

# Debenham

## Village Guide



Debenham Village Association

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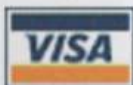
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## Foreword

The Committee of the Debenham Village Association 2000 has pleasure in presenting this guidebook. The local information is up to date as far as possible but, because of the time difference in compiling the information and going to print, some changes may have occurred. Great care has been taken to ensure accuracy. If any details are not correct please notify any committee member so that records can be altered for future publications and on the Debenham web site, where this guidebook will be kept updated.

We take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has supported the publication of the guidebook.

The Debenham Village Association is non-party political and non-sectarian. It is not the first time such an association has been established. The original was formed in 1982 as a result of several organisations becoming concerned over the redesign for the Kenton Road Bridge and the unsympathetic views towards the environment by the appropriate agencies.

Recently, the village has been under threat again from organisations wishing to develop sites within the village, totally against the views of the parishioners. Due to such a large section of the village being against the proposed development of Sackville Street and the threat of a large mobile phone mast in the village centre, it was felt that there was a role for the relaunching of the Village Association. The campaign to site masts in a sensible location was successful, and the Association is closely involved in launching and managing the Learning/Library Resource Centre at the former Barclays Bank.

The Committee holds three public meetings a year and everyone is welcome. Any matters concerning the village can be presented and the appropriate bodies are then contacted to urge any improvements that may be an advantage to the people of Debenham. The Association encourages a financial membership, which lasts for the year and helps support the Association for items such as hall hire and stationery. Details of how to become a member can be found on page 19. Anyone may also apply to become a member of the committee.

It is hoped that you will find this guidebook helpful and also of interest.

Debenham Village Association 2000  
September 2002

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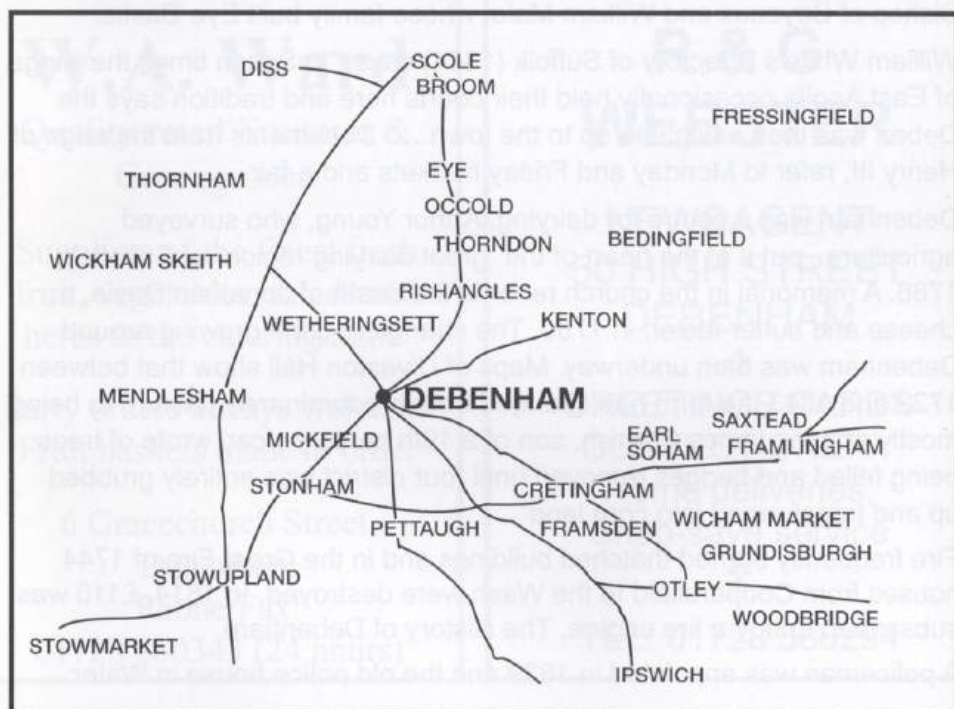
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## The History of Debenham

Debenham is close to the source of the River Deben and appears to derive its name from Old English words meaning the village in a deep valley.

There is evidence of early settlement in the area with Roman and many other pre-Conquest coins found in and around Debenham. According to Dr Sam Newton, historian of the Anglo Saxon kingdom of East Anglia, Debenham was on the most important route of their realm. Kings included Rædwald who died around 625 and is thought to have been buried at Sutton Hoo.

Blood Field, to the west of the Eye road beyond the speed restriction, is by tradition the site of a great battle. It has been speculatively associated with a battle with the Danes about 870 after which King, later Saint, Edmund was killed.

Debenham is mentioned in the Domesday book of 1086 and seems to have had two churches, the present St Mary's and St Andrew's. Among those with property rights in the area were King William, his brother Odo Bishop of Bayeaux and William Malet whose family built Eye Castle.

William White's Directory of Suffolk (1844) says, "In Saxon times the Kings of East Anglia occasionally held their courts here and tradition says the Deben was then navigable up to the town...." Documents from the reign of Henry III, refer to Monday and Friday markets and a fair.

Debenham was a centre for dairying. Arthur Young, who surveyed agriculture, put it at the heart of the "great dairying region" of Suffolk in 1786. A memorial in the church records the death of Jonathan Davie, a cheese and butter factor, in 1750. The change to grain growing around Debenham was then underway. Maps of Ulveston Hall show that between 1723 and 1843 the farm had changed from predominantly pasture to being mostly arable. James Cornish, son of a 19th century vicar, wrote of trees being felled and hedges removed until "our district was entirely grubbed up and transformed into corn land".

Fire frequently burned thatched buildings and in the Great Fire of 1744 houses from Coopersfield to the Wash were destroyed. In 1814, £110 was subscribed to buy a fire engine. The History of Debenham

A policeman was appointed in 1839 and the old police house in Water

Lane, which still has its cells, is said to be one of the earliest purpose-built police stations in the country

A family business is still serving the village after nearly three centuries. The enterprise Timothy Abbott set up in 1707, continues with the hardware store. Another family business is Bloomfield and Sons, agricultural engineers, founded in 1912 by Malcolm Bloomfield.

The Sir Robert Hitcham endowed school was established in 1668 in the converted Market Cross and in 1835 a National School was opened and still flourishes as Sir Robert Hitcham's primary school. The 20<sup>th</sup> century saw the building of the high school, the community and leisure centre and the youth centre.

In 1970 the centre of Debenham was declared a conservation area and in 1975 the village, described as "unspoiled without being a showcase" was chosen to represent East Anglia in a festival of villages.

**Further reading on the history of Debenham:** *A Short History of Debenham*, Samuel Dove's *Debenham*, and James Cornish's *Debenham*.

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## The Parish and its Council

The parish consists of 3,271 acres in the administrative area of Mid-Suffolk District Council and is one of the five parishes which comprise Thredling Hundred. An extensive plateau of 200 feet is penetrated in the Debenham area by the shallow valleys of four streams which unite to form the River Deben which meets the sea at Felixstowe. The soil, apart from near the streams, is a heavy moisture retaining clay overlying chalk.

The population in 1801 was 1,215 and 100 years later, in 1901, had reduced to 1,182. The population in 1999 was estimated to be about 2,252 in around 850 households. There are 1,519 people on the electoral roll but this excludes people under 18.

The Debenham Parish Council meets every third Thursday of the month (except during August) at 7.30pm in Dove Cottage next to the Church in the High Street. The public may attend these meetings and may ask questions during the public session.

There is also an Annual Parish Meeting when the public are allowed to participate. Elections are held every four years, the most recent being 1999. Any householder may put him/herself up for election at that time.

The present Council consists of the Chairman, Mr M. Fox; Vice Chairman, Mr P. Barker; Mr E. Alcock, Mr G. Baxter, Mrs A. Dixon, Mrs L. Hammond, Mrs H. Huish, Mr E. Read and Mrs F. Winrow-Giffin. The Clerk of the Council is Mrs Lynne Cockerton of 23 High Street, Debenham, tel: 01728 860140. Letters from members of the public should be addressed to the Clerk of the Council.

The Parish Council is allowed by law to provide public conveniences and can prosecute noise makers or litter bugs. It maintains the allotments and St Mary's Churchyard and clock, the cemetery and the play areas. It has the right to be notified of any planning application affecting the area and to make comments to the planning authority. It assists Suffolk County Council in the maintenance of public footpaths and bridleways and undertakes the maintenance and provision of street lighting.



The Parish Council reviews and sets a budget annually which is levied through the District Council. The intermediate council between the Parish and County Councils is the Mid-Suffolk District Council which has offices in the High Street at Needham Market; tel: 01449 720711. The District Councillor for Debenham is Mr David Sadler-Bridge, 3 High Street, Debenham; tel: 01728 860493.

The County Councillor for Thredling, which includes Debenham, is Mrs Helen Whitworth, 2 Deben Rise, Debenham, tel: 01728 861520.

The Member of Parliament for our area, Central Suffolk & North Ipswich is: Sir Michael Lord MP, The House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA. For surgeries contact Conservative office listed on page 18

## Debenham Village Appraisal

Formed in September 1999, the Debenham Community Appraisal Group conducted a survey of the people of Debenham, assisted by Suffolk ACRE, a charitable organisation, and funded through the Five Market Towns Single Regeneration Budget Community Chest Fund. The objective was to produce a report that would have a number of uses including:

- Highlighting information that may be useful for future development within the community's boundaries.
- Identifying projects that can be taken forward by other groups or organisations such as the Parish Council, the Village Association and other voluntary groups.
- A source of documentary evidence of views and opinions covering a number of subjects of relevance to our community.
- Providing a snapshot of the community for future reference.

730 questionnaires were issued in March 2001 and 545 received back — a return rate of over 74%. The report, together with a data disk, was distributed to all households in Debenham in December 2001. Further copies are available from the Chairman, Ron Walters (tel: 01728 860725), and it is also available on the Debenham website [www.debenham.co.uk](http://www.debenham.co.uk).

Further appraisals have been conducted within the business community and young people. The results of all three have been used as part of the Market Towns Initiative's Community Healthcheck to identify projects and seek funding.

## The Buildings of Note

The Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene was described by Pevsner as having "the best piece of Saxon work in Suffolk." The timber frame inside the tower is believed to be 12<sup>th</sup> Century, the North window of the chancel 13<sup>th</sup> Century, the Nave and Aisles are 15<sup>th</sup> Century.

In 1761, during the reign of George III, the four old bells with chimes were replaced by a musical peal of eight bells, which are believed to be the best octave in Suffolk. The bell ringers practise every Tuesday evening. The Church did support a steeple, but it was destroyed by lightning in 1767.

Over the years, groups of vernacular architects and local historians have studied the buildings of the village and the notes on the buildings listed are taken from their findings.

- No 56 High Street: the oldest house in the village, Date uncertain but some sources suggest possibly 1190-1250, others 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Originally raised aisle hall built on the foundations of an earlier building (possibly the Domesday Church of St Andrew).
- Nos 31 to 37 High Street: 16<sup>th</sup> Century, formerly the town hall.
- No 27 High Street: 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century, formerly The Buck, a coaching inn, with a Tudor standing from which to watch entertainment in the courtyard.
- Nos 21 to 25 High Street: 15<sup>th</sup> Century. No 25 was prior to 1650 The Green Dragon Inn and the parlour of No 23 in 1749 was a non-conformist chapel.
- No 8 High Street, and No 6, Nightingales florist: 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Century. Carved 15<sup>th</sup> Century dragon post protruding from the corner of the old Red Lion which in 1463 was described as le Yeylynhow (the house where ale was brewed).
- No 14 High Street, the pink house to the left of the post office: 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Century. In 1463-4 described as the new hall of the Gild of the Holy Trinity. It has an early 19<sup>th</sup> Century shop front.
- Market Cross, located at the junction of Gracechurch Street and High Street: 1688, reputedly on the site of an Anglo-Saxon cross.
- Bleak House and Nos 1 to 3 Gracechurch Street: 16<sup>th</sup> Century. The porch of No 1 is dated 1638.

- 24 Gracechurch Street: The Merchants House, a late 14<sup>th</sup> Century hall house. Built over the foundations of an earlier building (possibly the church of St Mary of Grace).
- No 28 High Street: 18<sup>th</sup> Century with intact shop front.
- Nos 36 to 38 High Street: 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Century.
- No 66 High Street: 15<sup>th</sup> Century.
- No 3 High Street: 15<sup>th</sup> Century, is believed to be the earliest example of a Wealden House in Suffolk.

There are numerous buildings to be found in the High Street, Low Road and Gracechurch Street, which date from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century onwards.

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34 Gracechurch Street, Debenham.

01728 860265

**The Church wardens** Mr Peter Holme

01728 860865

Mrs Daphne Wells

01728 860419

**Services** Sundays 9.30am Holy Communion.

### ST MARY OF GRACE

ASPALL

**The Vicar** Rev Graham Noble (see above for contact details)

**The Church wardens**

Mr John Chevalier Guild 01728 860492

Mrs Grace Allen 01728 860476

**Services** Sundays

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Communion Service 8am.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – 11.15am

### DEBENHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

**Secretary**

Mr George Read

01379 870927

Sundays

10.45am

**Ladies Fellowship** meets fortnightly Thursdays 2.15pm

### ALL SAINTS

KENTON

**The Vicar** Rev Graham Noble (see above for contact details)

**The Church warden** Mr Bill Barrett

01728 860429

**Services** Sundays 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11.15am

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – Communion Service 8am

### RISHANGLES BAPTIST CHURCH

01379 678077

**Sunday services** 10.45am. and 6.30pm

**Junior church** 10.45am

**Under 5's club** Thursday 9.45am

**Prayers & Bible Study** 7.30pm

**Friday night youth club** – Junior 6pm

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Email: [office@debenhamhighschool.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@debenhamhighschool.suffolk.sch.uk).

Founded in 1964, the modern buildings have specialist accommodation for the teaching of music, science, technology and computer studies. In addition, the school has the benefit of the nearby Debenham Leisure Centre, with its excellent sporting facilities.

It is a Church of England comprehensive school for pupils of all abilities from the age of 11 – 16: currently about 450 pupils. There is a good staff-pupil ratio and the excellent staff-pupil relationships give rise to good discipline and outstanding academic results. For sixth form pupils the school works in partnership with Hartismere High School, Eye.  
Further information on <http://www.debenhamhighschool.suffolk.sch.uk>

**Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP School**, School Corner, Debenham,  
Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 6PL tel: 01728 860201  
Email: [admin@sirroberthitcham.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sirroberthitcham.suffolk.sch.uk)

Debenham's Primary School has about 200 pupils, including the part-time Nursery Unit, and has the Roundabout Pre-school in the grounds. Although Church of England Voluntary Aided, it also acts as a community school for the area. Sir Robert Hitcham School was founded in 1668 and has been on its present site since 1870. In 1994, the school was extended and re-modelled to provide an environment more in keeping with today's educational standards and in 1999 a Nursery Unit was added. The School has a good academic record and offers plenty of extra-curricular activities, particularly in music and sport. Further information on [www.sirroberthitcham.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.sirroberthitcham.suffolk.sch.uk)

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The Woodland Trust was the main grant provider for establishing 200 new woods across the country, of which ours was one, to celebrate the new Millennium. The shortfall in finance for this project was met by donations from the people of the village and profits made from the Debenham Street Fayre.

The name *Hoggs Kiss Wood* came about by asking everyone in the village for their ideas; this was the most popular and certainly most different. Beneath this area are the archaeological remains of the old Priory. Hoggs Kiss was an old name for Priory Lane, which leads up to the wood.

There are approximately 4,000 trees, many of them planted by families, individuals and the village schools. The various types of trees planted include Oak, Ash, Lime, Hornbeam, Field Maple, Hazel and Hawthorn. There is also a wild flower meadow with wheelchair access at the lower end of the woodland.

## Children's Play area

The Play Area sub-committee of the Parish Council was formed to secure funding and support for the Aspall Road Play Area. The project was completed in December 2000 and provides a variety of new equipment, while enhancing and retaining the enjoyment of the existing slide. The boundary of Cherry Laurel bushes was felt to be more in keeping than wooden fencing. This area is now being used by younger children as was hoped.

Funding also allowed the provision of six parking bays which could also be used by walkers who wish to use the numerous footpaths outlined in the newly printed Tourist Board leaflet *Exploring Debenham*.



## Community Organisations

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from 6 - 7.15pm.

Brown Owl Pam Rutherford 01728 860658

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Andy Wilson (Leader) 01728 860759

DEBENHAM LEISURE CENTRE – encouraging a fun and healthy lifestyle with various social events, see advert on page 21.

For a full Debenham Leisure Centre Directory,

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- DEBENHAM VILLAGE ASSOCIATION 2000, see also page 3.  
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 Membership David Nichols 72, High Street, Debenham  
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- DRAMA – Debenham Players Drama Group encourages interest in all aspects of the theatre. Meets at the Community Centre every Wednesday at 7.30pm; newcomers always welcome.  
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- HISTORY – The Debenham History Society.  
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- LABOUR PARTY – Office 01473 255131
- LIBERAL DEMOCRATS  
 Helen Whitworth 01728 861520
- MOTHERS UNION – Upholds the teaching of Christ as the sphere of family life. Meets at Dove cottage at 2 pm on the last Thursday of each month. Enrolling member Mrs Kay Holifield,  
 41 Gracechurch Street, Debenham. 01728 860517
- NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR  
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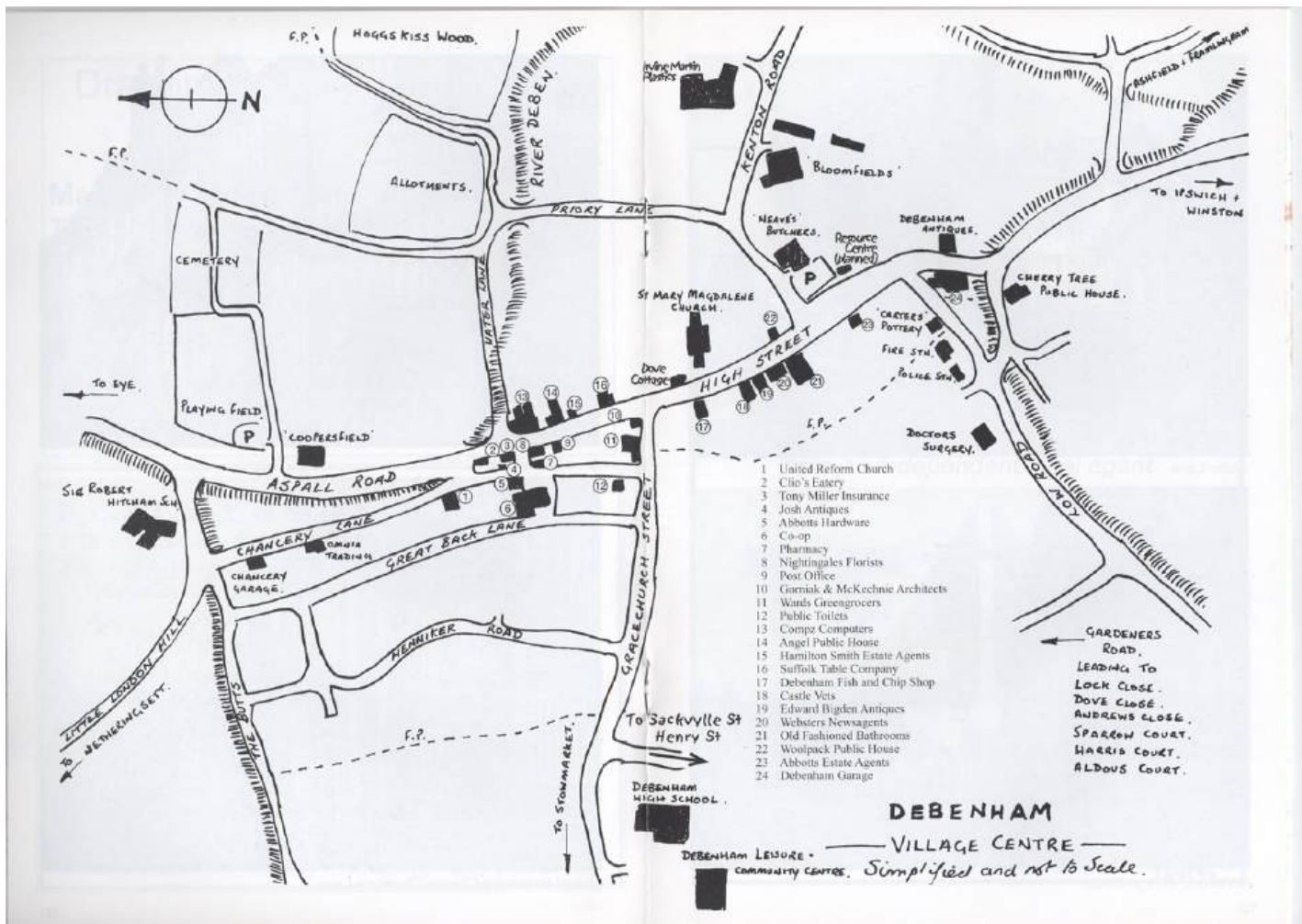


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| Bury St.Edmunds | Wed/Saturday     | None          |
| Eye             | Monday           | Tuesday       |
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