

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH  
PARISH NEWS  
NOVEMBER 2011***



# THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

Our annual Remembrance commemoration, each November, reminds us of the human cost of war. This month, we will hear again the names of the men of our villages whose commitment to the cause of freedom from fear, and whose acceptance of the discipline of service led them into danger and to death.

Those of us who live peacefully in Suffolk today and look forward to living here tomorrow in relative comfort and peace, should feel challenged by the commitment of those who gave and continue to give their lives in this way. Our annual Remembrance commemoration reminds us never take the ease of our lives for granted, but to continue to honour the cost paid in lives, on our behalf.

The word “commitment” was used last month in news reports from Iran of the plight of Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani, who is under sentence of death for apostasy in a country where the constitution secures for its citizens the freedom to freedom to worship, and yet where the system of justice has condemned him.

Pastor Joucef’s commitment to the Christian faith is courageous, joyful and challenging. Courageous because he seems unmoved by the pressure he is under to renounce his faith; joyful because his faith is based on truth, simplicity and love; and challenging because not only does it challenge the Iranian authorities, but it also challenges Christians throughout the world to consider our support for him and our own commitment to our faith.

The Christian faith leads us to honour the commitment of those who are prepared to pay with their lives the cost of love, of faithfulness under persecution and of self-sacrifice for the highest principles of freedom and concern for the lives of others, because it is founded upon our understanding that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ . . . . . and that example of giving transforms our understanding of death, and gives us hope for life.

With best wishes

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<b>DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2011</b>		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> "Bright Star" at Brandeston Village hall – see below.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Brandeston Bonfire Night</u> in the meadow behind the Old Vicarage. See below.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Bible Study</u> at the Rectory, Marlesford – see below
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>"Opera and More"</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7pm for 7.30 start	<u>Kettleburgh Quiz Evening</u> at the village hall – see below.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Quiz Night at Brandeston Village Hall.</u> – see below.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> – Dr Paul Whiting will talk about auroras and eclipses at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall. £6 inc drink and nibbles - see below.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	<u>Brandeston Village Hall AGM</u> – see below.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston 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.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bright Star** – The drama based on the 3 year romance between the 19<sup>th</sup> century poet John Keats and Fanny Browne, which was cut short by Keats' untimely death at the age of 25. Abbie Cornish and Ben Whishaw star in this bio-pic.

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – Alice in Wonderland.** 19 year old Alice returns to the magical world from her childhood adventure, where she reunites with her old friends and learns of her true destiny: to end the Red Queen's reign of terror. A fantasy starring Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham-Carter.

*Sue Thurlow*

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**BRANDESTON BONFIRE NIGHT** – **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November** in the meadow behind the Old Vicarage by kind permission of Mr. And Mrs. John King. BBQ and mulled wine available. As usual a BIG FAT FIREWORK per family to Martin Churchhill on the morning of the event.

Any village resident with large tree/bush prunings for the bonfire (no general weeding waste please) please contact Tim Owens – 684098 – who will be doing the rounds with the tractor on the Saturday morning.

*Sue Thurlow*

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**THE BENEFICE BIBLE STUDY**

The Bible Study, which aims to provide an introduction to the Lectionary Readings for the coming month, will meet at The Rectory in Marlesford on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

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**Mid Suffolk Driving for the Disabled  
and  
Suffolk Opera  
Present**

**“Opera and More”**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
7-30pm  
Brandeston Village Hall

Tickets £10  
including buffet supper  
and 1 glass of wine

Contact Patience for more details:  
01728 685996

**KETTLEBURGH QUIZ EVENING – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Quizmaster Graham Hillier will be there to pose some challenging questions, and supper is included in the ticket price of £7.50. Tables of up to 4 people. Licensed bar. Raffle. In aid of St Andrews Church and Children in Need.

For tickets contact Vickie Neilson on 723226 as soon as possible.

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**QUIZ NIGHT at Brandeston Village Hall – Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November.**

Please enter your team of 6 players with Sue Thurlow (685673) by Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. Tickets - £5 per person including sausage supper. Wine and beer available. Come and test your wits with our resident quizmaster – Peter Thurlow. Book now as only space available for 10 teams.

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**MARDLE - Monday November 21st**

Dr. Paul Whiting (mathematician and astronomer) will talk about auroras and eclipses.

No Mardle in December; further details about next year's programme before Christmas.

The word "mardle" is Suffolk patois for gossip and the speakers are often local people who have a really interesting tale to tell.

*Sylvia Keene*

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**BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM will be held in the hall on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November at 8 p.m. Please come along to hear what has happened during the last year and what improvements have been carried out. This is the time that the new committee members for 2011/12 are elected so if you are interested in joining the committee your help would be much appreciated as we are 2 members short. Also the committee would be pleased to have your comments on their management of the hall and ideas for the next year. A glass of wine and nibbles will be

available after the meeting when we could all chat through ideas raised in the meeting.  
We do hope you will be able to come along.

*Sue Thurlow*

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**BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, doors open 6.30 pm**

The November Whist Drive will take place in Brandeston Village Hall on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November with doors open at 6.30 p.m. enabling a prompt start to play at 7.00 pm. All are welcome, especially those who would like to play this game of skill and chance for the first time.

There will be a wide selection of good, local food and a choice of fine wines to ensure that the evening is an enjoyable, social occasion. If you would like to participate, please call either Pam or Rick Reade on (01728) 685920. This advance notice helps us to work out more precisely how many tables are required and to cater accordingly.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Pam & Rick Reade*

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**ADVANCE NOTICES**

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30am – 5pm	<b>Bury St Edmunds Day Out</b> (from Brandeston) – see below
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	7.00pm	<b>Phoenix Singers Concert</b> at St Michael's Church, Framlingham – see below.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	10.30am – 12 noon	<b>Cats' Protection Coffee Morning</b> at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest: Dr Daniel Poulter MP

**BURY ST EDMUNDS DAY OUT**

Brandeston's Christmas coach trip is back. It will take place on Saturday, 3 December but for a change, and by public demand, will be going to Bury St Edmunds. The Christmas lights will be on and the town offers lots of sightseeing, pubs and restaurants plus good shopping and a market. The coach will leave the Queen's Head at 9:30 and we aim to be back by 5:00. Tickets cost £10 (£5 for children) and are available from Pat Morgan (685378) or the Coffee Morning.

*Darryl Morgan*



# Phoenixsingers

## Handel: *Messiah*

Phoenix Singers  
with

Suffolk Baroque Players  
Conducted by Edmond Fivet

SATURDAY 3<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 7.00PM

St Michael's Church, Framlingham

Tickets available from Aldeburgh Music Box Office 01728 687110,  
Jill Taylor 01986 798 286, choir members or at the door.

£15, £10 and under 18s half price.





The Village Grocer is at Brandeston on Thursday mornings and Kettleburgh on Friday morning. Use him or lose him!

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## PAST EVENTS

### SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

My venture this year featured 3 off road tracks.

The first took me to Akenham just north of Ipswich, unknown to me until 3 weeks before but if it sounds familiar to you it's where the First World War trenches have been created which feature in "Downton Abbey" and also in "Private Peaceful" currently being filmed in our area.

My second, just outside Needham Market, was a mile between hilltop fields then down to Badley church and ¾ mile out the other side before I reached a road again.

The third wasn't to a church at all but on the "cycling country lane and byways" map ¾ mile between Creeting St Mary and the designated crossing place of the A140 to Coddendam. Good job I'd had new tyres earlier in the year! Weatherwise we had a lovely day again.

Thank you to all who took part, cycling or "sitting" in the church and all those who sponsored us. This years total is £575, half of which goes to Kettleburgh church and half to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, that gives grants when major repairs are needed (so we get it all in the end).

News from Brandeston next month.

*Pat Peck*

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### KETTLEBURGH HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October St Andrew's Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, vegetables and sheaves of wheat for our annual service of thanksgiving to God for all the fruits of the earth. The church was very nearly full as the choir led the congregation in the singing of favourite harvest hymns and produce of all kinds was laid on the altar. A collection was taken for the relief of famine in Africa. After the service most of the congregation gathered in the village hall for a delicious supper of home made soup, jacket potatoes accompanied by various salads and followed by apple crumble and cream. Many thanks to everyone who prepared the supper and also those who decorated the church and brought gifts which were distributed the following day, the fresh produce to Mills Meadow in Framlingham and the packaged food to the Ormiston Family Centre in Ipswich.

*VU*

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### KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of the October draw are as follows:

1st Prize - Sam and Harriet Parmentor

2nd Prize - E. Davies

*Trevor Jessop*

## NOTICES

### KETTLEBURGH LOCAL COUNCILLOR DETAILS

Following the local elections earlier this year, your District and County Councillor details are as follows:

District Councillor:  
Mr Bob Snell  
Moonrise  
Cretingham  
Woodbridge  
IP13 7BG

County Councillor:  
Mr P Bellfield  
The Old Rectory  
Grundisburgh Road  
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e: [peter.bellfield@councillors.suffolkcc.gov.uk](mailto:peter.bellfield@councillors.suffolkcc.gov.uk)

Your Parish Councillors are:

John Bater	Church Farm	723532	<a href="mailto:jbater@suffolkonline.net">jbater@suffolkonline.net</a>
Deborah Bell	5 Church Road	724743	<a href="mailto:deborah_bell@hotmail.co.uk">deborah_bell@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Tim Chase	Home Farm	685228	<a href="mailto:timbridge3@btinternet.com">timbridge3@btinternet.com</a>
Rod Durbin	Brambleside	723141	<a href="mailto:rdurbin@communique-creative.com">rdurbin@communique-creative.com</a>
Debbie Germain	The Chequers Inn	723760	<a href="mailto:debbie@thechequers.net">debbie@thechequers.net</a>
David Harris	Watermill House	6211121	<a href="mailto:dharris@watermillhouse.co.uk">dharris@watermillhouse.co.uk</a>
Trevor Jessop	The Old Brewhouse	724272	<a href="mailto:trevorjessop@btinternet.com">trevorjessop@btinternet.com</a>

If you have concerns about or suggestions for village life, these are your representatives, so make your views known to them. They will be pleased to hear from you.

*Council*

*Jackie Clark Clerk to the*

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### SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA APPEAL 2011

Thank you to those who took part in this year's Family Shoebox Appeal. It is amazing what a simple gift-filled shoebox can do for a family in need. You can read from the quote below from a recipient how important toiletries are to include in the Shoebox:

"We went into one house with several children and a mother struggling to cope. We gave them a shoebox and they opened it immediately. Imagine our confusion when the mum started to cry at the contents. We hurriedly asked the translator what we had done wrong, worrying that we had made some cultural mistake. The real reason became evident when the mother hugged the bottle of shampoo that was inside the shoebox. She simply said, "Now we can be clean".

Link Romania also wants to let people know that shoeboxes are given out only to people in poverty and regardless of people's colour, creed or religion:

"We went to visit a school to give our Shoeboxes and were surprised when the head teacher kept whispering to us when we entered particular classrooms. After a while we worked out that children from the Roma communities (gypsies) were segregated and kept away from the other children by putting them in separate classrooms. We pointedly made sure that we entered every single classroom and made sure all the children were given a shoebox regardless of race, colour or creed. Shoeboxes are for everyone and we make sure that no-one is excluded"

*JC*

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### **THANKS TO BRANDESTON**

Our youngest daughter Harriet is at present working as a palliative care nurse for the Mercy Ship in Freetown, Sierra Leone. I was very privileged to be allowed to go out and stay on the ship for 12 days, and then go out into Freetown with Harriet to see her work and visit her patients. As a result of this I came home with the awareness of much need in the homes I visited.

The Brandeston PCC decided that the collection from our Harvest Evensong on Sunday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> would go directly to Harriet for her to contribute to the daily needs of one particular family. The wonderful sum of £257.15 was most generously given, and when I spoke to Harriet she was thrilled with the amount.

She asked me to thank everyone who was at the service so very much for their kindness, and on her return to England in December will update everyone with what their money has been spent on, and with a photo of the family.

*Alison Molyneux*

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### **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!

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### **Cover:**

Many thanks to Jackie Clark for the cover picture for our magazine – we clearly do have some talented artists in our villages! If anyone else, adult or child, would like to draw a cover picture they are always welcome.

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### **CHURCH CLEANING**

#### **Brandeston**

6<sup>th</sup> Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker  
13<sup>th</sup> Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery

#### **Kettleburgh**

Jackie Clark  
Dinah Reed

20<sup>th</sup> Marian Hutson and Julia Elson  
27<sup>th</sup> Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec Christine Matthews and Don Evans

Jane O'Leary  
Fay Clarke  
Claire Norman

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

6<sup>th</sup> Eve Crane  
13<sup>th</sup> Alison Molyneux  
20<sup>th</sup> Marion Kirton  
27<sup>th</sup>

Katie Harris  
Pat Peck  
Pat Peck

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## TIMES PAST

This November we come to the last of the men from our two parishes who fell in the Great War of 1914-1918. Fittingly it is Charles Emeny who holds this position because although his name is inscribed on Brandeston's memorial, he also lived for a time in Kettleburgh. Charles Emeny was the only son of John and Emma Emeny (née Bridges). The Emeny family originated in Peasenhall but Charles' great grandfather settled in Brandeston about 1814 where he and his descendents carried on the trade of bricklaying.

Charles was born at 33, The Street, Brandeston on May 1<sup>st</sup> 1890 and baptised at All Saints'. Afterwards he attended the village school in Mill Lane before becoming a bricklayer. Charles met and married Edith Catherine Smith from Ipswich who taught at Kettleburgh School. The couple lived at Brook Cottage, Kettleburgh where in January and December 1914 their two sons, John and Charles Junior were born.

On January 30<sup>th</sup> 1915 at Framlingham, Charles enlisted as a Private in the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, Number 18567. He acted as a stretcher bearer as he did not wish to kill anyone.

In 1917 Charles was wounded, being sent to the Dick red Cross Hospital in Kilmarnock, Scotland to recover. The family moved to 17, Low Street, Brandeston. Charles returned to the front whilst Edith started teaching again at Brandeston School in September 1917 taking Charles Junior, now two and three quarters with her.

Her husband was killed in action in Northern France at Hazebrouch on August 8<sup>th</sup> 1918 at the age of twenty eight. He was shot in the head by a sniper whilst helping a wounded comrade in the trenches, and was buried at Merville Communal Cemetery Extension in France.

Charles Emeny's younger son continued to take an interest in happenings here; he gave a donation to help in the moving of Brandeston's War Memorial to the Churchyard in 1985 and a red rose bush similar to the one planted on his fathers' grave in Northern France. A total of twenty eight men from Brandeston and Kettleburgh lost their lives in the First World War.

*W.M.W*

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