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Dear Friends

In her letter in this magazine last month, Deirdre West shared her enthusiasm and excitement over three Church celebrations in June, and invited readers to tell her why “Going to Church” doesn’t feature in their programmes most Sundays.

Perhaps her question was less a scientific survey of church attendance habits in 2011, than an encouragement to all of us to think for ourselves why we do or don’t go to Church and why and how that might change.

I do go to church most Sundays! It is, I have to admit, something of a habit! But Deirdre’s question prompted me to ask myself why and how that might change! What might lead me to break this habit and stop going to Church?

Do I go to Church because I haven’t got anything else to do?

No, I have to tell you, it’s not because, if I didn’t go to Church, Sunday would be a day of inactivity. I’ve got plenty of other things to do – lists of them. But for me, going to Church on Sunday is a higher priority than reducing the length of my list of things to be done.

Because, for me what matters is that going to Church connects me, in some way, with God and with other people. The Bible says that the two most important things to do in life are to love God and love our neighbour.

Well, “Church” is a good place to go to encounter God, just as Portman Road is a good place to go to encounter football; after all, the people who have lived where we live now have, for hundreds of years, regarded the buildings we call churches as holy places, places where the joys and sorrows of life come together in peace and prayerfulness, and where their and our day-to-day domestic cares and troubles touch the timelessness of God himself, just as he touched the world in the person of Jesus 2,000 years ago.

And when I “go to Church” I almost always meet others who, like me, want to encounter God, to celebrate a joy, or share a grief or just have a moment of peace with him, hoping like me to be touched – somewhere in body, mind or spirit – in such a way that we will be strengthened or inspired, comforted or quieted inwardly or outwardly, just as Jesus touched peoples lives in Galilee, 2,000 years ago. And meeting them like that makes me realise that we are all in this life – and in this world – together, and that God has other people to care for, as well me, and that he wants me to care about them too!

So, to me, it isn’t particularly what we do or say in church that matters. For me there don’t have to be robes, or incomprehensible things said with “thee’s and thou’s”; it isn’t the music or pews or pointy windows that matter. It isn’t even the fact that it’s Sunday that matters to me. But it would matter if God wasn’t there. It would matter if we made ourselves into a club of “Sunday church-goers” so involved with our own lives and busyness, with our own rules and ideas that WE left no place or space for God, in the same way that Jesus was rejected and condemned by the authorities 2,000 years ago. That would matter.

Perhaps I should write to Deirdre and let her know! What do you think?

With love from

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DIARY FOR AUGUST 2011		
Thursday 4 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Thursday 7 th	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> “Amazing Grace” at Brandeston Village hall – see below.
Friday 5 th	10am-12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Sunday 21 st	12.30 for 1.00pm	<u>Brandeston’s French Jour de Fete</u> at the village hall – see below.

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.

August 4th – Amazing Grace. The idealist William Wilberforce manoeuvres his way through parliament, endeavouring to end the British transatlantic slave trade. Starring Ioan Garai and Benedict Cumberbatch.

September 1st – The Grocer’s Son – Le Fils d’Epicier. Antoine Sfarza, a thirty year old Frenchman left his village ten years before in order to start a new life in the big city but now that his father, a travelling grocer, is in hospital after a stroke, he more or less reluctantly accepts to come back to replace him on his daily rounds. Nicolas Cazole and Clotilde Hesme star.

October 6th – Guys and Dolls – 1955 version. In New York a gambler is challenged to take a cold female missionary to Havana, but they fall for each other and the bet has a hidden motive to finance a crap game. Starring Frank Sinatra, Marlon Brando and Jean Simmons.

Sue Thurlow

BRANDESTON'S FRENCH JOUR DE FETE – Sunday, 21st August

A French day out for the village, with petanque, dancing, kite-flying and a three-course French lunch. Dress up for lots of ooh-la-la!!

12.30 for 1 p.m. at the village hall. Tickets - £10 (under 12 - £5) available from Sue Thurlow – phone 685673. **Last ticket sales – Thursday, 18th August .**

In aid of hall funds.

Sue Thurlow

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sat 3 rd Sept	2.30pm	Kettleburgh Flower & Produce Show at village hall – see below.
Thurs 8 th Sept	6.30pm	Auditions for Kettleburgh Panto – see below
Sat 10 th Sept		Annual Churches Bike Ride
Sun 11 th Sept		St Elizabeth Hospice Bike Ride – see below.
Sat 8 th Oct	7.30pm	Brandeston's Harvest Horkey in the village hall.
Sat 29 th Oct		Kettleburgh Harvest Hop with John and Mario

KETTLEBURGH FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW – SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

This year's show will be held in the village hall at 2.30 pm on September 3rd. Entries to be staged by 10.30 am. Open to everyone, not just Kettleburgh residents, and not just expert cooks and gardeners, the show has classes for vegetables, flowers, fruit, wine, cookery, photography and a special section for children's work. There will be refreshments, a raffle and a chance to chat. Surplus and donated produce is sold at 4.30 pm. The photography classes are as below:-

- Photographs:
1. A harvest photo
 2. "It made me smile"

Please support this event. We need new entrants to ensure the show continues to thrive and additional help beforehand and on the day. If you've never entered before, have a go, you might surprise yourself. If you'd like advice on how to stage something we're all willing to help. Schedules are available from can be downloaded from the Kettleburgh website. Any offers of help to Claire please (Tel. 724372).

KETTLEBURGH PANTO

The next Kettleburgh pantomime will be Puss in Boots. This will be the traditional mix of song, dance, brilliant acting and sparkling humour that you have come to expect from the Kettleburgh Players. (Well, we do our best!)

Anyone who is at or over Key Stage 2 is welcome to come along to the auditions, whether you're 8 or 80! Auditions will begin on Thursday September 8th from 6.30 pm in the Hall. We rehearse every Thursday until half-term then again until Christmas and then until we get to the dress rehearsal. Performance dates are 9th, 10th and 11th February 2012.

We need actors who can sing a bit, singers who can act a bit; costume makers, scenery painters, props gatherers - all the people who make it happen.
Do give it a try - you'll enjoy it. Oh, yes you will!

If you would like to know any more, then phone me on 01728 621 053
We look forward to seeing you all on the 8th.

Liz Marzetti

THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE

Saturday 10th September will be the 30th year for the Bike Ride. As the churches need so much money spent on them, especially this year, it would be lovely to see some new riders, as well as the regular ones.

It can be a most enjoyable day (weather permitting). All the churches will be open and will welcome you with drinks & eats to see you on your way. You can also stop for a picnic or at one of the local pubs for a snack.

Sponsor forms and list of churches to visit are now available from:-

Pat Peck (Kettleburgh) 621144

Ruth Garratt (Brandeston) 685233

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If you still have energy after the Church Bike Ride on 10th Sept –

GET ON YOUR BIKE FOR ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Cyclists are asked to get into gear for a fundraising ride called On Your Bike! , in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

Whether you are a serious cyclist or want a family ride out, you will be welcome to take part in the event on Sunday 11th September.

There are three distances and all routes start and finish in the beautiful grounds of the Royal Hospital School in Holbrook.

Choose from:

- 75 mile challenge – For those cyclists wishing to push themselves
- 50 mile challenge – An intermediate challenge taking in picturesque countryside and villages
- 11.5 mile – A fun ride for all ages and abilities

Cyclists are asked to raise sponsorship and all proceeds will help the Hospice, an independent charity which costs £6m a year to run, provide services free of charge for patients throughout Suffolk as well as support for their relatives and carers.

This is the second On Your Bike with last year's inaugural event attracting 200 cyclists and raising thousands of pounds.

To register online for On Your Bike! visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk. Entry fees in advance are £15 for the longer rides and £5 for the 11.5 mile circuit. Rides start between 9am and 10am.

FROM THE REGISTERS

JOAN BAKER

With sadness we record the death of Joan Baker on 8th June. Joan had lived in Church Road, Kettleburgh for nearly 50 years; the last 4 on her own after the death of her husband Graham. We extend our sympathy to Trevor, Jill, Ian and all their family.

PAST EVENTS

BRANDESTON FETE

What will the weather be like? Will people turn up? Have we got enough stuff? Will the tents blow down? Will the recession hit us? Will we make a lot of money? The list of worries as the opening of the fete approaches is endless. Now that it's all over we're left with just one question – why were we so worried?

In spite of the circumstances surrounding this year's fete we managed to make £4740 which is only 4.5% less than last year. The church and the village hall are delighted with the result and are extremely grateful to all our supporters.

The fete was opened this year by Andrew Randall who only a week earlier had made a money raising parachute jump. He was now doing something even scarier according to him – making his first ever public speech. He needn't have been worried as his sincere and emotional words were really well received and he was congratulated by familiar stallholders and strangers alike as he walked around.

The fete itself was the same mix as usual with one or two new ideas (the Human Fruit Machine was really funny) and the return of some old favourites. The Tug of War was good fun once again this year with Brandeston beating the Rest of the World yet again (see the separate report).

Planning for the fete normally starts in earnest in April although some work is already under way for next year's. Lots of thanks go to all those involved in every aspect of the event ranging from those who help to organise it, the stallholders who collect for their stalls, those who build the tents and prepare the field and those who tidy everything up on the Monday after the fete. Thanks also to those who attend and spend their money on our behalf. Special thanks go to Alan at the Queen's Head who allows us to use his garden and does so much for the fete and the village as a whole.

It's interesting and humbling to note that in the four weeks since 29 May, the two small, neighbouring communities of Brandeston and Kettleburgh comprising fewer than 500 people in total have raised £10,000 from their fetes and the Open Garden for their churches and village halls. Few communities large or small could claim that.

The Tug of War at Brandeston Fete: Ignominy! That's all that can be said about Brandeston's first pull against the Rest of the World in the Tug of War at the fete. After a

token resistance, Brandeston was literally all over the place – arms and legs in the air, team members in the shrubbery and big cheering from the Rest of the World.

There were words! Alan Randall gave the team a good talking to - they were still on the ground at this point so very little of it was heard – and then Andrew Randall gave them some sound advice. (Andrew and his brothers were county-level tug of war players in their day so anything said should have been listened to.)

Once Brandeston were back on their feet, albeit with sheepish grins on their faces, they walked to the other end (with some trepidation, I suspect, as they were after all defending last year’s victory) braced. Their reputation in the village depended on this pull and with Will Elson as Captain and Tim Owens as Anchor co-ordinating the heavens, they made mincemeat of the opposition.

Mind you, they were pulling a lightweight team downhill at this point.

All now depended on the final pull and by this time Brandeston were hyped up by the cheering and exhortations of onlookers, all proffering advice and in their excitement moving dangerously close to their team. It was pandemonium and mayhem but a deafening cheer confirmed the wonderful news – Brandeston were once again the champions
..... the Rest of the World stayed on their feet though!

Darryl Morgan

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for July 2011 were-

First Barry and Helen Saxton

Second Danny Wilson

August draw will take place at the village hall on Thursday, 04 August

Mark Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of the July draw were as follows:

1st prize: Brenda Clarke

2nd prize: Jackie and Bill Clark

Trevor Jessop

NOTICES



LINK ROMANIA SHOEBOX APPEAL 2011

Many people now contribute to this charity each year, and this is just a reminder to start thinking about items for box(es) this year. Leaflets to attach to the shoeboxes will be available at Kettleburgh coffee mornings, at the back of Kettleburgh Church and at Kettleburgh Harvest Supper. If you would like to know more about the appeal, contact Jackie Clark (723623) or take a look at the website:

www.linkromania.co.uk/shoebbox-appeal There is a link on the Kettleburgh website (Church page). Last year out of a total of 45,379 boxes delivered to families in Romania, Moldova, Albania, Bulgaria and Ukraine, 18 were sent from Kettleburgh. *JC*

KETTLEBURGH KEEP FIT

We are now into our third series of classes and everyone is feeling the benefit - well they're feeling something!

There's nothing too strenuous - everything is geared to our individual abilities thanks to our excellent instructor, Amanda Mallett.

Do come along and join us - we meet on Mondays from 10 - 11 am in the Hall and everyone is welcome. The cost is £35 for 10 weeks or come for a single taster session for £3.50.

Phone me for any further information you might need.

Liz Marzetti 01728 621053

VILLAGE WEBSITES

For up-to-date information about your village, visit these websites:

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

7th Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery
14th Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
21st Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
28th Christine Matthews and Don Evans
4th Sept Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper

Kettleburgh

Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark
Dinah Reed
Jane O'Leary
Fay Clarke

CHURCH FLOWERS

7th Bel Goldie-Morrison
14th Jackie Hounsell
21st Eve Crane

Dinah Reed
Dinah Reed
Nicky Hill

28th Alison Molyneux
4th Sept Marion Kirton

Nicky Hill
Alison Gibson

TIMES PAST

Quakers in Brandeston

The site of Quaker House, Friday Street, now the home of the Fielder family was first mentioned in 1547, the fifteenth year of the reign of Elizabeth I. One acre of land was then granted to two brothers, Thomas and William Reynolds, by John Revett of Brandeston Hall. Its boundaries were described as 'abutting on the Highway from Monewden to Cretingham on the South' and 'North on the river, running from Brandeston Bridge towards the Five Bridges'.

The Reynolds family continued to live there until about 1721 by which time their descendants had joined the Quakers. Quakerism spread to this part of Suffolk in 1655 when 'a great concourse of people of divers sorts' met together in Charsfield orchard where they were addressed by a young Quaker school master.

Quakers believed in a freedom of religion which was not allowed at that time. They had no set order of service but would wait in silence until someone was inspired to speak. They had pacifist beliefs, did not wish to attend the parish church, neither did they want to pay tithes to the Vicar. However the Conventicle Acts of 1664 and 1670 made it illegal for religious meetings of more than four people, in addition to members of a family, to be held. This continued until the Toleration Act of 1689.

In 1673 Quaker burials began to take place locally. The garden of 'The Chestnuts', Monewden was used at first. Quaker records show that in 1704 an additional four acres of land was purchased at Quaker house, Brandeston. Internments took place there until 1790. Altogether some fifty eight people from Brandeston and the nearby district were buried. Some of these were also recorded in the then current Burial Register of All Saints' Church:-

'May 26th 1765 Goodchild Gobbett, a Quaker.'

In 1850 Quaker records stated 'There have been no internments for the last sixty years (1790). It is now planted with a few fruit trees. The other part of the property is divided into four enclosures and a drift way; it is let to Henry Smith at a rent of £12..0..0 per annum.'

The Smith family had taken over the tenancy about 1828 and their descendents stayed at Quaker House until 1898.

W.M.W

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

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Covers are always welcome too!