



## MILDEN HALL

Milden Hall in Suffolk lies just south of beautiful Lavenham. I recently viewed this property by a tour arranged by Historic Houses. Research further history has been difficult as Google keeps sending me to Mildenhall Suffolk near Lakenheath.

In the Domesday book it is written as Mellinga, and the John Speed map 1610 as Mildinga, but in the 12thC the Meldyngge family built a mot and bailey castle to protect themselves during the war between King Stephen and Queen Matilda. Only a mound survives today.

The rich Spring family of Lavenham once owned this Tudor house and large range of farm barns etc.

Moat Farm also in Milden village, was until 2017, the home of the Hawker Restoration company. They were dedicated to restoring WW2 Hawker Hurricanes.

A later rich family, decided to add a Georgian front to the building and a sweeping in and out drive, so that visitors didn't see the working farm.

The church isn't marked on the Ordnance Survey map .It is dedicated to St.Peter.

The current owners,Christopher and Juliet Hawkins are now 7<sup>th</sup> generations,being tenants firstly ,then owners in early 1900s.Both their families have had prior connections to the property but it was around 2015 they decided that agriculture alone was not paying the bills so they converted the beautiful barns to accommodation to hold Tudor themed banquets ,parties ,even weddings.

Well worth a visit.