

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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JUNE 2010**

THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

From: Deirdre West

Dear Parishioners

Journeys are amazing things. They can be unexpected, or planned, may take us to places we couldn't have expected, and so with only 26 days to go before I am made Deacon in the Cathedral at Bury St Edmunds, I thought I'd tell you a little about my journey toward Ordination so far.

The process of discernment and exploring vocation started in the summer of 2005, this was followed by attendance at a selection conference, and following that decision I started a three year BA course in Christian Theology in the Autumn of 2007. At that time I became an Ordinand, and my ministerial development began as well, guided by a pair of the most gentle of hands on the reins Harry began to let me experience a little of what ministry would feel like, and I hope that those of you who attend church regularly can't fail to have noticed at least some improvement from the early rather scary days. The whole experience has been nothing short of a life changing, totally fulfilling, and I can honestly say I have never been happier. It has been an almost five year roller coaster ride, of highs and lows, very hard work certainly, probably much more than I had imagined at the outset, and also very stressful on occasions and I thank all of you for seeing me through it.

I have had so much support from my family and friends inside and outside the church, and throughout the Greater Benefice, and beyond, who have provided encouragement, good advice, walking the dog when I was too busy, mentoring, prayer, food and alcohol on occasions, tea and sympathy on others. You all know who you are and I am really most grateful, and especial thanks must go to the members of my Local Training Group who have been with me all the way, while I attempted to reflect theologically on what was happening to me.

No doubt I have been changed by the process, a process which has reaffirmed what I now recognise as a 'calling' but which has taken a life time to emerge. Do you know many 8 year olds who had an Authorised King James Version of the Bible for a birthday gift?.

I am feeling excited yet terrified as I become ever more aware of the enormity of this life changing event. But I find myself looking forward to the start of this new ministry, with feelings of joy and anticipation, and I am looking forward to all the challenges and opportunities it will bring, and it will be exciting to find out in the fullness of time where God plans to take us as we become companions together on the next leg of our Christian journeys together in these parishes which we call 'home'.

And **Everyone** is most welcome to attend the Ordination in the Cathedral which I am sure will be the most amazing experience; no tickets are required, but be early though if you want a good seat. Please continue to pray for me, and also for Celia, Mary, Jackie, Wendy, Cath, Pat, Martin A, Liz, Carol, Helen, Martin L, Elishva, and Michael and Julia all to be ordained Deacon as well.

With love in Christ, Deirdre

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Cover: Thank you to Charlotte Butcher for the lovely drawing of a lily, requested at short notice! Well done Charlotte.

If there are any amateur artists/photographers who would like to produce a cover, please send to me at any time. They need to be within A5 size limit, and able to be copied in black & white.

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DIARY FOR JUNE 2010		
Thursday 3 rd	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning and 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 4 th	10am-12noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 4 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “The Young Victoria” at Village Hall – see below.
Wednesday 9 th	9am – 5pm	<u>Free Hearing Tests</u> – see below
Saturday 12 th	4 – 6pm	<u>Kettleburgh Fete</u> in The Chequers gardens – see below
Sunday 13 th	10am – 5.30pm	<u>Monewden Blacksmiths shop open</u> - see below.
Saturday 19 th	2.30pm	<u>Brandeston Fete</u> at The Queen’s Head – see below

Mon. 21 st June	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> with local celebrity Peggy Cole, at Letheringham & Easton Village Hall – see below.
Friday 25 th	6.00pm	<u>1st Earl Soham Scouts Group Annual Duck Race</u> at Brandeston Bridge– see below.
Sunday 27 th	3.00pm	<u>Strawberry Tea</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall

Hearing Care Open Day - Free Hearing Tests

Wednesday 9th June 2010 (9am-5pm)

Framlingham GP Surgery, Pembroke Road

Award-winning, private, hearing care specialists, The Hearing Care Centre, are holding a special 'Hearing Care Open Day' here at Framlingham Surgery, offering you a fantastic opportunity to have your hearing tested free of charge, if you feel you have been experiencing some problems with your hearing. The Hearing Care Centre will also be offering free clean and checks of existing hearing aids along with personal and professional advice on any hearing related issues. To book an appointment call them on 0800 096 2637 or visit www.hearingcarecentre.co.uk.

Matthew Coward MCIM

Marketing Manager

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

4th June – The Young Victoria. A dramatisation of the turbulent first years of Queen Victoria's rule and her enduring romance with Prince Albert.

Please note that the date of the June Film Club has been changed to the first Friday in the month i.e. 4th June. For this month only.

9th July – The Curious Case of Benjamin Button. A strange tale of the extraordinary life of a man who ages backwards.

13th August – Rabbit Proof Fence. In 1931 three aboriginal girls escape after being plucked from their homes to be trained as domestic staff and set off on a trek across the Outback.

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.

Sue Thurlow

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 12th June 4pm-6pm

Don't forget to come along to the Fete in the lovely gardens of The Chequers Inn.

There will be Games for all ages, Stalls, Grand Draw, Cow Pat competition, Children's area, Target Shooting, Refreshments tent, Barbeque, and Music.

After your busy day come and bring your family and friends and relax.

Those items that you have all been putting to one side ready for this great event will be picked up during the early evening on Wednesday 9th June so if you have something and won't be in please leave it where someone can see it or bring it down to The Chequers Saturday morning. Also your cakes can be dropped off during the morning of the Fete. The marquees and stalls don't put themselves up so if you could spare an hour or two on the Saturday morning to help get everything ready John Bater and the committee would be really grateful. The more there the quicker it gets done.

Thanks to Ron and Debbie for having the Fete at The Chequers again

Proceeds to St Andrew's Church Fabric Fund & the Village Hall.

Valerie Compton

MONEWDEN BLACKSMITHS SHOP OPEN – Sunday 13th June

Blacksmiths', Carpenters' & Wheelwrights' Tools, with Bygones of interest. Examples and photos of work by Mary Moore and her late husband Hector. Special guest: Ray Hubbard, with display of horse-related items. Admission free. All welcome.

BRANDESTON FETE – Saturday 19th June starting at 2.30 p.m. in the garden of **The Queen's Head**

As well as the fete there will also be a beer festival at The Queen's Head over the weekend and a hog roast on Sunday 20st June (tickets needed in advance).

It should be an excellent weekend with lots to see and do at the fete and with the other activities as well it should be an opportunity for a great deal of fun. Hope you can come along and join in.

We, of course, need your help so if you have items to contribute to the stalls please contact the following:

Plants – Lady Cunliffe (685326)

Produce – Lady Cunliffe (685326)

Bric-a-brac and collectables – Paddy & Sarah Fielder (685518)

Fashion (hats/handbags/scarves/belts/gloves/jewellery) – Pat Morgan (685378); Sue Fisher (685480)

Bottles – John Garratt (685233); Chris McArthur (01473 737553)

Draw prizes – Fred Mugleston (685661)

Tombola – Hilary Whiting (685449)

Books – Wilda Woodland (685421)

Cakes – Ruth Garratt (685233)

MARDLE - 'My extraordinary life'

This talk by Peggy Cole will appeal to those interested in the recent local history of the neighbourhood. Peggy's story is well worth hearing, and covers her experience with royalty, her remarkable garden, her appearance in the film *Akenfield* and her travels abroad. Peggy is also an author with eight books to her name, and she writes a weekly column in the East Anglian Weekly Times. This Mardle, in aid of Letheringham church, will be held in Easton Village Hall on **Monday June 21st**, at 7.30pm (£6 including wine and nibbles).

ANNUAL DUCK RACE

Come and support your local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts! Our annual DUCK RACE is to be held on **Friday 25th June** from 6pm at its usual location, the meadow beside Brandeston bridge. Scouting is run entirely by volunteers, and the funds raised by our big fund raising event provides money for equipment for our lively and successful Scout Group. This year the Duck race will have a BBQ, a beer tent and lots of games and stalls for children and adults alike. Do please come and join us!

Further information, Sally and Steve Western. Bridge Farm Brandeston. Tel. 685320

Sally

Western

ADVANCE NOTICES

Friday 2 nd July	7.30pm	Winston the Singing Farmer , at Brandeston Village Hall. In aid of Carriage Driving for the Disabled – see below.
Friday 2 nd July	7.30pm	Murder Mystery Evening at The Chequers
Saturday 3 rd July	8.00pm	Phoenix Singers Concert at St Michael's Church, Framlingham – see below
Tuesday 6 th July	10.30am – 12 noon	Cat's Protection Coffee Morning at Manly, Kettleburgh – see below.
Sunday 18 th July		Letheringham Summer Party – Riverside gardens will be open for the afternoon, with boat trips, various stalls and delicious teas. Tickets £5, available from 01728 748337 or on the door (in aid of Letheringham church).
Sunday 25 th July		Autojumble at Church Farm, Kettleburgh. Beware, we will be after you! <i>Derek Holt</i>

ENTERTAINMENT BY WINSTON, THE SINGING FARMER

Come along for an evening of wonderful East Anglian humour and songs with his guitar. Glass of wine and refreshments. Proceeds for Carriage Driving for the Disabled. Tickets £10, available from Mary Moore (685354) and Valerie Follows (01473 737583) or Brandeston Coffee Morning.

*Mary
Moore*

Phoenixsingers

ROSSINI

Petite Messe Solennelle

**St Michael's Church Framlingham
Saturday 3rd July 8.00 p.m.**

Tickets £12, £6

(under 18's half price)

Tickets from Aldeburgh Music Box Office, Framlingham Stationers,
choir members or at door.

KETTLEBURGH – CATS’ PROTECTION LEAGUE COFFEE MORNING

There will be a coffee morning in aid of the Cats’ Protection League on Tuesday 6th July from 10:30a.m – 12 noon at Manly, Easton Road, Kettleburgh. The Ipswich Community Wind Band will be playing and the special guest this year is Rob Dunger from BBC Radio Suffolk. With her new hip, Kay will be looking forward to welcoming you to Manly, at the top of the hill, past the Chequers. Come for coffee, a chance to chat with friends, to listen to the band and take part in the raffle. There is plenty of room to park.

EDDIE READ

On Easter Sunday Eddie Read passed away in Ipswich Hospital and at his funeral Kettleburgh church was overflowing with people wishing to say goodbye to him. We send our love and sympathy to Doreen, Karen and Tracey as we reproduce here the words spoken at his funeral by Nick Corke.
VU

When Doreen phoned me on Saturday 27th March to tell me of Eddie’s illness I was completely floored, Eddie was never ill, he was struggling a bit with arthritis in his hands but nothing life threatening. For Eddie to be in hospital it had to be serious and unfortunately that is exactly what it was. And when Doreen asked me if I would be prepared to say a few words today I felt very honoured and then somewhat concerned about how best to put into words the life and times of Edwin (Eddie) Read. And I must thank some of his good friends for their help with this.

Born on the 18th March 1938 in South Kensington, he moved to Kettleburgh at the tender age of 2, to live with his Grandmother at No 6 Church Rd, and he lived there for 70 years.

He went to the area school in Kettleburgh and then on to Fram to finish his education, and then of course there was the obligatory National Service, which I understand he did with the Royal Norfolks. He told me many tales of his National Service and the thing that really amazed me was his memory for names, not only of the officers but also his fellow servicemen and places he had been to. This was not an isolated case, he could put names to all the people that he came into contact with throughout his life, from the policeman who put him straight on a few occasions in his teenage years to the specialist on his arthritis, it was quite amazing.

Following his National Service he went to work at Walnes Coal and Milling in Framlingham before going to St Audrys as a painter, decorator and odd job man. And it was while he was working there that he met and married Doreen. I must point out that she was not actually an in-mate of St Audrys, but used to work in a shop opposite a bus stop that Eddie used to use. She happened to say to one of her work mates one day, as they were looking out of the window, “look at him, he’s a bit of all right” and her friend very helpfully went and told Eddie.

At this time Eddie had a motorbike and Doreen tells me that on one occasion, on a snowy day, they were going through Easton, and at the junction where the council houses are Eddie turned right, the bike went away and Doreen was deposited in the middle of the road and Eddie went sailing on across the road under the bike. This experience did not put them off and they married in March 1963 and spent their honeymoon in London where Eddie had got tickets to see one of his all time heroes Henry Cooper box Dick Richardson and knock him out in the 5th round. The one thing that Doreen remembers about that night was the gangster type gentleman who came in and sat on the opposite side of the arena from them, and with him was a gangster's moll with the shortest skirt and skimpiest top she had ever seen and for some time all the men in the arena were somewhat distracted. Interestingly when Doreen and the family were going through Eddie's wallet they found the ticket stubs for that fight, he never could bring himself to throw anything away.

They were blessed with two daughters, Karen and Tracey, to whom he was absolutely devoted. I am not saying they could live under the same roof all the time, but heaven help anyone who upset either of the girls. A very good example of this was when a young man upset Tracey, who was a teenager at the time, so much that she went to slap him and caught her hand and nails on a concrete block wall, and those of you who are builders will know what that feels like. She went home and Eddie saw the state of her hand, asked what had happened and Tracey explained, and before she could finish Eddie was in the van and on his way to have a word with this young man. Very wisely the young man had vanished and was not seen in these parts for some time.

Eddie left St Audrys and went to Fram College where he was again doing maintenance etc, it was also where he met John Watson and a lasting friendship, and golfing partnership, was formed. In the late 80's early 90's he went out on his own and it was whilst he was working with Robert Phillips that we first met, and there is not a house that I have been involved with since that Eddie has not played a part in. It is quite amazing how everywhere I go, my office, my house, my mother's house, I see the work of Eddie. I have some very fond memories of the time we spent working together on various projects, from the conversion of the harness makers in Castle Street to erecting a turntable at the Suffolk showground. We built three houses during that time, the last of which was only last year in Fram. Unfortunately all the materials had to be carted from the street to the house, this involved hand balling 5000 bricks and blocks from Fore Street to the bottom of the scaffold, then pass them all up and then stack them in heaps around the scaffold. Never once did he complain, he just kept going steadily.

Steady Eddie, as he was affectionately known, was a perfect description of the man; he was the classic tortoise from the tortoise and the hare. All the young whippersnappers would rush into a job and wear themselves out by lunchtime. Eddie on the other hand would turn up, roll a fag, have a cup of coffee, have a chat and then get underway, and by the end of the day he would have done just as much as the youngsters if not more. The man was as strong as an ox, even at the age of 70. People were amazed when he told them how old he was, I on the other hand used to ruin it by telling them I was doing my bit for help the aged by employing him. But probably my best memories are of the two of

us sitting in a café checking out the full English breakfast and debating the topic of the day. Whether we had to pop to B&Q for something, or whatever we were doing, if it was the right time of day we would just pop in for breakfast. You are probably asking what was the right time of day, well, anywhere between 7am and 3pm !!

For recreation Eddie loved his golf and I understand from Neil, and his good friend John Watson that his somewhat agricultural style, which relied on his tremendous upper body strength, won him many vouchers at the Wednesday and Friday get-togethers, which paid for most of his golf equipment. He not only played golf at Crettingham, he also did a certain amount of odd jobs around the place, and Neil recounted an occasion when Eddie and himself were given the task of erecting the new cot for the imminent arrival of his daughter. On the box it said erect in a large open space and so between them they put it together in the kitchen, only to find they could not get it out through the door and so had to dismantle it again and re-erect it in the bedroom.

He also enjoyed reading, normally autobiographies, and especially the memories of ex army personnel. The other thing he loved was his Collie dogs, firstly there was Patch, who in fact was Tracey's, well for the first week or so, and then Eddie took over. He was absolutely devoted to Patch and subsequently Tyler and he took it very hard when they had to be put down. And this brings me to a story that he told many times and one that I was reminded of by Neil only the other day. Eddie enjoyed a drink and he loved going to the Chequers and having a couple with his mates, and following Patch's demise he decided that he needed a drink and made for the Chequers where he had a couple of halves and a whisky or two. He then decided to set off home and walked outside into a snowstorm. Two hours later or so Neil came out having locked up and he saw a lump in the snow and went to investigate and found Eddie out for the count and covered in snow. So he loaded him up into his car and drove him home where Doreen was waiting. I don't think he got much sympathy for the headache the following morning.

Eddie was not just a painter and decorator, he was a golf partner, a tipster, he followed Twiston - Davies's horses quite closely, a political commentator, wouldn't he have been in his element commenting on the up and coming election? A football pundit, who hated the fact that the majority of players in the top premiership teams were foreign, not that he had anything against foreigners, it was just how could these teams call themselves English when the manager and the team were all from overseas? And as for the money they earn, that was for another breakfast. He hated injustice and he hated greed. One of the things I always admired about the man was his sense of fair play. He also loved to tell a joke or two, especially if it was about the Beckhams (David and Victoria) most of which are unrepeatable, I am sure you will all remember how he would start laughing before he got to the punch line, but one that amused us both was when David was asked to speak at a management conference and he stood up and said " the great thing about them is that they are only two calories and make your mouth feel fresh for a couple of hours" and a voice from the back of the room shouted out " We asked you here today, to talk about tactics."

I count my self lucky that I was able to visit him on the Wednesday before he died because I know a lot of you would have loved that opportunity. And I can tell you that however much pain and discomfort he was in he was as polite as ever to the doctors and staff. I asked him how he was feeling and he said "I think I've got cancer - it's a bugger". Then all he wanted to do was talk about what I had been up to, in India, which was typical of the man.

Doreen, Karen, Tracey, you have lost a husband and a father and we have all lost a very good friend. And on a purely personal note I have lost a mate and a breakfast companion, and the full English will never be quite the same again.
God bless you Eddie.

PAST EVENTS

EASTERN ANGLES 'THE LONG WAY HOME'

at Brandeston Village Hall 6th April

Another good performance by Eastern Angles on this years Village Tour with all 4 actors working well to bring the story to life. It was not a 'local' play this time but took place on a Greek island and was the tale of an old widow and a lost boy, journeying from the mountains to her childhood village on the coast, only to find everything she remembered about it had changed.

There were stories, songs and puppetry, although some people at the back of the audience did struggle to see the 2 smaller puppets.

Again, the tickets were limited to 76 but we did make £227.75 for the Village Hall funds.

Jacky O'Brien

DINNER & MURDER AT THE KETTLEBURGH CHEQUERS

A most enjoyable evening was had by all who attended the Murder Mystery Evening at the Kettleburgh Chequers on Friday 23rd April. The evening was set in a 1920's Speakeasy and it was wonderful that everyone went to so much effort to dress up and get really involved in the characters they were playing. The levels of duplicity and backstabbing required seemed to come quite naturally to all that took part. Photos of the event are currently displayed on the Kettleburgh Website Gallery page. The event proved such a success that requests for another evening have been finalised and it will take place on **Friday 2nd July at 7.30pm**. The setting for the next murder is once more in the 1920's Speakeasy – The Four Deuces – but four years have passed and much skulduggery and many tangled webs have been weaved in that time. Tickets for the event are available from The Kettleburgh Chequers at a cost of £15.00 which includes a hot supper, glass of wine and all the information required to enable you to make the most of the evening.

On a more sedate note, we were absolutely delighted that the Chequers Crib Team became Champions of the Mid Suffolk Cribbage League for the first time in 30 years, many congratulations to you all. We expect a repeat performance next year!!

Debbie Germain

KETTLEBURGH PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE

Although it felt more like February, on Saturday 8 May Kettleburgh Village Hall showed all the signs of Spring and the coming Summer. Tables were full of plants – tomatoes of several varieties, cucumbers, squash, courgettes, herbs, favourite perennials and all manner of bedding plants. There was also plenty of homemade and homegrown produce – cakes, biscuits, bread, jams, marmalades, chutneys and rhubarb. There was also time for a chat with friends over coffee and biscuits. Thank you to all who supported the sale, by helping, providing or buying. The sum of £257.49 was raised for St Andrew's Church.

Jackie Clark

ROGATION SUNDAY

On Sunday 9th May our traditional Rogation Sunday service took place at Kettleburgh and we were delighted to welcome friends from the other half of the Greater Benefice, some of whom had walked (with dogs) from Easton after lunching at the White Horse. We began in church where we thanked God for all His goodness to us, for the seasons and the wonder of nature, then after the third hymn we began the procession, on the way stopping to bless our gardens, the crops growing in the fields, and to admire the wonderful view across to Monewden church. As we arrived at the garden of Church Farm the sun came out to transform what had been, until then, a rather cold, dreary weekend and we were able to sit outside to listen to a most interesting address by Revd Canon Harry Edwards about rogationtide and to sing our final hymns accompanied by birdsong. As in past years a collection was taken for Christian Aid. Following the service we moved into the marquee and enjoyed a wonderful selection of home made cakes and sandwiches whilst conversing with friends old and new. We are very grateful to Anne and John Bater for once again inviting us to their garden.

VU

A big thank you to all the people who came to help erect and take down the marquee on Rogation Sunday and all those who contributed to the magnificent tea with cakes, sandwiches and scones. I have to pass on the thanks that we had from various members of the parishes in the benefice who all said they would like to come again next year ! And we were blessed with a warm sunny afternoon.

AB

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

The May draw of the Brandeston 100+ Club took place at the Village Hall on Thurs. 6th. The winners were ;

(1.) Mrs Sue Eyles of 1, Larcomes Lawn, Brandeston.

(2.) Mrs Sue Rainbird of Hill House Farm, Brandeston.

The next draw is due to be held on Thurs 3rd June.

Don Evans

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

This month's (May) Kettleburgh Green Trust Lottery winners were

1st Prize: E. Davies

2nd Prize: J&B Clark

NOTICES

BRANDESTON CHOIR

It has been suggested that there may be some singers who would possibly like to form a small choir, to sing at special celebratory services such as Harvest Thanksgiving, or other non-church occasions. Anyone interested is invited to contact Janet Weston (685792), who will be please to hear from you.

A TALE OF WOE AND APPRECIATION

On Thursday 1April I caught my foot in a detached loop of cord from the mattress which was covered by the counterpane and I fell across the bedroom floor, where I lay for eight hours. The previous evening I told a friend who lives in Ipswich I would telephone and when I hadn't she rang Jackie and Bill. Bill came at once and immediately telephoned for an ambulance. From the moment the ambulance arrived I could never have wished for better attention. The paramedics were professional and Jackie accompanied me in the ambulance to hospital, where she stayed until Bill collected her. I was operated on for a broken hip and once more the care was exemplary.

Thank you St Andrew's friends who sent me good wishes for a good recovery and for your love.

Kathleen Lusted

THANKS

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who sponsored me for Parkinson's in memory of Ivan Leech. Your generosity has been overwhelming, and a special thanks to Eileen for all your help.

I am delighted to have completed the London Marathon, finishing in 4hrs 27min, raising over £600.

Charlotte Elvin

MOBILE SHOP

Open every Friday morning
Damien Payton (The Village Grocer)

GRANTS AVAILABLE NOW!

Single Gateway Grants Programme

The Suffolk Foundation, in conjunction with Suffolk County Council, is seeking applications to the Council's Single Gateway grant giving programme. The next closing date is the 9th July 2010.

Applications are encouraged from community and voluntary groups who feel that a grant of up to £5000* will benefit the community they serve.

Grants are available from the funds managed by the Foundation. These being: Mental health revenue and/or capital, Social Isolation, Social Care, Localities and Arts for All. A new 'Green' Fund is being launched in early summer for carbon reducing projects.

For application forms, guidance notes etc., please visit the Suffolk Foundation website at www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk or telephone 01473 734127 to request an application form and guidelines in the post or via email or to discuss your ideas with Sue Wright.

* The new £5000 limit is for the Localities, Social Inclusion and Social Care funds. The other fund limits remain at £3000 per organisation, per calendar year currently. The next closing date is the 9th July.

Healthy Ambitions Suffolk

Grants of up to £4000 can be given to community groups who are working towards making Suffolk people the healthiest in the country by 2028 by delivering health benefitting projects. Where it can be seen to be necessary a grant over three years can be secured. Please visit the Foundation's website for details and to see the list of priorities

for this fund. For more information or to discuss your ideas, please phone Sue Wright on 01473 734127. The next closing date is the 31st May.

Somebody's Daughter Memorial Fund

This fund is seeking applications from community groups who can deliver projects that will alter outcomes for people in Ipswich who are at risk of entering into prostitution, are in prostitution and/or have drug related problems. Grants of up to £3000 are available. Further information can be obtained from Sue Wright on 01473 734127.

For further press information contact Judi Newman, Development Director, The Suffolk Foundation, 01473 734126 email: judi.newman@suffolkfoundation.org.uk



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPICE

St Elizabeth Hospice is looking for volunteers to help out across a variety of departments.

The Hospice relies on the dedication of hundreds of volunteers across all of its services and is grateful for their support.

They currently need a till assistant volunteer for the Hospice dining hall, which is used by staff, patients and families/carers.

There are also volunteer vacancies at the Hospice's reception on Sunday afternoons, for ward helpers and a number of Hospice shops.

The Hospice's volunteer services co-ordinator Charlotte Wright said: "Volunteers play an important part at the Hospice and their support is highly valued. We know that people find helping us very rewarding. "

The Hospice is an independent charity based in Foxhall Road, Ipswich, which provides services for people throughout east Suffolk who have an illness from which they will not recover.

To find out more about volunteering contact Charlotte Wright on 01473 707016 or email charlotte.wright@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, IP13 7LF

or e-mail valerie.butcher@talk21.com, tel: 724777.

Please send e-mails in Microsoft Word format, PDF or jpg for pictures/scans.

Covers are always welcome too!

TIMES PAST

Pages turn and time passes. Way back between 1979 and 1984 a project took place in Brandeston which involved the whole community. That was the making of the church kneelers. Now, some thirty years later, it is time to make notes of this scheme as otherwise it's history will be forgotten and unrecorded.

Canon Minchin was about to retire. When the idea was broached with him he was entirely in agreement as long as nothing was commenced while he was still here!

Explorations took place and quickly progress developed. It was decided to use bright colours which would complement the new 'All Seasons' altar frontal and hangings.

Coffee mornings were held to provide funds; the work went ahead. Finally 145 kneelers were completed, together with a 13-piece embroidery which became the communion rail kneeler, and cushions for clergy and organ bench.

Later, as the years passed, newcomers came to the village who knew nothing about the story. Therefore in 2008 beginnings were started to record what had been accomplished.

Last November digital photographs were taken which have been put on the internet, together with some other information. Soon, it is hoped, that the reasons behind the embroidering of the kneelers will be completed. Perhaps this can be added to the pictorial record so that as long as the kneelers remain, something of their history will be accessible.

There are many tales behind the chosen designs, particularly those made as a memorial.

For instance, at the back of the church, there are two embroidered for mother and

daughter. Both were baptised here in 1829 and 1850, Harriet Adams née Tye and Fanny Jane M^cCoy. They lived at Sot's Hole, (a wet place) now Margaret Catchpole Cottage.

The kneelers depict the cottage and the flowers, Cuckoo Pint which grew along the track.

In 1855 the family emigrated to Ballarat, Australia where they named their first home Sot's Hole in memory of Brandeston.

In 1979 a descendant returned to discover more about her family's roots. Subsequently she wrote a book entitled 'With Wet Feet', a history of the Adams family. Just one tale among the many that there are.

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Brandeston

6th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
13th Christine Matthews and Don Evans
20th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
27th Peter and Trish Smyth
4th July Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker

Kettleburgh

Sue Scott
Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark
Eddie Bell
Jane O'Leary

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20th Alison Molyneux
27th Bel Goldie-Morrison
4th July Nancy Demetriadi

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