

THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

Events in Southern Africa and other parts of the world, and the impact of the global financial debacle on employment and even on retail institutions like Woolworth's make the likelihood of a "Happy New Year" seem slim for many people.

Yet, looking back to 2008 and forward to 2009, we have much to give thanks for and much to look forward to. Writing in the Parish Magazine of the Benefice of Campsea Ashe, Marlesford, Hacheston and Parham this month, Harry Edwards quotes the well known hymn:

“Lead us heav’nly Father, lead us
O’er the world’s tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing ev’ry blessing
If our God our Father be.”

It is a good hymn to take with us into 2009, when, despite “the world’s tempestuous sea” on which we are voyaging, we will and do possess every blessing “if our God our Father be.”

Harry is encouraging us all to begin to work more collaboratively together across the seven parishes of the “Greater Benefice”. With this in mind we shall be exploring ways of harmonising services across the benefice. We shall try to provide, for example, at least one 8.00am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service in one of the seven churches every Sunday, and we hope to have a united “Greater Benefice” Service, along the lines of the one that took place for the first time on 30 November in Parham Church, as a regular event. It was an immensely encouraging service, a truly joyful way of celebrating Advent Sunday. The Church was full; both the choir and the bell ringers included representatives from all seven parishes; and the Rector’s punch after the service was the icing on the cake! As Harry says, “It was a vision of things yet to come. I am sure that worshipping together on a regular basis is the way a new benefice is born.”

We shall have to see, in the coming year, how we can make such a “drawing together” work, so that we become more aware of being members of a wider Christian family without losing our sense of neighbourliness amongst the immediate communities in which we live.

I hope 2009 will bring each of you great joy.

Robin Alderson

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DIARY FOR JANUARY 2009

Thursday 1 st	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> at Village Hall
Friday 2 nd	7 for 7.30pm	<u>Whist Drive & Refreshments</u> at Brandeston Village Hall. If you enjoy card-playing and would like to come along then please call either Pam or Rick Reade on Brandeston 685920
Friday 2 nd	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 9 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> “La Gloire de mon Pere” at Brandeston Village Hall
Monday 19 th	7.30 pm	<u>Monday Mardle “Little Bits of Suffolk”</u> Easton Village Hall
Wednesday 21 st	8.00pm	<u>Brandeston Parish Council Meeting</u> – all residents welcome
Friday 30 th	7 for 7.30pm	<u>Whist Drive & Refreshments</u> at Brandeston Village Hall.

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

Here is the programme for the first 3 months of 2009. The film club is always held on the second Friday of the month in the village hall. New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free.

9th January – La Gloire de mon Pere – an enchanting film of a young boy’s first summer holiday in a cottage in the wilds of Provence. Beautifully filmed, with subtitles but don’t be put off as it is a film not to be missed.

12th February – Atonement – Based on a British novel by Ian McEwan - an acclaimed film starring Keira Knightly, James McAvoy, Harriet Walker and Saoirse Ronan.

13th March – Ray – depicts the life of the legendary singer Ray Charles starring James Fox, Kerry Washington and Regina King.

Sue Thurlow

ADVANCED NOTICES

5 th February	7.30pm	Cinderella at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
6 th February	7.30pm	
7 th February	2.30 & 7.30	
20 th February	7.30pm	Quiz at Kettleburgh Village Hall in aid of Kettleburgh Green Trust – see below.
28 th February	7.30pm	French Evening at Brandeston Village Hall. Food and entertainment – more details next month.

KETTLEBURGH PANTOMIME

Our very own production of Cinderella can be seen in Kettleburgh Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 5th, 6th, 7th of February at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm.

Come along and see your friends and neighbours as you've never seen them before - singing, dancing, and the back end of a horse!

Tickets are now on sale at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children under 12.

Ring the Box Office on 723623

Do it now - you won't regret it!

Liz Marzetti

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 20th February 2009 at Kettleburgh Village Hall

Teams of 4 – limited tickets available

Doors open at 7pm – prompt start at 7.30pm

There will be a limit of 4 tickets per household until 9th January, when tickets will be available on a first come first served basis.

£7 per person including hot meal

Call Mark on 724664 or Julie on 720120 to book tickets.

In aid of Kettleburgh Green Trust.

Jo and Mark Gilbert

PAST EVENTS

RUBY AND HER HORSES

Presented by the Bumpstead Boys - 22 November 2008

A large and appreciative audience at Brandeston Village Hall saw history brought to life as Neil Lanham recounted stories from the life of his mother Ruby. She was a remarkably strong and resourceful lady, who experienced the hardship of a difficult life in the agricultural depression, and yet rose above all these troubles, her spirit undimmed. Her life story was illustrated with excellent photographs on the screen, and interspersed with appropriate songs from Andrew Stannard in his own unique Suffolk style, which added much to our enjoyment.

There was plenty of humour too, which nicely balanced the more poignant incidents, such as the commandeering of horses for service in World War 1.

It all added up to a great evening's entertainment and almost £400 was raised for village hall funds.

Thank you, Neil and Andrew!

Mary

Moore

CAROL SINGING IN KETTLEBURGH

Thank you to all who took part or supported the singing of carols around the village on a cold and misty night. The sum of £135.27 was raised for The Children's Society. Thanks too to Debbie for providing welcome refreshments at the Chequers. *Jackie Clark*

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Results for December were:-

- 1st - Nick Hayward
- 2nd – Sue Etheridge
- 3rd – Rick and Pam Reade
- 4th – Marian Hutson

The January draw will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 1st January (New Year's Day!)

Mark Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Winners on 5th December were:

- 1st prize John Powell
- 2nd prize Derek Hill

Gwenda Weeks

LETTER OF THANKS

A letter of thanks has been received from Ormiston Childrens Centre in Ipswich. Thanks to the Kettleburgh parishioners for toys donated at the gift service. They are very much appreciated for distribution to needy families.

NOTICES

TWELFTH NIGHT

When throwing out the Christmas decorations, could you please save any unwanted wreath bases or flower baskets. Nancy Demetriadi and Alison Molyneux would be very glad of them for next years Bazaar.

A new wreath base costs upwards of £5.00!

Thank you.

Nancy Demetriadi

SAVE YOUR STAMPS!

Please save your stamps from all your Christmas post, as they can be used to raise funds for St Elizabeth Hospice. Stamps can be delivered to Pat Bishop, at "Good Years", Kettleburgh (the old post office), or brought to the Kettleburgh Coffee Mornings on the first Friday of each month.

Pat Bishop

CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR MAGAZINE?

I am looking for help in producing our monthly magazine. If you have a little spare time, would you be prepared to help with either of the following roles?

- taking on some of the typing - either cover for when I have other commitments (occasional), or sharing the job on a rota
- liaison/coordinator, organising magazine covers and articles from each village on main events

If you can help, please give me a call on 01728 724777 (after 6.30pm Mon-Thur or anytime Fri-Sun). Thank you.

Val Butcher

VILLAGE WEBSITES

For up-to-date information about your village, visit these websites:

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15th of each month to: Mrs Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Road, Kettleburgh, or e-mail valerie.butcher@talk21.com, tel: 724777.

Covers are always welcome too!

TIMES PAST

Now that Red House Farm, Kettleburgh where Geoffrey Goddard lived, is for sale, it is intriguing to look at some of the families who resided there. The earliest one discovered was the Aldrich family.

In 1830 Elijah Aldrich, a widower, married Elizabeth Wroots, a widow at St Andrew's Church, Kettleburgh; they dwelt at the farm. The Framlingham Weekly News of July 2nd 1877, under the headline 'SUCCESSFUL CAREER OF A KETTLEBURGH BOY' quoted an article taken from a newspaper published in Bloomington, Illinois, USA of June 26th 1877.

It stated that members of the Aldrich family had joined the party from Kettleburgh who emigrated to Canada in 1830. Subsequently, one of the children, O.W. Aldrich settled in Bloomington, having in 1863, enlisted for two years in the New York Regiment of the Union Army during the Civil War.

Afterwards he became a preacher. He graduated as a B.A. in 1869 and in 1872 became an M.A., obtaining a Ph. Doctorate in 1875. In 1876 Dr O.W. Aldrich was elected to the Chair of Contracts in the Law Department of the Wesleyan University. In 1877 he was appointed to the Chair of Philosophy and German.

The paper went on to say:- 'He is a remarkable linguist, being proficient on Greek, Latin, Hebrew, German and French, all of which he has acquired to a great degree by self teaching. He is a modest student whose ability and character entitle him to the greatest admiration and who will be an honour to the vigorous institution of whose faculty he is to become a member.'

In 1912 the property was bought by Ernest Walter Brown who rebuilt the farmhouse and renamed it the East Suffolk Game Farm. He began pheasant breeding but during the 1914 - 1918 war, was restricted to only 5% food for birds. Consequently he had only 20 pheasants left when the war ended. It took time to build up his business again.

Some people may recall the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition picture of 1936, 'Homage to A.P. Herbert' by W.O. Hutchinson (1889 - 1970), a scene at The Crown in Framlingham. Ernest Brown was among those portrayed by the artist, who later included the Queen, Prince Philip and the Queen Mother among his sitters. A copy of the picture, presented by Ernest Brown, hangs in the Framlingham Conservative Club.

More people will remember Cecil and Ruby Randall who lived at Redhouse Farm from 1937 until 1990. Cecil came from a Charsfield farming family. His wife was a Framlingham girl, educated at Mills Grammar School and then Ipswich Art School. Both of them are buried at Brandeston.

Eventually we look forward to welcoming another family to the property.

WMW