

THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

“Thank you”.

I’ve found myself wanting to say thank you at various moments and to various people during the last month or so.

I’ve wanted to say thank you to everyone who made our Harvest Festivals such memorable events earlier this month, and to all those people whose donations will provide positive improvements to the lives of people in the third World; and thank you, too, for the wonderful Harvest Lunches and Suppers which so many of us enjoyed. Thank you, also, to all who helped with the annual clean-up and tidy of Churches and Church-yards in the benefice. The spirit with which so many people took part made these occasions fun as well as achieving their purpose.

And thank you, too, for all the help that you have given to your Church throughout the last year. The Church is there for you when you need it; and it is wonderful that so many people have continued to support their Church this year, in all the ways they have. Of course, November is the month each year when we express our eternal thankfulness for all those who served their country during time of war; we do this in our annual “Remembrance” of those who have lost their lives.

A few weeks ago, I met a Journalist who spent six months of 2008 in Afghanistan, working with 16th Air Assault Brigade, the Army Formation based in Colchester. He has now published a book describing the conditions under which our young men and women serve there. The extraordinary courage and endurance he witnessed and, as he said, the fact that, an individual serving one six month tour in Afghanistan will see as much action as a veteran who served throughout the six years of World War 2, left me pondering. He reminded me that each of us, as citizens of this country, bears responsibility for what our servicemen and women are called upon to do. Of course, we cannot ourselves control events nor can we bring our troops home, even if that were the right thing to do. But the obligation of “Remembrance” is not only that we give thanks for those of previous generations who died, but also to remember, constantly, those of our own generation who serve in conditions of danger and difficulty to make our world a safer and more peaceful place, and to consider what WE CAN DO to further that purpose. This year, I believe, “Remembrance” should carry renewed significance for all of us.

With very best wishes
Robin Alderson

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Cover:- This month's cover was beautifully drawn by **Lucy Oswald**, aged 14, and entered into the cover competition at the Kettleburgh Village Produce Show. Well done and thank you, Lucy!

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2009		
Thursday 5 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> at Village Hall
Friday 6 th	10am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Saturday 7 th	5.30pm	<u>Brandeston Bonfire Night</u> at The Old Vicarage – see below
Sun 8 th & Wed 11 th		<u>Remembrance</u> – see below.
Friday 13 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “The Lives of Others” at Village Hall – see below.
Thursday 19 th	8.00pm	<u>Brandeston Village Hall AGM</u> – at the village hall - see below.
Saturday 21 st	7.15pm for 7.30 start	<u>Quiz Evening</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall, with quizmaster Graham Hillier. Tables of 4 - tickets £30 per table, to include supper, available from Val Butcher 724777
Friday 27 th	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 28 th	7.30pm	<u>Christmas Dance</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.

BONFIRE NIGHT – Saturday, November 7th at the Old Vicarage again this year. Best guy competition will be judged at 5.30 o'clock and the fire lit at 6.00 p.m. As usually please a **BIG FAT** firework per family to Martin Churchill at Brook Lodge on the morning of the event.

Collection of contributions to the fire will take place on Saturday morning. Please contact Sue Thurlow (685673) if you wish the tractor to call. No general garden weed rubbish please.

Sue Thurlow

REMEMBRANCE 2009

We remember again this year all those who have given their lives for our freedom, those who still suffer and those who still fight. Our war memorials are full of names, those who have made the supreme sacrifice; many are local names. This year we celebrate 65 years since the D-Day landings. Everyone should be able to join in such remembrance and thankfulness; the freedom was won for each one of us, no one is exempt.

These are the details of Remembrance across the Benefice:

BRANDESTON

November 8 th	10.15am	Brandeston Church and Memorial Preacher: John Clough. RBL Parading
November 11 th	10.55am	Brandeston War Memorial Brandeston Hall represented

KETTLEBURGH

November 8 th	8.00am	Names will be remembered
	10.15am	At Brandeston – names at the memorial
November 11 th	11.00am	War Memorial

EASTON

November 8 th	10.45am	Remembrance Service in Church
November 11 th	11.00am	War Memorial in Church

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

Here is the programme up to Christmas. 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.

13th November – Because of technical problems last month the October film - The Lives of Others - will be shown this month and the James Bond thriller will be postponed to next year.

11th December – A Christmas Carol - the 1938 version of Dicken’s great classic Christmas story – in colour!

Sue Thurlow

BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Thursday 19th November at 8 p.m.

The Committee look forward to seeing you to hear about what has been going on in the last 12 months and it’s your opportunity to put forward your views and ideas for the 2009/2010 season. The meeting will be followed by the glass of wine and nibbles.

WHIST DRIVE – Friday 27th November **at 6.30pm for 7.00 start**

You are cordially invited to attend the Whist Drive on 27th November at Brandeston Village Hall. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIMING TO 6.30 P.M. DOORS OPEN FOR A PROMPT START AT 7.00 P.M. Just £2.50 per person to include tasty refreshments. If you wish to take part, please phone Pam or Rick Reade on 685920 so that we can approximate the number of tables required. You do not need to have a partner to play and newcomers to Whist are very welcome.

Pam and Rick Reade

BRANDESTON CHRISTMAS DANCE - Saturday 28th Nov at 7.30pm

Please come and join us for an evening with TYLER KEMP. Dancing to a live band playing music to suit all tastes.

Tickets are £10 per person. Please bring your own alcohol/drinks and we would ask each couple to bring either a plate of cold finger buffet food or a sweet. (the ticket will indicate which).

Dress is smart casual.

Tickets from Chris Bays 685 668
Fred Mugglestone 685 661
Marion Hutson 685 565

Chris Bays

ADVANCED NOTICES

Sat. 5 th December		Brandeston Church Christmas Fair in Brandeston Village Hall
Sat. 12 th December		Southwold Trip – see below.
Sat 19 th Dec.	7.30pm	Brandeston Old Chapel Candlelit evening – the lead up to Christmas would not be Christmas

		without the annual Chapel Candlelit evening. All welcome – see next month’s edition for more details.
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SOUTHWOLD TRIP

By popular demand, the Southwold trip is back! If you haven’t joined us before, you’re in for a treat. On Saturday, 12 December, we meet at the Brandeston Queen at 9:30 where a coach will whisk us to Southwold (with pick-ups at Kettleburgh corner and Easton) where you can enjoy the Christmas lights, market, a brisk stroll by the sea, do some shopping and still have plenty of time to fill up on seasonal goodies. Some people just find a cosy pub and settle down for a long lunch. The coach picks us up at 3:30 and the return journey is filled by a non-stop raffle. We arrive at the Queen with plenty of time to recover if you have other Christmas events planned for the evening.

Tickets cost £10 for adults, children free. Contact Pat Morgan on 685378 to book your places.

Pat Morgan

Some Church dates for the diary:

6 Dec	5.30pm	Christingle service at Brandeston Church
12 Dec	11.00am – 2.00pm	Christmas Fair in Easton Village Hall
13 Dec	10.00am	Christingle service at Easton Church
	11.15am	Christingle and gift service at Kettleburgh Church
20 Dec	10.00am	Carol service at the crib at Brandeston Church (Please bring gifts)
	6.30pm	Carol Service at Easton Church
24 Dec	10.00am	COSMIC Club Nativity Play Crib at Easton Church
	4.30pm	Service of 9 Lessons and Carols at Kettleburgh Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion for Christmas at Brandeston Church
25 Dec	10.00am	Family service of Holy Communion for Christmas at Easton Church
	10.00am	Informal Christmas Day Service, Carols, Crackers and Holy Communion at Kettleburgh Church

FROM THE REGISTERS

CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM

On Sunday 27th September a number of us from around the Loes Deanery gathered in Framlingham Church to witness the Confirmation of a few people drawn from Framlingham, Saxtead, Debenham and Brandeston. We, of course, were interested in Brandeston as **Carlos Reynell**, who is the Director of Sport at Brandeston Hall, was to be Baptised and Confirmed by the Bishop of Dunwich.

Carlos was well supported by his parents, sister, girlfriend and quite a lot of Brandeston Hall staff both past and present, as many as could come. The Head Master at the College, Paul Hayward, had sent his good wishes.

It was a very special service beautifully presented by Framlingham Church Choir. The candidates were presented to the Bishop, taken by him to the font to renew their Baptism vows (and all were sprinkled with holy water) as Carlos was also Baptised – a great act of faith and witness. After the Bishop had laid his hands of confirmation on each candidate with prayer, they then took their first communion surrounded by their families and friends. As we sang the last hymn, the Bishop led the candidates out of the church, each carrying a lighted candle and they went forth to witness to their faith in the world where they lived and worked.

We send our love and prayers and our good wishes to Carlos; we have great respect for him, as he has made this great witness to his faith. May God bless you, Carlos, now, in school and in your future life. GV

KETTLEBURGH BAPTISM

At family service on 27th September the baptisms took place of **Daniel George** and **Isobel Sophia Davies** who live in Cambridgeshire with their parents John and Elizabeth. Daniel and Isobel are the grandchildren of Eiluned and Ron Davies of Hill Farm. It was a very happy occasion and very lively due to the many small children present. We send our love and good wishes to Daniel and Isobel, may God bless you and all your family.

VU

NANCY RAWLINGS

It is with great sadness we record the death of Nancy Rawlings on the 6th October at the age of 88 and many people gathered at Brandeston Church on the 15th to say goodbye to this much loved and very gentle lady who, following the funeral, was laid to rest in the churchyard next to her husband Reg who died 10 years ago.

Nancy was born and brought up in Brandeston, the eldest of four girls, and attended Brandeston School in Mill Lane and later Robert Hitcham School in Framlingham. On leaving school she worked in Earl Soham post office and when war broke out she joined

the NAAFI, being unfit from appendicitis to join the forces with her sisters. She had become engaged to Reg, an Earl Soham lad, but in 1940 he joined the Suffolk Regiment, soon being transferred to the Royal Army Medical Corps and sent to Singapore. In 1942 he was captured and put to work on the infamous Burma Railway, being subjected to much physical and mental torture which affected him for the rest of his life and Nancy must have suffered much anguish during this time, not knowing when or if she would see Reg again. His release came in June 1945 and they were married in Brandeston Church in 1947 and Nancy committed herself to caring for Reg and supporting him after all he had been through during the war.

Nancy and Reg began their married life in Brandeston but in 1953 they settled in Church Road, Kettleburgh and it wasn't too long before Nancy took on the job of village post lady for which she is fondly remembered. Roger Bishop recalls how she would arrive at the post office early every morning to sort the post on his dining room table before setting out on the post office bicycle on the 4 mile delivery round carrying letters and parcels in all kinds of weather. As Roger put it " she was never later than 10 minutes early and if she couldn't deliver a parcel because someone was out she always went back with it later in the day". When she retired, early in 1979 the Royal Mail presented her with the bicycle in a little ceremony at Kettleburgh post office. Nancy and Reg enjoyed life in Kettleburgh and were very pleased when a young family moved in next door, the children treating them as honorary grandparents.

Nancy had a straightforward faith and enjoyed going to church especially family services with children taking part. She was very supportive of the church and helped to sew the Mothers' Union banner which hangs in Brandeston church. Her final illness came suddenly and was a shock to her many friends and especially her neighbours who repaid her kindness to them by helping to care for her. It was hard for her to leave her home but she was well looked after at Foxearth nursing home where she died after only a short stay. We send our love, sympathy and our prayers to her sisters Peggy and Pam and to all her nieces and nephews, may they know the comfort of God's love at this sad time.

VU

PAST EVENTS

BRANDESTON HARVEST HORKEY

A very jolly evening was had by 63 residents and friends of Brandeston who enjoyed the harvest supper of harvest soup, roast belly pork with roasted winter vegetables and mash potatoes followed by a selection of delicious desserts. After the meal we were entertained with traditional songs and music by Reg Reader & Friends. An enjoyable evening was had by all which raised over £300 for village hall funds. Many thanks to all the helpers on the day and to those who arrived with lovely puddings.

Sue Thurlow

KETTLEBURGH HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Our Harvest celebrations took place this year on 11th October. St Andrew's Church was beautifully decorated with seasonal flowers, fruit and produce. The service began at 5:30p.m and the light gently faded as we sang hymns and thanked God for his bountiful provision to us. The menu for the informal supper which followed in the Village Hall was a delicious leek and potato soup, jacket potatoes with cheese and salads, followed by apple pies and crumbles. Thanks to everyone who provided food, decorated the tables with flowers, or helped with the setting out of the hall and the washing up. Donations towards church funds totalled £123.50. In the week after the service all the fresh produce was taken to Mills Meadow where it was gratefully received whilst the tinned and packaged goods were given to the Ormiston Centre in Ipswich, where they will be used for families in need as the occasion arises.

JC

KETTLEBURGH HARVEST HOP - Saturday 17th October

The Hop was a great success and the village hall was jumping to the lively music of John and Mario who provided us with a great range of music and which was much appreciated by the eighty or so who came and danced the night away.

The "Dramatic Interlude" of Kettlesomer Murders was enjoyed by all with splendid performances by the victims!

So many thanks to all who helped with the bar, the food, the raffle, the flowers and general organisation. Bringing back into use the old hinged side benches was voted a good move and helped give the event that "Village Hall" feel.

A profit was made towards the Hall Funds - final amount to be announced but we hope it will be in the region of £500.

Robert Marzetti

THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE – Saturday 12 Sept

The Bike Ride is over, September has gone (where has it gone?). As Peggy Cole said, Summer has gone too quickly and Autumn has come too soon. Money raised to date is about £600 and still coming in. This is a wonderful amount, of which half will go to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and half will go to our own church, All Saints, Brandeston. The final amount will be in the December mag. Thanks once again to everyone who took part. *Ruth Garratt*

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for October 2009:-

1st – Don Evans

2nd – Scot and Rebecca Bange

Next draw – Thursday 5th November 2009 at the village hall

Mark Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Winners drawn on 2 October

1st Prize Lucy Howell

2nd Prize Derek Hill

Gwenda Weeks

NOTICES

ALL SAINTS DAY IN BRANDESTON CHURCH

On 1st November, Brandeston Church will welcome Sue, John and Jane Tobin as guests at our Family Worship.

John and Jane Tobin were both born in Malawi, but returned to England as children. A few years ago, they visited the land of their birth for the second time in their lives; what they saw there led them to established the “Nansambo School Fund”, a charitable fund which provides support to the school in the village where they were born.

Their visit to Brandeston on 1st November will provide an opportunity for us to hear about the Malawi, a beautiful country which is the third poorest in the world, and about the difference which the Fund is making to the lives of young people in Nansambo. RA

THANKS

Charles Freeman (Oak Farm) would like to thank all those who gave him support or encouragement on his latest find-raising ventures. The results were as follows: Historic Churches Bike Ride. Twenty- four churches- amount raised £223- half to Brandeston Church.

Ten kilometre run for Cancer Research UK- came in just sixteen seconds under my one hour target time! Amount raised - donations and gift aid £687:05. Donations made in my name direct to Cancer Research £125. Total £812.05



HEARING LOOP FOR BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL

LOTTERY FUNDED

A hearing loop is to be installed in the village hall thanks to a grant from the National Lottery through its Big Lottery fund. Final approval for the grant has just been received and installation is planned for 3 November. For events where amplified sound is used, this improvement to the hall should benefit a lot of people starting, hopefully, with the film club on 13 November.

Darryl Morgan



REMEMBER A LOVED ONE IN FRAMLINGHAM

St Elizabeth Hospice's Light up a Life event in Framlingham is for everyone, not just those touched by hospice care, to remember their loved ones at Christmas.

Donations will sponsor a light on a Christmas tree.

All proceeds help to provide care and support to patients and their families in East Suffolk.

The event will take place **on Sunday 6th December at 4pm**, as part of the Christmas Market on Market Hill.

For more information regarding Light up a Life please contact the hospice fundraising team on 01473 723600, email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

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!

Last Day

ANON

Just another normal day
The sun rose in the sky
Nothing seemed unusual
On the day that I will die

Breakfast in the mess tent
Bacon eggs and bread
Just a few more hours
And I'll be lying dead

A briefing, then manoeuvres
Tanks roll on dusty track
I didn't realise at the time
They'd bring my body back

The ambush came from nowhere
The bomb the blast the roar
Then the tank exploded
My life it was no more

Someone from the army
Phoned to tell my wife
He was a fine young soldier
He bravely gave his life

Gave my life! I don't think so
Life's not a gift to give
For if my life was in my hands
I would choose to live

No time to laugh with family
No time to hold my wife
No time to say I love you
No longer have I life

I used to buy a poppy
And wear it with great pride
So this year buy one for me
And remember I have died

TIMES PAST

Just consider for a moment the truly dreadful month of October 1915 for the rural community who lived here then. To us, ninety four years later, it is unbelievable that in those thirty one days four men from our two villages failed to survive the bloodshed and killing grounds of that era: George Kerridge, Kettleburgh on Friday 1st; Alfred Durrant, Brandeston on Sunday 3rd; Walter Bilney, also Brandeston on Wednesday 13th, and Harry Page of Kettleburgh on Friday 29th. Here we concentrate on the lives of three of these men – there is not enough space for more, but perhaps, next year, the remaining story may be told.

Two of these men were only twenty two. The first, Private Walter Bilney was the eldest of four sons born to Charles and Louise Bilney (née Bickers) in 1893. From the time Walter was five, they lived at 39, The Street, Brandeston, now the home of Victor Scott and Tracy Wingfield.

Walter came from a military background as his father had served in the Reserve Force and subsequently became a soldier in the Boer War of 1899-1902. When war started in 1914, Walter joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, which was sent out to fight in the ill-fated Gallipoli Campaign against the Turks; this was part of the 39th Brigade and the larger 13th Division.

Walter was probably wounded during the Suvla Landing of August 6th/7th 1915, evacuated to the base hospital on the island of Lemnos, only to die two months later. He is buried in East Mudros Military Cemetery among 800 casualties of war. We have a number of photographs; inscribed on his gravestone are the words ‘MUCH MISSED, MEMORY CLINGS.’

It was very difficult to find out anything about Lance Corporal Harry Page but eventually it was discovered that he was the eldest son of Samuel and Mary Page (née Aldred). Harry was born at Gisleham, a small hamlet near Kessingland. His father an illiterate fisherman died sometime between 1902 and 1909, Mary then married George Kerridge who came from Sibton. By the time war broke out, the extended family had moved to Kettleburgh. George enlisted in the Essex Regiment, Harry in the Suffolk Regiment where he served in the 9th Battalion. George was killed in the Gallipoli Campaign; his stepson, Harry died of wounds four weeks later in Flanders. He must have been an efficient soldier to have been promoted at such a young age. Buried near Ypres among nearly 10,000 other war casualties nothing more is known about him. His mother married again in 1920 and lived in Kettleburgh until her death at the age of eighty four in 1956.

These are examples of tragedies which were faced by ordinary people, the loss of a generation, the best and the bravest often never returned.

WMW