



# PUB WALKS with Darcy



This month we travel to Bromeswell just outside Woodbridge - the home of the award winning British Larder

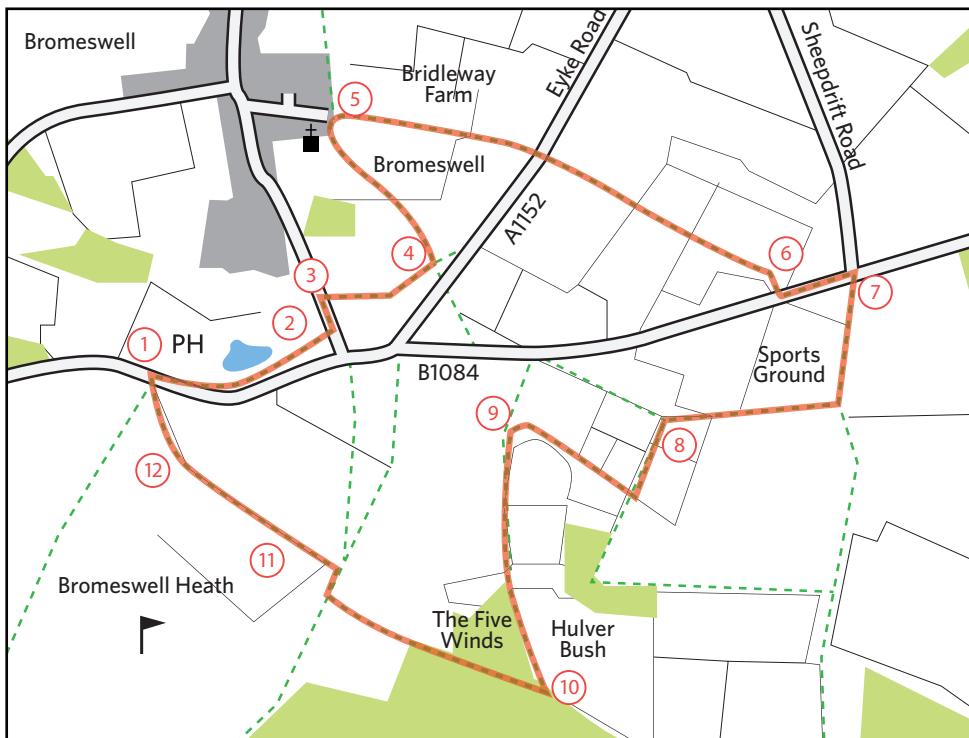
**R**unning a restaurant borders on being a vocation rather than just a livelihood with long days and nights tethered to both the kitchen and front of house. Spare time is rare and extremely valuable therefore I was keen to discover the 'doorstep delight' that enables Madeline Bonvini Hamel and Ross Pike of the British Larder to clear their heads and exercise their two adorable Springer Spaniels; Darcy and Hector.

Situated on the busy A1152 from Woodbridge at first glance this doesn't seem

natural dog walking country but within minutes of leaving the British Larder you encounter stretches of open countryside, tranquillity and pick a path past a series of secluded properties that would definitely get on my "when I win the lottery" list. The walk is varied taking in stretches of woodland, open heath, quiet back lanes and ultimately finishing on the open footpaths of the immaculate Woodbridge Golf Club before returning to the British Larder.

One potentially squelchy section at the

start of the walk, as the path approaches Bromeswell fishing lakes, dictates that sensible shoes/boots be worn however the majority of the walk is easy underfoot and will be navigable all year round. As we mapped the walk the long awaited spring was just, and still somewhat shyly, showing its face with trees and hedges coming into bud however whatever the season at just over an hour I am sure this is a walk that will always be a rewarding one – especially with such a final destination! ■



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# THE WALK

**Distance: Approx. 3 miles**

**Time: Approx. 1 hour 15 minutes**

**Terrain: Easy paths and tracks, short stretches of road walking.**

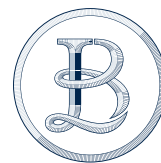
**Stops: The British Larder**

**Ordinance Survey Map: Explorer 212**

**Start point OS reference: 300 503**

*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.placesandfaces.co.uk/dog-walks](http://www.placesandfaces.co.uk/dog-walks)*

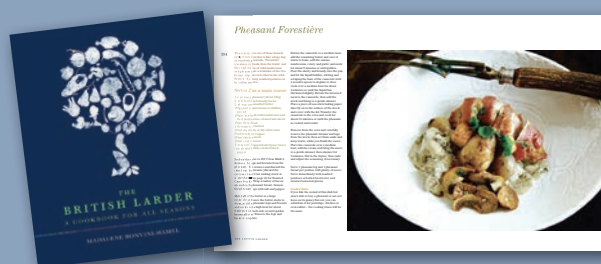
1. From the car park walk in front of the British Larder and take the footpath immediately on your left. Keep your dog on a lead in this section as the path runs beside the main road. Follow the path until point 2.
2. Turn left and walk along the road for 80 yds, passing Bromeswell Village Hall, until you reach a footpath sign on your right.
3. Take this footpath which rises and passes through some houses before emerging into an open area. At the open access land sign continue straight ahead.
4. After a short while the path reaches a junction. Turn left at the post (shown as a restricted byway).
5. Having come beside the church the path meets a track. Turn right and follow this track until it meets the Eyke Road (approx. 5 minutes). Cross straight over and follow the track opposite signposted to Swann's Nursery. After passing the nursery you will come to a plantation of Christmas trees on your left followed by a stretch of larger spruces as the track meets the main road with the Woodbridge Rugby Club opposite.
6. At the main road turn left and walk along the road for 125 yds.
7. Turn right and walk along the road for approx. 250 yds turn right at the restricted byway sign and head toward, then past, the Faith Baptist Church. Follow this path until you meet a junction.
8. At the junction turn left by a house called Brome Hill. Follow this track, which after approx. 150yds, turns to the right. Continue along the track until you reach a junction.
9. At this junction turn left and follow it straight ahead passing by paddocks and Five Winds Stud Farm. Continue straight ahead following the small footpath signs on the fences until you reach a bridlemway sign entering Woodbridge Golf Club.
10. Turn right into the golf club. The bridlemway is clearly visible and runs to the right of the fairway. After a short while the bridlemway passes to the right of a putting green and crosses two fairways. On the first hole golfers will be coming from the left, and on the second from the top of the hill on the right always check before crossing.
11. Having crossed both fairways the bridlemway passes into an area of trees continue straight ahead, passing through an opening and then after approx. 120 yds you will see a single story white building on your right.
12. Turn right taking the track toward the building, you will again cross over two fairways, where play will first come from the tee on your right and then from a raised tee on your left – again check before crossing. This track leads directly to the main road and the start of the route with the British Larder directly opposite.



## THE BRITISH LARDER *Suffolk*

### Fresh, seasonal and local.

The British Larder Suffolk are committed to using locally-sourced ingredients, working closely with farmers, suppliers and producers from in and around the Suffolk region. The inspiring and creative menu changes every single day to celebrate the best of fresh, seasonal British food.



The British Larder's own Madalene Bonvini-Hamel, who's talent was nurtured in professional kitchens including those of Gordon Ramsey and Michel Roux Jr has already won countless awards for her first book; THE BRITISH LARDER – a Cookbook for all Seasons. Signed copies are available from the British Larder for £25 so that you can enjoy Madalene's own sumptuous photographs of food you too can recreate at home, season by season.

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