

Denham Denham is a small village whose population has only ever risen above 300 in the middle of the 19th century. The church of St John the Baptist is now isolated from the rest of the village and the present settlement may have grown up around Denham Hall.



The church is kept locked, although keyholder details are listed. It was built around 1280 and the closing ring on the door is of this date. Inside is a remarkable 13th century stone effigy of a recumbent woman (probably a member of the

Bedingfield family) with angels supporting her head. Hanging high above the chancel is a fine Charles I coat of arms dated 1637. The church was much restored in the 1870s and the churchyard has been designated a County Wildlife Site because it contains many wild flowers.

During World War 2 there was an airfield in neighbouring Horham parish. American servicemen had their living quarters and hospital in Denham village.



Red Feather Club

Horham Airfield, which is situated between Stradbroke and Eye, was known as Station 119. The Airfield was home to the 95th Bomb Group from June 1943 to August 1945.

They flew 321 combat missions, losing 617 men killed in action. The Red Feather Club was the officers' club. Part of this is preserved, including some murals painted during the War.

The Red Feather Club is open the last Sunday of each month in the summer and there are exhibitions of war-time flying in the area.

More information, including opening times can be found at www.95thbg-horham.com

Hospital Museum

The buildings are being restored to their former condition to reflect the hectic hospital atmosphere during the Second World War. The museum is a memorial to the men and women who served with the 95th Bombardment Group and to those who gave their lives in service.



The museum is open all year by appointment and usually when the Red Feather Club Museum is open. For more information phone 01379 870514 or visit the website www.95thbghospitalmuseum.co.uk

Village Hall

The Village Hall was the old jailhouse for Horham Airfield and now the car park is a convenient place to start local walks.

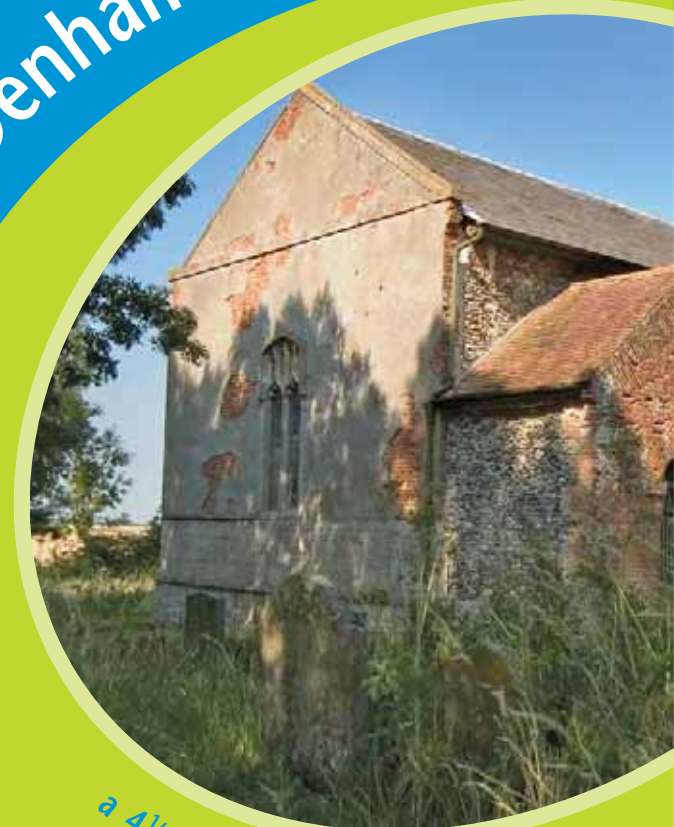


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Denham circular walk



a 4 1/2 mile walk around the village



Denham circular walk A 4½ mile (7 km) circular walk on footpaths and country roads in Denham parish. The walking is mostly level, there are no stiles to cross but some of the cross-field paths can be muddy after wet weather.

From the Village Hall car park **1** turn L along road for 400 metres. At T-junction continue ahead down driveway with hedge to L and cross sleeper bridge to enter large field. Continue in same direction towards thatched cottage on hillside opposite.

A Near road head for R edge of hedge and cross sleeper bridge and road. Go over second sleeper bridge and cross field to L-hand edge of hedge in 100 metres. Enter second field over sleeper bridge by waymark post and head diagonally across field to far corner. Cross footbridge over stream onto minor road.

- 1** START Village Hall
- 2** Red Feathers Club Museum
- 3** 95th Bombardment Group Hospital Museum
- 4** extension to Denham Church
- 5** Denham Church

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B Turn L and follow road for 300 metres then turn R onto footpath. Follow L-hand edge of field for 70 metres then turn R at waymark post and cross field. At hedge turn L for 60 metres, turn R over footbridge and head across field into shallow valley. Cross ditch and follow field edge path uphill.

C At top cross hedge and sleeper bridge and continue ahead for 30 metres. Turn L into field and cross diagonally between oak trees. At track turn R – it soon becomes a metalled road – and continue for 1,100 metres. Just after red post box take lane on R-hand side and follow to Eye Road.

D Turn R along road – BUSY ROAD – use verges where possible. After 600 metres turn L onto minor road at sharp bend. At Hospital Museum **3** turn R over footbridge and cross field on line of telegraph poles. At hedge turn L for 60 metres then turn R over sleeper bridge and continue ahead with hedge on L-hand side.

E At field corner cross sleeper bridge and continue ahead on line of telegraph poles. Near village take the gravel track slightly to L between houses. At road turn R and in 700 metres arrive back at Village Hall.

