

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS**

APRIL 2011



THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

From: The Revd Deirdre West

Dear Friends

I conducted my first solo school assembly in early March at Eyke School, where I am one of the foundation governors. What an experience it was! I set off from home with a slight feeling of anxiety, clutching a basket of bits and bobs, a nail, a rock, a paper crown from a cracker, a towel, a book and an empty medicine bottle. With these items, I was going to attempt to answer the question "Who is Jesus", the theme set for the day.

Well I needn't have worried at all. In the school hall, assembling quietly and politely class by class, were 140 children and their teachers. My request for some helpers resulted in dozens of hands up, and some of the most direct looks it has been my pleasure to receive. To the question, "Well, who do you think Jesus is?" - I was inundated with ideas and most of them completely right - in fact they hardly needed me at all to unravel the obscurity of my accessories.

I left having learnt a really catchy new song, the tune of which plagued me all that day and the next! I learnt that a community of young eager minds, surrounded by a strong Christian ethos which teaches and educates certainly, but which also encourages, respects, inspires and prepares children to become the people they were created to be, has much to teach US about the Christian values there ought to be in today's world.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all, a really happy and truly blessed Easter.

*He is risen
He is risen indeed, Alleluia*

With love in Christ
Deirdre

PS I have a small bar of chocolate for the first person who rings to tell me which of my bits and bobs represented which specific characteristic of Jesus.

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DIARY FOR APRIL 2011		
Friday 1 st	10am-12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Saturday 2 nd	10.00am	<u>Lent Course continues</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Saturday 2 nd	7.30pm	<u>Phoenix Singers Concert</u> at St Michael’s Church, Framlingham – see below.
Sunday 3 rd <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	11.00am	<u>Mothering Sunday Service</u> at Brandeston Church – see below.
Thursday 7 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Thursday 7 th	7.30pm	<u>Lent Course continues</u> at The Dock and Duck, Campsea Ashe – see below
Thursday 7 th	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> “Tamara Drew” at Brandeston Village hall – see below.
Friday 8 th	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Quiz Evening</u> in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance and St Andrews Church, at Village Hall. Tickets £7.50 each, including supper. Tables of up to 4 people. Bar, Raffle. For tickets please contact Vickie Neilson 723226 or Val Butcher 724777 (please book asap)
Saturday 9 th	7.30pm	<u>Beetle Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall. A great fun evening for all ages. Tickets £5, children half price from the Thursday Coffee Morning or Frank Eyles – 685051. Refreshments – a ploughman’s etc.

Monday 11 th	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Annual Parish Church Meeting</u> at Village Hall – see below.
Tuesday 12 th	7.00pm	<u>Kettleburgh Village Hall AGM</u> All welcome – see below.
Wednesday 13 th	2.30pm	<u>Lent Course continues</u> at Marlesford Rectory – see below
Wednesday 13 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Annual Parish Church Meeting</u> at Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 16 th	10.00am	<u>Kettleburgh Church Spring Clean</u> – see below.
Sunday 17 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	6.30pm	<u>Choral Evensong</u> at Kettleburgh Church – see below.
Monday 18 th	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> – “The frozen history of Antarctica”, at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 23 rd	9am – 1pm	<u>Farmers Market</u> at Easton Farm Park. Free parking and entry.

LENT COURSE 2011

Following last years very successful Lent course it has been decided to continue in the same manner, with all seven parishes sharing in the same course. The aim is to roam around the villages, enabling an assortment of venues and times. The course will be structured informally around a short act of worship, refreshments and exploration of ‘Faith Journeys’.

By varying the time, day and time of each session it is hoped to make it as accessible to as many people as possible. So, if you can’t make all of them there is a chance you will find at least one to suit.

The course is for EVERYONE and anyone – at whatever stage of their individual journeys they are at, and it will be a great opportunity to worship, socialise, explore and learn together. So please, even if you’ve only got a passing interest, or are slightly curious do feel YOU are welcome to come if only for one or two sessions.

Programme

Session 3 Saturday 2nd April 10am Brandeston Village Hall

Title: My journey from Brandeston to Zambia and back

Worship and Eileen Leach MBE talks with Revd Robin Alderson

Enjoy coffee and biscuits!

Session 4 Thursday 7th April 7.30pm Dog & Duck Campsea Ashe

Title: Faith and Marriage

Talk by Niall & Wendi Pasco McGregor

Sandwiches and coffee provided, or why not buy a drink from the bar!

Session 5 Wednesday 13th April 2.30pm Marlesford Rectory

Title: Two from the same stable

Worship and discussion lead by Canon Deirdre Parmenter and Revd Deirdre West

around Isaiah chapter 43 verses 1-3a
Afternoon Tea and Cake!

	Phoenixsingers <i>Edmond Fivet, Musical Director</i>
Mozart: Coronation Mass and Haydn: The Seven Words of our Saviour from the Cross	
SATURDAY 2 ND APRIL 2011 AT 7.30PM ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH, FRAMLINGHAM	
Tickets available from Aldeburgh Music Club 01728 687110, Framlingham Stationers, choir members or at the door. £12, £6 and under 18s half price	

UNITED MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE AT BRANDESTON – 3RD APRIL

Family Worship for Mothering Sunday will take place in Brandeston Church starting at 11.00am on Mothering Sunday, 3rd April 2011. This will be a united service, for both the parishes of Kettleburgh and Brandeston. The theme of the service will focus on the love Mother's give their children, and the service will include music, poetry, flowers, drama and activities for all ages, following this theme. Please also note that the collection received at this service will be given to support the relief work in Japan following the recent earthquake and tsunami. Although the service is being planned especially with families in mind, absolutely everyone will be welcome to come and take part.

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

The film club in 2011 will be held on **the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 p.m.** Membership is £10 which entitles you to see 12 films throughout the year.

April 7th – Tamara Drew A young newspaper writer returns to her home town in the English countryside where her childhood home is being prepped for sale. Starring Gemma Arterton.

May 5th - Dark Blue World. Charles Dance and Tara Fitzgerald star in this World War 2 story in which the friendship of two men becomes tested when they both fall for the same woman.

June 2nd - Mrs. Henderson Presents. During World War 2 Laura Henderson buys an old London theatre and opens it up as the Windmill theatre, a performance hall which goes down in history for, amongst other things, its all-nude revues. Judi Dench, Bob Hoskins and Will Young star. *Sue Thurlow*

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETINGS

Annual Parish Church Meetings take place for St Andrew's Church, Kettleburgh on Monday 11 April at 7.30pm in Kettleburgh Village Hall, and for All Saints Church Brandeston on Wednesday 13 April at 7.00pm in Brandeston Village Hall. These meetings are open to everyone living in the Village. Everyone is invited to come and find out what your local Church has been doing this year and to hear about the challenges it is facing. More details are given on posters around the villages, and on the two village web sites. *RA*

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting of the Kettleburgh Village Hall Committee will be held on Tuesday 12th April 2011 in the Hall at 7.00pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Liz Marzetti

(Secretary)

KETTLEBURGH CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

Kettleburgh Church will be "Spring Cleaned" on Saturday 16th April, starting at 10.00am. Do, please, come along and help get the Church ready for Easter. Please bring your own dusters, dustpans, brushes and cleaning materials (you'll need to make sure you take them home with you when we've finished!), although you might get a chance to use the Church's new (or nearly new "Henry" vacuum cleaner). If you have a long handled feather duster for reaching the higher spots, do bring it along. Even if you don't visit the Church very often, your help with the Spring Clean will be immensely appreciated and you will receive a warm welcome! *JC*

PALM SUNDAY CHORAL EVENSONG

This year, Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, will be on 17th April. Holy Week reaches its climax on Easter Day, when we celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection. This year, our services on Palm Sunday in the benefice will include a special Choral Evensong at 6.30pm that evening in Kettleburgh Church. At this service we shall welcome The Archdeacon of Suffolk on her first visit to Kettleburgh Church. As well as preaching at this service, the Venerable Dr Judy Hunt will re-commission Jackie

Clark of Kettleburgh and Jane Woodbury- Eiggins of Easton as Elders in the Benefice.
Do please come and help us welcome Judy Hunt and support Jackie and Jane on this important evening.

MARDLE – Monday 18th April at 7.30pm

Charles Brentnall will talk about “The Frozen History of Antarctica” and that will include the saving of Scott’s hut 100 years on.

£6 including a glass of wine and nibbles

Sylvia Keene

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sat. 14 th May	8am -12 noon	Kettleburgh Plant Sale at Village Hall – see below.
Mon. 16 th May	7.30pm	Mardle at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall – The author Ronald Blythe of “Akenfield” fame, will talk about a lifetime of writing. This should be of great local interest as some of it was filmed in Letheringham
Sun. 29 th May	2.30 – 5pm	Open Garden and Craft Fair at The Broadhurst (Opposite Queen’s Head), Brandeston – see below.
Wed. 8 th June	10.30am – 12 noon	Cats Protection Coffee Morning at Manly, Kettleburgh. The special guest this year will be Mr Bob Shelley, Sunday morning presenter on BBC Radio Suffolk.
Sat. 11 th June	4 – 6pm	Kettleburgh Fete – see below
Sun. 19 th June		Easton Open Gardens

KETTLEBURGH PLANT SALE

The annual plant sale in aid of St Andrews Church will be held on Saturday 14th May from 8:00a.m until 12 noon. There will be tomato plants as well as other vegetables and herbs, bedding plants and perennials for your borders. We welcome contributions of plants and all kinds of produce to sell. There will also be a raffle and refreshments. For more information contact Claire Norman – 724372

OPEN GARDENS AND CRAFT FAIR

There is to be an “ Open Garden ” event at the Broadhurst in The Street, Brandeston on 29 May 2011 to raise funds for All Saints Church, Brandeston. As well as teas and plants for sale, there will be a small marquee where “Made in Brandeston and around” goods will be for sale. These will include arts, crafts, cakes, preserves etc. If you would like to sell your wares here with a small (or large!) donation from you going to the church please contact either Jackie Hounsell on 685357 or Sue Scott on 685264.

<p style="text-align:center">BRANDESTON</p> <p style="text-align:center">GARDEN OPEN</p> <p style="text-align:center">AT</p> <p style="text-align:center">THE BROADHURST (Opposite Queen’s Head)</p> <p style="text-align:center">29TH MAY 2011</p> <p style="text-align:center">2.30 – 5.00</p> <p style="text-align:center">TEAS PLANTS ARTS AND CRAFTS</p> <p style="text-align:center">In aid of Church fabric Funds Entrance Fee £3</p>

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE FETE

Yes it’s that time again when our thoughts turn to summer and the village fete. So book Saturday June 11th in your diaries, 4 – 6 pm in the gardens of The Chequers Inn Kettleburgh. The Fete is only a success because so many people volunteer, so start thinking how you can help out this year. To remind you, volunteers are needed for: Selling raffle tickets in Framlingham on a couple of occasions in the weeks before the 11th June; helping to collect donations for stalls on Wednesday 8th June; putting marquees /gazeboes up on the Friday night and taking them down on the Saturday evening; setting up on Saturday morning & helping on the stalls and games during the afternoon; final clearing up Sunday morning; looking round your house to see what you can donate and of course coming along with friends and family on the day. If you can help in any way or have any ideas please give John Bater a call on 723532 he will be pleased to hear from you.

Valerie Compton

PAST EVENTS

MEL THE POSTMAN'S FINAL DELIVERY IN BRANDESTON - 3rd MARCH 2011

What a wonderful farewell from Brandeston villagers to Melvyn Crossland, who has been our chirpy postman for the last fifteen years. An impressive number of people packed into the Village Hall on the morning of 3rd March to wish Mel good luck and great happiness in his retirement

Mel was astounded to hear that villagers had contributed the sum of £900 in cash - resultant from a collection that had been made in the village over the course of just a few short weeks. Mel was presented with this sum - together with a quite brilliant Postman Pat cake and retirement card in recognition of his services to Brandeston.

Mel expressed his thanks in a very eloquent speech - "It is incredibly touching and I'd like to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who has been so generous. I cannot thank them enough for their support. I have always enjoyed my job and it's been a great chance to meet different people - that's what I'll miss the most." Mel said after the presentation.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported the Village collection and especially those who gave their time to deliver and collect so many contribution letters and envelopes. Thanks also to Doug & Rosie Toenjes for their brilliant artwork on the Retirement card and to Kelly Jeffery for the superb Postman Pat cake.

Pam and Rick Reade

BRANDESTON QUIZ

The quiz night in February was a great success. A full house at Brandeston village hall of 11 teams of 6 aiming at the first prize. A sausage supper was enjoyed by all with a big "thank you" to those helping to prepare the food and lending a hand on the night itself. A fun evening which raised £521 for village hall funds.

Sue Thurlow

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for March 2011 were:-

First prize Jan Bell
Second prize Ray and Paddy Morley

The first draw for the new club year will take place at the village hall on Thursday 07 April. Membership application forms for the new period will shortly be issued and you are urged to return these as promptly as possible.
Good luck!!

Mark Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of March KGT lottery draw are as follows-

1st Prize Alan Pearce
2nd Prize Charles Diver

Trevor Jessop

NOTICES

A TICKLE IN KETTLEBURGH CHURCH!

For the convenience of those in the congregation who have a cough or even a tickly throat a carafe of drinking water can now be found at the west end of the church on the font.

CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXES

The total this year was £235.95. Thank you to all those who fill their boxes throughout the year. I have more boxes if anyone else would like one.

Pat Peck

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Local residents and community groups are invited to a free open event to view the £1.7m refurbishment of St Elizabeth Hospice.

The Suffolk charity's in-patient unit has been revamped to make it more welcoming for patients and their families.

Open events take place at the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich, on:

- Saturday May 7 9am-11.30am (drop in between these times)
- Tuesday May 10 6pm-9pm;

- Wednesday May 11 2pm-5pm
- Thursday May 12 2-9pm;
- Thursday May 19 2-6.30pm

St Elizabeth Hospice's chief executive Jane Petit said: "St Elizabeth Hospice is there for people in your area who may need us and we would love to welcome those interested in finding out more about our services or how to support us, to one of our open events."

To book a place or find out more please contact on 01473 707018 or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk or email enquiries@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

St Elizabeth Hospice is a charity which provides services free of charge to people in Suffolk who are living with a progressive illness. It also provides support for their families.

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

All Fool's Day, April 1st 1865

The Framlingham Weekly News, price 1 penny, had been in existence for six years. That Saturday, April 1st 1865, it published the following:-

'A poor man, lame and blind, in the parish of Brandeston, having had the misfortune to lose his ass, applied to a gentleman who wrote him the following –

Spink's Petition

To the Charitable and the Uncharitable, to Christians, Jews, Turks, Infidels and Heretics 'Stephen Spink of Brandeston, begs leave to state the loss he has lately sustained, in the nearest relation he had in the world – his own Ass. Too modest to dwell upon any merits of his own, begs leave to solicit your charity, on those of the deceased animal, - of Christians then, he is bold to ask, because an Ass once carried the Divine Author of their religion, of Jews, because he comes the nearest of them of any brute in the Creation in their obstinacy, of Turks, because he is the parent of their favourite mule, of Infidels and Heretics because he bearest the greatest resemblance to them in stupidity, with the truly Charitable he is sensible no arguments are wanted and that with the Uncharitable none will prevail, for the first therefore as in duty bound he will ever pray; to the latter however unbecoming to the mouth of a petitioner, begs leave to say they may kiss the mark of

Stephen Spink

Lamentation

Good people all attend I pray,
And listen to my ditty,
For what poor Stephen has to say
Will sure excite your pity,

Born lame and blind, he could not pass
A Snail, so slow was he
Till mounted on his dapper ass
He flew like Mercury.

Oft has he gone when sent express
For newspaper or letter,
Within 6 hours and sometimes less,
Four miles and rather better.

Such was the speed with which he went
That he was called by most
Who by his bag their letters sent –
'The Brandeston Flying Post'.

But see him now, poor falling man

On foot and forced to crawl
As crooked, and no faster than
A snail upon the wall.

You that have legs to walk upon –
Two legs and want no more,
Pity the wretch that has but one
And set him upon four.

So shall our humble postman thrive,
So blithe his hours shall pass,
That none in Brandeston town shall live
Like Stephen and his ass.

We do not know the reason for this April 1st joke, 146 years ago, but it ties in well with the retirement of Melvyn Crossland, for fifteen years our postman.

W.M.W

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

3rd Christine Matthews and Don Evans
10th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
17th Peter and Trish Smyth
24th Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
1st May Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery

Kettleburgh

Liz Marzetti
Anne Bater
Pat Peck
Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows

CHURCH FLOWERS

LENT

24th EASTER DAY DECORATIONS Anne Bater
1st May Nancy Demetriadi Anne Bater