

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH  
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Happy New Year

## THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

As children, many of us were probably taught “to count **your** blessings”, I know that I was. So as adults, but still ‘children of God’ may this New Year motivate us to count **our** blessings. Because no matter what life throws at us, we all have much to be thankful for, and a daily read of the newspapers will make it apparent by just how much. Life is hard, life threatening even, for many in our world today.

We will soon be celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany, or twelfth night, and my prayer for 2011 is that we may all guided by the Holy Spirit to find in ways personal to us a time or place in which we can simply say ‘thank you’. Thank you not to Jesus the baby in the stable, but to God the Son who loves us all, to be grateful for all the good things in our lives, for our health, for holidays and times of rest and renewal, for our families and friends. And no matter whether the events and experiences of this new year will be large or small, carrying important milestone events or the more mundane, we may always remember to be grateful for that life, as we step out afresh on a new phase of our life’s journey.

*Hebrews 13.5*

*Keep your lives free from the love of money,*

*and be content with what you have:*

*for Jesus has said “I will never leave you or forsake you”.*

*So we can say with confidence*

*“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid”*

Harry and Robin join me in wishing you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

With love

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<b>DIARY FOR JANUARY 2011</b>		
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning and 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> "The Last Station" at Brandeston Village hall – see below.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> at The White Horse, Easton – see below.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.

**WHIST DRIVES AT BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY, 7TH JANUARY AND 28TH JANUARY, 2011**

Start the New Year off with resolution and come along to Brandeston Village Hall on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 p.m. with a prompt start at 7.00 p.m. for an enjoyable evening of Whist. You will find great Refreshments, good company and a huge amount of challenging fun for just £2.50 per person. All newcomers are welcome.

Please phone Pam or Rick on 685920 to book your place. This will help give us an idea of the approximate number of tables required.

We wish you all a Very Happy New Year

*Pam & Rick Reade*

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### **BRANDESTON FILM CLUB**

**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!

**January, 6<sup>th</sup> – 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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*

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MONDAY MARDLES

7.30 at the White Horse Easton

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

*Tuesday 'n me - the story of a single-handed sailing trip from Orford to Brazil and back via St Helena island*

**Dr David Foreman of Saxmundham**

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**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
*Anglo-saxons, language and Suffolk*  
**Richard Dance of Cambridge University**

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**Monday 21st March**  
*The ancient parish of Letheringham an unconventional guide*  
**John Rogers of Rendham**

Please note that these first three mardles of 2011 will be held in the Glevering Room at the White Horse at Easton, as Easton Village Hall is being refurbished

A pay bar and nibbles will be available – no free drink this time, but the donation amount has dropped to £5!

MARDLE – A CHAT OR GOSSIP – ALL WELCOME  
Proceeds in aid of Letheringham church

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**ADVANCE NOTICES**

3rd, 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2011		<b>Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs</b> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – tickets on sale (see below)
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**KETTLEBURGH PANTO**

Please note that the dates for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs are 3rd, 4th and 5th February 2011

We apologise for any confusion!

Tickets are on sale and going fast so get yours now! Phone the Box Office on 01728 723623.

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### **PAST EVENTS**

#### **SPONSORED CORGI WALK AT BRANDESTON**

On Sunday 12th September the East Anglian Sub Section of the Welsh Corgi League held its annual sponsored walk at Brandeston. 13 dogs (10 corgis and 3 honorary corgis – a spaniel and two terriers) and twenty people walked round the Five Bridges on a beautiful afternoon. The walk was preceded by lunch at the Queen's Head, and followed by tea, also at the Queen.

The walk was to fund raise for the charity 'Pets as Therapy', in memory of Cyril and Joan Locksmith. £700 was raised. PAT dogs visit hospitals and hospices and cheer people up!

*P Booth*

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#### **POPPY APPEAL**

Brandeston Hall School ( c/o Paul Baker ), Nancy Demetriadi, Brenda Martin, Mary Moore, Alan Randall ( Queens Head ), Ruth Risk, Helen Saxton and Peter Smyth (mainly Monewden) collected £792 .09 in Brandeston and Monewden for the 2010 Poppy Appeal ( £599.59 in 2009 ). Well done!  
Many thanks to the collectors and all who contributed.

A total of £3,351.72 was raised by the Earl Soham branch of the Royal British Legion for the national Poppy Appeal.

*David Risk Brandeston Warden Earl Soham branch RBL .*

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#### **CAROL SINGING IN KETTLEBURGH**

Thank you to all who took part or supported the singing of carols around the village on a cold clear night. This year the singing in the Chequers was helped by Anne on the piano and included a lusty rendition of Good King Wenceslas. The sum of £88.57 was raised for The Children's Society. Thanks too to Debbie for providing the welcome refreshments.

*JC*

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#### **BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

Winners in the December 2010 draw held at the village lunch were :-

First           £100   Peter Smyth  
Second       £50     Alan Jeffery  
Third         £25     Sophie Piper Williams  
Fourth        £10     Craig Butler  
January 2011 draw will be held at the village hall on 06 January

*Mark Hounsell*

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**KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY**

The results of December's KGT Lottery draw (the Christmas Draw) are as follows:

1st (£100)   Derek Hill  
2nd (£50)   Peter Dring  
3rd (£25)   Derek Hill

*Trevor Jessop*

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**NOTICES**

**KETTLEBURGH CHURCHYARD**

I would be grateful for anyone with a chain saw or strimmer to help with the final tidy up in the churchyard. We have one or two trees to take down and some bramble bushes to cut down on the north and east hedge boundary. Please telephone 723532 to arrange a suitable time in February preferably a Saturday.

*John Bater*

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**DATE CHANGES**

- Kettleburgh PCC changed the date of its meeting from 17th January to 14th February.
- Brandeston and Kettleburgh are switching church services on the first 2 Sundays in January

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**Help is at hand to switch to digital TV**

TV is changing. In 2011 the traditional TV signal will be switched off in the Anglia region and replaced with a digital TV signal. This is not a concern for most people but some may find it harder to make the switch than others.

The Switchover Help Scheme has been set up by the Government and is run by the BBC. Its purpose is to make digital TV easy for older and disabled people by converting one of their televisions to digital in the run-up to digital TV switchover in their region.

People living in the Suffolk area served by the Ipswich Stoke transmitter will begin to switch on 06 July 2011.

**What does the Help Scheme do?**

The Switchover Help Scheme aims to reach out to all eligible people, and ensure that those who need our help get it, so that no-one eligible need be left behind without access to television after switchover.

People are eligible for help if they are:

- aged 75 or over,
- have lived in a care home for six months or more,
- get or could get, disability living allowance,
- attendance or constant attendance allowance, or mobility supplement,
- Or if they are registered blind or partially sighted.

**What's next?**

Most people will be asked to contribute £40 towards the help. The service is free for people who are eligible and also get pension credit, income support, income-based jobseekers allowance or employment and support allowance.

In the run-up to switchover, every eligible person receives a Switchover Help Scheme information pack explaining the options for switching to digital.

In the meantime, if you want more information for yourself or someone you know, please log onto [www.helpscheme.co.uk](http://www.helpscheme.co.uk)

**Where can I get face-to-face advice on switchover?**

Digital UK has been working closely with charities to organise local advice points during switchover. These will be staffed by trained volunteers and are open to everyone. To find out where your local advice point or roadshow will be, visit [digitaluk.co.uk](http://digitaluk.co.uk) or call 08456 50 50 50.

**Anglia Switchover date 2011**

**Switchover starts in the Anglia TV region in March 2011 and ends in November 2011.**



There are 3 transmitter groups in the Anglia TV region that will switch from analogue to digital TV at different times. The time at which you switch depends on which transmitter group you receive your signal from.

Transmitter group	Servin	Starts
Sandy Heath	Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire - If you are eligible, look out for your information pack which will be sent to you soon.	30 Mar 11
Sudbury	parts of Suffolk and Essex	06 Jul 11
Tacolneston	Norfolk and north Suffolk	09 Nov 11

If you're eligible for the Help Scheme, we'll be in touch in plenty of time before switchover to a if you want our help.

#### Events in my area

Please see below for up and coming events in your area.

Location	Date	Address
Beccles	30 Sep 11	New Market, Market Street, NR34 9HA
Bury St Edmunds	01 Jun 11	Buttermarket, Cornhill, IP33 1DB
Diss	15 Sep 11	Mere's Mouth, Mere Street, IP22 4AD
Felixstowe	28 May 11	Hamilton Road, outside Superdrug, IP11 7BE
Hadleigh	27 May 11	Hadleigh Market, Market Place, IP7 5D1

Location	Date	Address
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Haverhill	20 May 11	Queens Street, outside Weekly News, CB9 9EF
Ipswich	03 Jun 11	Town Hall Forecourt, Cornhill, IP1 1DH
Ipswich	04 Jun 11	Town Hall Forecourt, Cornhill, IP1 1DH
Ipswich	06 Jul 11	Town Hall Forecourt, Cornhill, IP1 1DH
Ipswich	07 Jul 11	Town Hall Forecourt, Cornhill, IP1 1DH

### **VILLAGE WEBSITES**

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

[www.brandeston.net](http://www.brandeston.net)

[www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk)

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### **MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to: Mrs Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Road, Kettleburgh, IP13 7LF

or e-mail [valerie.butcher@talk21.com](mailto: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

Perhaps it is not widely known but Brandeston has connections with leprosy. In a charter dated during the reign of King John (1199-1216) Walter de Ribof gave 40 acres, a house and 13 other small pieces of land in Brandeston to the church of St James and the House of Lepers or Hospital in Dunwich.

This was for prayers to be made for the soul of Hugh de Cressie (1150-1205), husband of Margery de Cressie who was Lady of the Manor of Blyburgh and Walberswick. It was also given for the salvation of Walter's friends, successors and heirs. Walter also provided one comb of wheat each year at Michalemas together with two loaves 'from each baking at my house' and from each brewing one sester (2 gallons) of ale, along with an annual pension of 5 shillings to the 'Leporus Brethren'.

This was all done so that the Chaplain, Hubert of Dunwich and his successors should minister to one leper chosen by Walter and another leprous monk who was already at Dunwich. It is not known how many leprous monks were in residence, maybe twelve, nor how many lepers could be accommodated. The annual value of the gift would be about £3.00 or £700 in 1978, when a book was written on the subject entitled 'Men of Dunwich' by Rowland Parker.

At All Saints, Brandeston the font is considered the oldest part of the building, dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> century. This charter was made about the same time. It was witnessed by fourteen named witnesses including a prior, an archdeacon and two priests.

There are details included about where 'the workers' should worship on feast days and where they should be buried but it is not clear if this is to be at Brandeston or Dunwich. From a practical point of view it was probably at Dunwich because a journey at that time from Dunwich to Brandeston would be a very long, difficult and arduous experience.

*W.M.W*

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

**CHURCH CLEANING**

**Brandeston**

2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper  
9<sup>th</sup> Peter and Trish Smyth  
16<sup>th</sup> Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery  
30<sup>th</sup> Marian Hutson and Julia Elson  
6<sup>th</sup> Feb Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget.

**Kettleburgh**

Claire Norman  
Liz Marzetti  
Anne Bater  
Pat Peck  
Val Butcher  
Meadows

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Demetriadi  
9<sup>th</sup> Sue Rainbird  
16<sup>th</sup> Helen Saxton  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ruth Garratt  
30<sup>th</sup> Bel Goldie-Morrison  
6<sup>th</sup> Feb Jackie Hounsell

Anne Bater  
Jane O'Leary  
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Claire Norman  
Claire Norman  
Wendy Griffiths

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