just before a gap in the hedge (and house beyond) turn right toward Jubilee Wood. Continue by the wood and then cross a two plank bridge. Cross the field heading for the metal gate.
6. Pass through the gate and cross the three bridges. Continue straight ahead, passing the Brandeston School fields on your right, until you meet the road. (If you are looking for a shorter walk – approx. 35 minutes – you can turn right here. After a short walk you will reach the church on your right and the junction from point 2 on your left).
7. To continue with the longer route turn left and walk down the road for approx. 500 yds until you meet a FP sign on your right (just before Brandeston Bridge).
8. Turn right and walk beside the river; cross the stile, follow the path through the meadow and then cross another stile.
9. Shortly after passing under a large fallen tree take the path to the right, cross the stile and continue straight ahead – up the slope – keeping Kiln Wood to your right. At the yellow marker pass through the metal gate and continue to the stile and road.
10. At the road turn right and then immediately left down a dead end road marked 'Riggle' Street. Approx. 100 yds after passing Grove Farm you will come to a BVV sign on your right.
11. Turn right at BVV sign and follow path until you reach the road.
12. At the road turn right and walk until you meet the junction.
13. Turn left and walk along the pavement for approx. 350 yds where you will then reach the pub on your left.



Welcome to The Queen at Brandeston, the home of country pub fine dining in the heart of Suffolk



The menu at The Queen is full of fresh and seasonal recipes that change to reflect the abundance of great produce on our door step with all of our ingredients sourced locally or grown in the garden.

As we are lucky enough to be surrounded by nearly two acres of previously untouched land this gives us the freedom to grow herbs and vegetables not typically seen in the area which gives our chef the scope to offer a bit more than the classics.

Our menu regularly changes and there are always daily specials so come in and check the board, you're sure to find something new to try.

Real fires, Family friendly
Wet boots and muddy paws always welcome!

OPENING TIMES

Monday:	8:00am – 11:00 pm
Tuesday:	CLOSED
Wednesday to Thursday:	8:00 am – 11:00 pm
Friday:	8:00 am – 11:30 pm
Saturday:	10:00 am – 11:30 pm
Sunday:	10:00 am – 10:00 pm

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