

THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

A very happy 2010 to you all.

Is it really true that the millennium was 10 years ago?

A friend recently reflected that it felt more like five or six years ago – so where have the intervening years gone!

‘What of all the things in the world is the longest and the shortest, the swiftest and the slowest, the most divisible and the most extended, the most neglected and the most regretted, without which nothing can be done, which devours all that is little, and enlivens all that is great?’

(a question put to Zadig in Voltaire’s *Zadig – a Mystery of Fate*.)
Zadig replied: ‘Time’.

May the New Year bring with it an appreciation of the preciousness of time – of time to experience the reality of the presence of Christ in the ordinary everyday daily events of life.

I love the first verse of George Herbert’s hymn:

‘Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see;
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee!’

So may this New Year bring with it a resolution to savour time, and to live each day with respect and anticipation of the sense of the timelessness of heaven.

God bless you,

With love

Harry Edwards

PLEASE NOTE: From this month, January 2010, the monthly letter in the Parish Magazines of the Greater Benefice will be written by Canon Harry Edwards, the Rev Robin Alderson and other members of the ‘Ministry Team’.

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DIARY FOR JANUARY 2010		
Friday 1 st	10am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Saturday 2 nd	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall - see below.
Thursday 7 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning and 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 8 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “– The Edge of Love” at Village Hall – see below.
Monday 18 th	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall
Monday 18 th	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh PCC</u> at Church Farm
Monday 25 th	2.30pm	<u>Mothers Union Annual Meeting</u> – 22 Orchard Place Wickham Market
Monday 25 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston PCC</u> at Office Farm, Brandeston
Friday 29 th	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall - see below.

“CALLING ALL CARD PLAYERS” - WHIST DRIVES 2ND AND 29TH JANUARY

We are opening 2010 with two Whist Drives on SATURDAY, 2nd January and Friday, 29th January at Brandeston Village Hall. Doors will open at 6.30 p.m. ready for a prompt start at 7.00 p.m. on both occasions. All those who enjoy playing cards are most welcome to attend. You are guaranteed an enjoyable evening in convivial company with great refreshments in the interval. All this for just £2.50 per person. Previous experience of Whist is not essential. If you wish to take part, please phone Pam or Rick Reade on 685920 so that we can approximate the number of tables required for each evening. Payment to be made at the door on the night.

May we wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Rick and

Pam.

MARDLE – “NUTRITION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC”
OR “COCONUTS, CORAL AND CANNIBALS”

Jane Pollock of Easton will be our first speaker in the New Year: she has a degree in agriculture, and after gaining a certificate in Education, she became an agricultural officer in the colonial service in Uganda. This was followed by a post in the South Pacific Health Service, promoting good nutrition in many different developing countries. This will be an exceptionally interesting talk.

7.30pm in Easton and Letheringham Village Hall. Admission £6 which includes a drink and canapés. Everyone welcome.

Sylvia Keene

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

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.

8th January – The Edge of Love. The life story of Dylan Thomas featuring two feisty, free-spirited women who are connected by the brilliant, charismatic poet who loves them both.

12th February – Slum Dog Millionaire – the recent acclaimed film about a boy from the slums of Mumbai.

12th March - Revolutionary Road. Based on a novel by Richard Yates it is a story about a young couple living in a Connecticut suburb during the mid 1950s struggling to come to terms with their personal problems while trying to raise their 2 children.

Sue Thurlow

ADVANCED NOTICES

4 th – 6 th February		Kettleburgh Pantomime – see below
26 th March	7.30pm	Film Evening - Chris Parfitt's travels in South Africa at Kettleburgh Village Hall

KETTLEBURGH PANTOMIME

Tickets for Jack and the Beanstalk are on sale now! Phone the Box Office - 01728 723623 to get your tickets. Performance dates are: February 4th, 5th and 6th at 7.30 pm. with a matinee on Saturday 6th at 2.30 pm.

Come along and see all your favourite characters - the Dame, the beautiful Princess, the handsome Hero, the Cow with attitude, the really nasty Villain and his master, the Giant, the all singing, all dancing chorus - what more could you possibly want? Laugh with them, sing with them - just be there. You'll enjoy it. Oh, yes, you will!

Liz Marzetti

PAST EVENTS

BRANDESTON CHRISTMAS DANCE

A good time was had by all at the Brandeston Village Christmas Dance - many of us dancing all evening to the excellent group. Thanks to everyone for the delicious array of food. £106 was raised for village hall funds. Date for your diaries- TYLER KEMP+I have been booked again for Sat. 27th. Nov. 2010

Chris Bays

KETTLEBURGH CAROL SINGING

Amid the winter snow, it was deep, crisp and even, but also very slippery, as a small but vocal band made its way around the village on the Tuesday before Christmas. We were collecting for the Children's Society and raised £108. Thank you to all who listened to our carolling and contributed so generously. We are sorry if we didn't sing at your door...if you join us next year, maybe we could split into two groups and sing to more people. We finished by singing at the Chequers. Thanks to Ron and Debbie for making us welcome and restoring feeling to the extremities with some tasty nibbles. *Jackie Clark*

BRANDESTON CAROL SINGING

The Brandeston Queen's Head was a very warm and welcoming place to be on Wednesday 16th December as many of us gathered to sing carols celebrating the start of Christmas. The pub was full with all ages of people from the parish, a great atmosphere and an annual occasion enjoyed by so many people. Our thanks to Alan Randall and his staff for the welcome given to us and the snack food which we all much enjoyed. Our thanks, too, to Melanie Bigden from Framlingham who brought her keyboard and faithfully played carols for at least an hour as we sang all the well-known carols and a

few others from the carol sheet. Money was collected for St. Elizabeth Hospice and totalled £81.

Thank you again, Alan and to all who sang and gave generously.

GV

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for Dec 2009, drawn at the village Christmas lunch were :-

- 1st John Weston
- 2nd Eve Crane
- 3rd Anne Hayward
- 4th Steve Williams

First draw of the New Year will be held at the village hall on Thursday, 07 January

Mark

Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Christmas Draw: 4th December 2009

1st Prize (£100): Anthony Weeks

2nd Prize (£50): Iain Sanderson

3rd Prize (£25): Caroline Tosh

Trevor Jessop

NOTICES

JUST A NOTE ABOUT SERVICES IN JANUARY, from Robin Alderson

When readers look at the Timetable of services taking place in Brandeston, Kettleburgh and Easton Churches during January 2010, they will see that there are one or two differences from the previous pattern of services.

The first is on the third Sunday of the month, when the Holy Communion Service at Brandeston takes place each month at 10.00am, rather than at 11.00am as in previous months. This change of time will be continued in future months. I hope this change will enable more people to come to that service in future.

Then, on the fourth Sunday in January, we will be welcoming The Venerable Judy Hunt, the Archdeacon of Suffolk to the Benefice for the first time, to speak and preside at the 10.00am Family Holy Communion service at Easton. I hope there will be a generous congregation at that service to give Judy a suitably warm welcome.

I hope very much hope that people from Brandeston and Kettleburgh will wish to come to that service. I have decided that it will be appropriate on that day to cancel the 11.15am Family Worship service at Kettleburgh.

RA

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch is to prevent/reduce crime in neighbourhoods, to reassure people in communities, and to provide appropriate crime reduction advice. It hopefully encourages everyone to be alert in looking out for themselves, and for others perhaps less able to do so. It is also a means of passing information from communities to the police, and vice-versa, which is hopefully where the 'co-ordinator' (myself) comes in. If you see something you consider suspicious (and is NOT an emergency) please let me know, and I can either offer limited advice, or pass it on to the police. (I was a police radio control employee for 22 yrs until recent retirement, so hopefully have picked up advice I can assist with, even though I was not a police officer) Obviously EMERGENCIES should be given via 999 to Police/Amb/Fire as everyone knows, and not myself in those cases. The short answer is, if I cannot help, I will contact someone who can on your behalf. My new tel number is 723226, or email derrick48@btopenworld.com. I hope this assists those who may not know about Neighbourhood Watch so far.

Derrick Neilson



Would you like to open your garden in aid of the Hospice?

St Elizabeth Hospice is looking for people to open their garden to the public with all proceeds benefiting the charity.

Every spring and summer residents across east Suffolk open their gardens for an afternoon for visitors to admire – in return for a donation.

Gardens of all shapes and sizes, formal or informal, cosy or large are wanted.

This year around 20 gardens opened raising a total of £11,000. And this year we would like to see even more opening in every corner of east Suffolk including the towns, coastal areas and villages.

St Elizabeth Hospice would love to hear from you if you are interested in opening your garden in either May, June, July, August or September 2010.

For more information, please contact Rachael Mittell, community fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice on 01473 707034 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

Step out for a walk of thoughts in Framlingham

Join supporters of St Elizabeth Hospice for a peaceful and reflective walk.

The six mile circular walk will start from the picturesque Framlingham Castle on Sunday 21st February at 10am.

Anyone is invited to come along, whether to remember a loved one or just enjoy the beautiful scenery – whilst raising funds for the Hospice.

It is the third time the Hospice has organised a walk of this kind, but the first time from Framlingham Castle.

Laura Backhouse, community fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice said “The Walk of Thoughts is an opportunity to remember a friend or loved one or to simply enjoy walking in beautiful surroundings.

“It is also a great way to blow away the winter cobwebs, to keep fit in the New Year and to help support your local Hospice at the same time.

“All ages are welcome to join in and all money raised through the Walk of Thoughts will enable us to continue providing our care free of charge to the local community.”

Registration fees in advance are £5.50 adults and £3.50 for under 16s. On the day it will be £7 for adults and £5 for under 16s. Families (max two adults, two under 16s) pay £15 or £20 on the day. Walkers are invited to raise sponsorship money.

There will be free parking and refreshments.

For more information or a registration form, please contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600, email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk to download a registration form online.

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

Sometimes it can be instructive to look at sayings and doings of the past. Here are some which celebrate January and the New Year. How many are familiar to you?

In former times one of the most important days of the month was Epiphany, January 6th, when it was believed that Jesus was visited by the Magi. Twelfth Night, the evening of January 5th, was so called because in 1752 time was changed from Old to the New style. Apple trees were given a salutation or wassail which was believed to charm the trees into giving a good crop. The wassail bowl would contain roasted apples, sugar, ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon with wine or ale. This would then be taken to the orchard in the evening where a toast was given:-

“Health to thee, good apple tree,
Whence thou may’st have apples enow.
Hats full, caps full,
Three bushel bags full
And my pockets full too.”

The remains of the wassail were poured over one of the orchard trees, a great shout was given or a gun fired to drive away any evil spirits. Preparations for the Twelfth Night included in the making of a rich cake. Into this would be inserted a bean and a pea. He who received the bean in his slice was elected King of the Bean. He who received the slice containing the pea was elected Queen and they both received regal honours during the celebrations.

We have no idea how many orchards there were in 18th Century Kettleburgh and Brandeston. The Kettleburgh Tithe Map of 1839 and the Brandeston one of 1844 show two orchards in Kettleburgh and twelve in Brandeston. This gives some indication of what might have been here a century earlier.

Plough Monday was another January custom. This was the first Monday after Epiphany, this year January 11th. It was the first day that farm labourers returned to work after Christmas, when it was hoped that the ground was not too frozen or wet to begin ploughing. Often it started with a procession which included plough boys dressed as mummers who begged for ‘plough money’, some of which would be used for candles to be burnt before the altar of the church. Sometimes the procession had a plough blessed by the clergy. This would be drawn by boys or oxen.

Think of these former customs and remember!

WMW

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

3rd Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
10th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
17th Christine Matthews and Don Evans
24th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
31st Peter and Trish Smyth
7th Feb Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker

Kettleburgh

CHURCH FLOWERS

3rd Nancy Demetriadi
10th Helen Saxton
17th Jackie Hounsell
24th Sue Rainbird
31st Eve Crane
7th Feb Ruth Garratt

Claire Norman
Jane O'Leary
Jane O'Leary
Wendy Griffiths
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Valerie Upson