

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

May I wish you all a truly blessed and joyful Christmas.

We live in a world torn apart by war and injustice, and yet a world which I believe, because of Christmas, is a world charged with hope.

The hope that Christ came to bring can be found in the words of the prophet Isaiah :

‘For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called ‘Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**’.

How we long for peace. For peace in Afghanistan and Iraq, and all those other places in God’s world scarred by conflict.

Christ is the long awaited Prince of Peace.

So may our Christmas prayers be full of hope but also of realism.

Christ entered the world in vulnerability, in weakness, in homelessness.

He entered the human condition in the powerlessness of a human baby.

So my prayer is that Christmas holds real hope for you, and for the coming of the Kingdom.

Christmas is not an escape into sentimentalism or fantasy or manufactured cosiness. Christmas is about the encounter between God and a world in desperate need of His healing. Christmas is about the coming of the Prince of Peace.

The peace of Christ be with you this Christmastide,

With love,

Harry Edwards, Rector.

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SPECIAL REQUEST

To help with the production of the January magazine, please can I have articles by **Friday 10th December**, if possible. Thank you.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our Christmas services follow a familiar pattern beginning with the Christingle services which have now become traditional in our churches and continuing with carol and crib services until the joyful celebrations of midnight mass and Christmas morning Eucharist. We invite you to bring gifts to the Kettleburgh Christingle service on 12th December and Brandeston's Carols at the Crib on 19th December which will be taken to the Ormiston Family Centre in Ipswich for distribution to needy families. Please wrap your gifts and mark them boy/girl and age of suitability, gifts for adults, especially mothers, are also welcome. These gifts are always much appreciated by people who perhaps have less to look forward to at Christmas than we do.

DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2010		
Thursday 2 nd	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning and 100+ Club Draw at Village Hall</u>
Friday 3 rd	10am-12	<u>Coffee Morning at Kettleburgh Village Hall</u>
Saturday 4 th	10.00am	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall inc. mulled wine & mince pies
Saturday 4 th	2.30 – 5pm	<u>Brandeston Christmas Bazaar</u> at village hall. The event will include homemade cakes, books, Christmas Gifts, toys, plant and bulb stall, bottle stall, draw, teas and Father Christmas. Organised by Brandeston PCC to raise funds to maintain our historic church. Admission free.
Saturday 4 th	3.00pm	<u>Light up a Life</u> at St Michael's Church, Framlingham – see below.
Sunday 5 th	5.30pm	<u>Brandeston Christingle Service</u>
Thursday 9 th	7.30pm	<u>Easton Rabble</u> – a Choir concert with a Christmas theme, at Easton Church
Friday 10 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “Miracle on 34 th Street” at Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 11 th	11am – 2pm	<u>Christmas Bazaar</u> at Easton Village Hall. Hot soup and rolls, tea, coffee, mince pies, raffle and Christmas stalls.
Saturday 11 th	From 5pm	<u>Kettleburgh Countdown to Christmas</u> at Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 11 th	8.00pm	<u>Wine Club</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 12 th	11.15am	<u>Kettleburgh Christingle and Gift service</u>
Tuesday 14 th	6.00pm	<u>Kettleburgh Carol Singing</u> – meet at Village Hall (all welcome) – see below.
Wednesday 15 th		<u>Brandeston Carol Singing</u> at the Queen's Head
Wednesday 15 th	7.00pm	<u>Phoenix Singers Music and Readings for Christmas</u> at St Michael's Church, Framlingham – see below.
Saturday 18 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Old Chapel Candlelit Evening</u> – see below.
Sunday 19 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Carol Service at the Crib</u>
Monday 20 th	6pm	<u>Eason Carol Singing around the village</u> – meet on the Green

Friday 24 th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	10am 4.30pm 11.30pm	<u>Christmas Eve with COSMIC</u> at Easton church <u>Service of 9 lessons and Carols</u> at Kettleburgh <u>Midnight Holy Communion</u> at Brandeston
Saturday 25 th <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00am	<u>Family Holy Communion with Carols</u> at Kettleburgh church



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.

Those who attend can make a donation to put a light in memory of someone on a Christmas tree at the event.

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

The Light Up a Life event will take place on Saturday 4th December at 3pm at St Michael's Church in conjunction with Churches Together.

This year the Hospice has organised it as an event in its own right, unlike previous years when it formed 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

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

Friday 10th December - Miracle on 34th Street - a feel-good Christmas film for all the family. If you are not a member please feel free to come along and join club members and bring everyone from granny to the children. We will have mince pies and some mulled wine to get us all in the Christmas mood.

The New Season - In 2011 we are changing our evening to enable those who like to be at the Queen on Fridays to still enjoy Film Club. We are holding our film night on the **first Thursday of every month** starting on January 6th 2011 at 7.30 pm. This will be membership night so please bring along your annual subscription of £10 per person to enroll. This entitles you to see 12 films throughout the year.

Sharing a film with friends is so much more rewarding than watching alone at home and we have tried to make the programme varied and to show films that you might never have thought of. Members say that even if they don't like a film they still have a talking point for the next few days!

Richard, Chris and Mary look forward to seeing you on 10th December and 6th January.

January, 6th – The Last Station. A historical drama that illustrates Russian author Leo Tolstoy's struggle to balance fame and wealth with this commitment to a life devoid of material things. Starring Helen Mirren and Christopher Plummer.

February, 3rd – The Hurt Locker. Set in Iraq soldiers are forced to play a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse in the chaos of war. Starring Jeremy Renner and Anthony Mackie.

March, 3rd – Crazy Heart. A faded country music musician is forced to reassess his dysfunctional life during a doomed romance that also inspires him. Starring Jeff Bridges and James Keane. *Sue Thurlow*

KETTLEBURGH COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS – Saturday 11th December

You are invited to Kettleburgh Village Hall on Saturday 11th December for the Kettleburgh Countdown to Christmas. The Village Hall Committee is providing mulled wine and mince pies and the decorated Christmas tree outside the hall. There will be Christmas music and time to catch up with friends before the Christmas rush begins. The hall will be open from 5:00p.m and at 5:30p.m we will start the countdown to turning on the Christmas tree lights. Come and sing a carol or two around the tree. Look out for posters around the village and put the date in your diary. *JC*

WINE CLUB

The next meeting will be in Brandeston village hall at 8pm on Saturday 11th December. Book your place with Martin Churchill – 685303. *ST*

KETTLEBURGH CAROL SINGING – Tuesday 14th December

As usual, we meet outside the Village Hall at 6:00p.m, and then make our way round the village to sing carols and bring the Christmas message to your doors. We will be collecting for the Children's Society. We will finish by singing in the Chequers at around 7:45p.m. Come and join us to sing – you will be most welcome. *JC*



Kettleburgh Christingle and Gift Service
11:15a.m. Sunday 12 December
St Andrew's Church

You are invited to this special Family Service.

Bring along a wrapped gift to be given to
a child cared for by
The Ormiston Trust in Ipswich.

Receive a Christingle and
learn what this special symbol means.

PHOENIX SINGERS

AND CHOIR FROM

ROBERT HITCHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL

MUSIC AND READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
FRAMLINGHAM

**WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER
7 P.M.**

Tickets £8. (including mince pie and mulled wine) available from Framlingham Stationers, choir members or at the door.

BRANDESTON OLD CHAPEL CANDLELIT EVENING

Saturday 18th December at 7.30 pm

Tickets £5 - available from the Brandeston Thursday Coffee Morning or from Sue Thurlow 685673 from early December. Also available on the door but, to aid catering, it would be good to know approx. numbers beforehand.

This is a very festive way to start the lead up to Christmas and a good way to support the restoration fund of this fine building - so hope to see you there. *ST*

CALLING ALL WHIST PLAYERS WHO ATTEND THE WHIST DRIVES AT BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL

Please note that because the last Friday in December falls on Christmas Eve, we will all be busy with our Christmas Festivities. There will, therefore, be NO whist drive at all in Brandeston during the month of December. Don't be too disheartened as there will be two, yes two, held in January, 2011. These will be staged on Friday, 7th January and Friday 28th January - Doors open at 6.30 p.m. for a 7.00 p.m. start.

May we wish everybody a wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.
Rick and Pam Reade

ADVANCE NOTICES

Fri 7 th & Fri 28 th January	6.30pm for 7pm start	Whist Drives at Brandeston Village Hall
Mon 17 th January	7.30pm	Mardle at Letheringham and Easton Village Hall. Dr. David Foreman of Saxmundham will tell the story of his single-handed sailing trip from Orford to Brazil and back, via St. Helena Island.- this should take our minds of the winter weather! £6 donation includes a glass of wine and canapés.
10 th , 11 th , 12 th Feb 2011		Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Kettleburgh Village Hall – tickets on sale (see below)

KETTLEBURGH PANTO

Tickets are on sale now for the next Kettleburgh extravaganza - Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

We promise you brilliant acting, amazing singing, staggering beards - all the wonderful effects you expect from our world class productions.

Performances are in the Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 3rd, 4th and 5th February at 7.30 pm and at 2.30 on Sat afternoon.

Contact the Box Office on 01728 723623 for ticket information.

AUGUST WEDDING

It was a lovely August day (between the showers) when **Carol Harle** from Church Road, Kettleburgh married **Jack Pickering** at Melton Register Office. She was given away by her brother Robin, and her two great-nieces were bridesmaids.

She looked lovely in a purple dress with white accessories and carried a posy of pink roses. The two little bridesmaids had pink and purple flowers and looked very pretty in their flowery dresses and sparkly purple shoes.

Jack's elder son Danny was Best Man. His younger son Gary took the newly married couple to catch the coach for a honeymoon in Scotland. Carol and Jack, a widower previously from Marlesford, are now living in Kitson Court, Wickham Market.

We send our best wishes for their happiness together.

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BRANDESTON BAPTISM

It is good to record the Baptism of **Grace Ruby Carr** (aged 5 months) who was baptised

at All Saints' Church, Brandeston on Sunday 21st November 2010. Grace is the daughter of Andrew and Anna Carr of 15 Warene Close, Framlingham and the grand daughter of Richard and Brenda Martin who live at 3, the Oaks, Brandeston.

Andy and Anna were married in Brandeston church in 2003. Andy is a telecoms manager with BT and Anna has her own children's wear shop in Framlingham with the great family name "Ruby and Ted", 28 Station Road. A very successful shop now known around Suffolk; Grace can always be found in there with her mother, helping to sell the clothes with welcome smile.

A further Brandeston connection – Grace is the great niece of Ruby Peck (aged 95) who has lived in Brandeston all her life; Ruby is Richard Martin's great aunt; the oldest resident in Brandeston, although she is away at the moment.

The baptism was a very happy Brandeston occasion with the church almost full. The godparents were Deborah Smith, Kieran Martin, Cheryl Singleton and Nicholas Hunt. A reception was held afterwards at Brandeston Village Hall with great fun.

We send our love and good wishes to Grace and her family; our prayers that Grace will grow up to be strong and fit. May God bless you Grace. GV

PAST EVENTS

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Kettleburgh's total this year was £674.50 – can't compete with Brandeston's total this time!

The cyclists were Trevor Jessop, Sylvia Atkinson, Jackie & Bill Clark, Lucy Grogan and myself, with a generous donation from another cyclist who couldn't go this year. Thank you to everyone who cycled, all those that sat in the church and everyone who sponsored us. *Pat Peck*

BONFIRE NIGHT

Following the postponement from Friday 5th to the Sunday we actually had a fine night to celebrate Guy Fawkes. The huge bonfire lit well despite the heavy recent rain and with lots of fireworks the whole evening was a great success. Sausages and burgers were on sale from the BBQ and the mulled wine, with a 'special' secret ingredient, sold out very quickly.

Many thanks indeed to Martin Churchill and his team for organising the fireworks – the display seems to get better and better each year. Thanks also to Tim Owens and those who helped collect the materials to build the magnificent bonfire and to the BBQ team for the excellent food.

For a small village, what a splendid firework display! Our thanks to Mr. & Mrs. John King of the Old Vicarage who kindly allowed us to hold this event on their field and to

all who donated firework to make this such a great evening which raised £87 for village hall funds.

KETTLEBURGH QUIZ

Congratulations to the winning team at the Kettleburgh Quiz evening on 12th November; Trevor and Diane Smith and Ray and Sheila Seal, from Kettleburgh who beat 3 other teams by just one point.

Many thanks to everyone who helped organise and run the evening, and to all who took part – we hope you enjoyed it. £522 was raised, to be split between St Andrew’s Church, and the Pakistan Disaster Appeal. VB

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

The winners for November were:-

- 1st Mary Baker
- 2nd Roy O’Brien

Next draw at the December village lunch

Mark Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of the KGT Lottery for November were as follows:

- 1st prize: E. Davies
- 2nd prize: Geoff and Janet Corston

Trevor Jessop

NOTICES

SALT BINS

Brandeston parishioners who are authorized (and insured by SCC) to spread salted grit on the highways when there is significant snow and ice on the roads:-
John Garratt, Paul Baker, Richard Martin, Sue Thurlow , Kathy Churchill, Phil Summers, David Risk, Paddy Fielder , Will Elson and Steve Western

Bins in Brandeston are located at:-

Mill Lane, Queens Head, Manse Hill, Old Maids Lane, opposite The Forge and at Quaker House, Friday Street

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Rehearsals for the next Kettleburgh Players pantomime, Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs, are well under way. There are several new members of cast and backstage helpers this year. A reminder of the dates of the production: 10, 11, 12 February 2011. The latest fund raising event was an Olde Tyme Music Hall evening on 23 October. The stage was set with potted palms and fringed scarves, the hall was decked with flags and bunting, and the audience entered into the spirit of the evening by dressing in all manner of period costume: hats of all descriptions, dazzling waistcoats, bow ties and breeches—there was even a pearly queen. The entertainment encompassed singing, musical interludes on flute and ukelele, monologues and some good Suffolk humour. The community singing went with a swing, the sausage and mash supper sizzled and the chairman comported himself with the expected hyperbole and exaggeration. The sum of £700 was raised for Village Hall funds. Thank you to all who supported the evening or helped in any way.

You can read the minutes from Village Hall Committee meetings, and find lots more Village Hall news on the Kettleburgh website:
www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk/villagehall

TO ALL BRANDESTON FLOWER ARRANGERS, PAST AND PRESENT

It is over thirty years since Mrs Minchin persuaded me to take on the job of organizing the flowers in Brandeston Church, and I have enjoyed doing it. But the time has come to rest on my scateurs, and allow fresh blood to take over. So I am retiring as organizer on 31st December 2010.

I want to take the opportunity to thank you all; all of you flower arrangers past and present, who have so loyally supported Brandeston Church and myself over the years, and helped to make the Church look welcoming and beautiful. It couldn't have been done without you all.

Thank you,
Nancy Demetriadi

KEEP FIT 2011

Suffolk Sport is the organiser of the 'Fit Villages' initiative, which aims to make use of Village Halls as a base for activity sessions. The project focuses on ensuring that living in a rural area presents an opportunity rather than a barrier to accessing sport and physical activity. Several villagers have already expressed an interest in this scheme.

The sessions are open to men and women of all ages.

Beginning in mid January and lasting for six to eight weeks, the Village Hall will be the venue from 10:00—11:00a.m to provide taster sessions for a variety of physical activities. Suffolk Sport will bear the cost of the hall hire and provide qualified local instructors. There will be a small fee to cover the cost of refreshments. At the end of these taster sessions, it is hoped that those participating will want to continue with regular meetings in the Village Hall.

The beginning of a new year is the ideal time to start a new activity. If you would like more information, contact Liz Marzetti on 621053. There will be posters and website information giving full details at the beginning of January.

Liz
Marzetti



TAKE A DIP ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Are you brave enough to have an early morning dip on Christmas Day?
On Saturday 25th December hundreds of St Elizabeth Hospice supporters will be taking part in the annual Christmas Day Dip in the sea off Felixstowe.

Registration has opened so if you are thinking of taking the plunge sign up today!
Last year around 200 people took up the challenge to raise money for the Hospice and around 300 dippers are expected this year.

Many find it a good way of starting Christmas Day, which can be a difficult time for someone who is grieving.

At 10am when the horn sounds everyone will enter the cold sea opposite Manning's Amusements on Sea Road. Mulled wine and minced pies will be served afterwards. The registration fee is £5 per person and participants are asked to raise sponsorship. Last year the event raised over £35,000 for the Hospice, an independent charity which is based in Foxhall Road, Ipswich, and costs £6.6 million a year to run. The Hospice relies on the generosity of the local community to meet most of these costs through fundraising. To download a registration form, visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk. Or for more information, contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600 or by email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk.

HOSPICE WANTS SECOND-HAND FURNITURE

If you are updating your three piece suite or other furniture this Christmas, please think of donating your old one to St Elizabeth Hospice.

Donations of good quality furniture are urgently needed to resell in Hospice shops and raise funds for the charity. Van drivers collect from your home Monday to Saturday.

If you have any furniture that you would like to donate please call 01473 744080. The Hospice is a Suffolk charity which costs £6.6 million a year to run.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE - From PCSO Hassler

The following advice is recommended to guard against distraction burglaries:

1. LOCK Keep your front and back doors locked, even when at home.
2. STOP Before you answer the door, stop and think if you are expecting anyone. Look through the spy-hole or the window to see who it is.
3. CHAIN If you decide to open the door, put the door chain or bar on first. Keep the chain or bar on while you are talking to the person on the doorstep.
4. CHECK Check their details and identity before you let them into your home. If it is someone claiming to be an official, ask for and carefully check their identity card.

From Brandeston Parish Councillor, Will Elson

EASTON FARM PARK – FARMERS MARKET VOUCHER SCHEME

At Farmers Markets, each person entering the car park will be asked to purchase £5 worth of vouchers which are redeemable at the market as well as in all of the sites catering facilities. This starts at 9am and runs until the market finishes. For the benefit of local supporters, if you arrive before 9.30am there will be no charge. Anyone who wishes to gain access to the Farm Park after the farmers market has finished will not be expected to pay for the £5 of vouchers, however will be expected to pay the admission price. The voucher scheme is in place to boost the usage of all the stalls.

With Christmas just around the corner we have arranged for **Santa and his Grotto** to be here from **11th to 23rd December**. Admission is £5 for children and the same for adults; all children will be given the chance to meet Santa and receive a present. This will run from 11am – 3pm, so please bring the children along for a great day of fun. Finally, Easton Farm Park and all the staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brett Baber, General Manager, Easton Farm Park

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 (97), PDF or jpg for pictures/scans.

Covers are always welcome too!

TIMES PAST

With Christmas approaching some of our thoughts centre on meals that we shall enjoy. Here are a few local observations concerning pork.

During the 19th century there were two families living in Brandeston and Kettleburgh who were famed for their pig production. Samuel Geater Stearn who lived successively at 'The Cottage' and 'Office Farm', Brandeston and the Goddards who were at 'Brunswick Farm', Kettleburgh.

Samuel exhibited at both Birmingham and London. At that time, in 1864, the heavier pigs were the better. One of his, aged 28 months, weighed 40 stone (560 lbs) as the Framlingham Weekly news reported.

John Goddard was particularly interested in Large Blacks and in 1895 it was suggested that a 'Large Black Pig Society' should be formed to advance the interest of the breeders. The following passage is taken from an account published in 1899:-

'An excellent herd was established... the first purchases consisting of young sows bred by the late Mr John Goddard of Kettleburgh whose herd was closely related to that of the late Mr Geater Stearn of Brandeston who was of considerable repute a quarter of a century ago as a breeder of a fine class of Large Blacks. Five and twenty years ago Large Blacks were fed to enormous and indeed almost incredible weight but being in the hands of men who had to supply a carcass which would meet the requirements of the times, great weight has given way to greater quality and the Large Black now yields a long, deep sided carcass of 160-190 lbs dead weight, showing a larger proportion of lean meat than any other breed.

Large Blacks are exceedingly docile in disposition and the natural carriage of the ears, well forward over the eyes, is said to contribute to a quickness of habit which renders them particularly adapted to field grazing. Their colour is claimed to be an advantage as it enables them to be pastured or field fed during the summer months without suffering from sun-scold. John Goddard won prizes in 1901-1903 according to the reports given.

I understand that Berkshire and Essex Saddlebacks are popular now in Brandeston.

W.M.W

A full list of services can be found in the middle of the magazine

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

5th Dec. Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery
12th Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
19th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
26th Christine Matthews and Don Evans
2nd Jan Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper

Kettleburgh

Jackie Clark
Eddie Bell
Jane O'Leary
Fay Clarke
Claire Norman

CHURCH FLOWERS

	ADVENT – No flowers	
25 th	Christmas Decorations	Anne Bater
26 th		Anne Bater
2 nd Jan	Nancy Demetriadi	Anne Bater