

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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Happy New Year

THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

I wonder if anyone still makes New Year Resolutions? or does everyone now think resolutions are just plain stupid and post a message on 'Facebook' instead. But what if we're of the 'lets take making new year resolutions seriously persuasion'. Well we probably write them in order to make life better in some way, for ourselves or for other people, like going to the gym more often, or in my case taking up pilates, or how about promising yourself you will try a church service or two during the year (you can be sure of a warm welcome), or how about perhaps helping others by giving more to good causes. These resolutions then become a great way of helping us plan for the short term future, using them as a means to not put off until tomorrow the decisions which we know we need to make right now.

So as we stand on the threshold of 2012, each of us with our own unique feelings of expectation, or apprehension, excitement, uncertainty, while for others there may simply be a sense of relief that the old year has gone, and now is the time to just let life move on. The problem with resolutions is that they're easy to write, but even easier to break, when actually we don't have to make and fail at them all within a few short days or weeks. They don't have to be done and dusted in early January, we have the whole year in which to make new resolutions, and get to work on even just one of them.

The span of a human life is tiny in the scale of God's kingdom and every moment of it is precious – is priceless and not to be wasted on regrets, and "if only". So there's plenty of time to get out a pen and paper, or your laptop and create a new year resolution or two, and put it on the fridge magnet, or if you really must! put it on Facebook. But, before you all get busy may I take this opportunity to wish all residents of our parishes a happy and peaceful New Year

With love
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Cover: Many thanks to Dinah Reed for a lovely festive cover picture.

| DIARY FOR JANUARY 2012 | | |
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| Thursday 5 th | 10.00am | <u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall |
| Friday 6 th | 10am-12 | <u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall |
| Tuesday 10 th | 7.30pm | <u>Benefice Bible Study</u> at Marlesford Rectory – see below. |
| Friday 13 th | 7.30pm | <u>Film Club</u> “Mrs Henderson Presents” at Brandeston Village hall – see below. |
| Monday 16 th | 7.30pm | <u>Mardle</u> “The strange world of patents” by Alan Eklid, at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall |
| Monday 16 th | 7.00pm | <u>EACH Carol Concert</u> at St Augustine’s Church, Ipswich – see below. |
| Thursday 19 th | 7.30 – 10.00pm | <u>Greater Benefice Party</u> at Hacheston Village Hall – see below. |
| Friday 27 th | 6.30pm for 7.00 start | <u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below. |

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB 2012

PLEASE NOTE THE VILLAGE HALL IS NOT FREE ON EVERY 2ND FRIDAY SO PLEASE CHECK DATES FROM YOUR PROGRAMME OR THE MAGAZINE

All existing members will receive a programme for 2012 before Christmas. We look forward to new members joining us on 13th January 2012

Friday January 13th 2012 at 7.30pm in Brandeston Village Hall

Mrs Henderson Presents - The story of how Laura Henderson bought the Windmill Theatre after her husband died and brought her own unique form of entertainment that took her into dispute with the authorities who threatened to close the theatre down.

February 17th The King's Speech - Award winning film based on George VI's struggle with his stammer when he was thrown into the role of king.

March 23rd Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy - Remake of John Le Carre's classic cold war spy thriller

For information and a programme for 2012 please contact Mary Mitson-Woods on mitsonwoods778@btinternet.com or 01728 684026.

Membership £10 per person per year.

Sue Thurlow

BENEFICE BIBLE STUDY

The Benefice Bible Study will take place at Marlesford Rectory on Tuesday 10th January 2012.

These monthly Bible Studies provide an introduction to the readings at the services during the coming month.

There will be refreshments. All are welcome, and please bring your Bible!

RA

GREATER BENEFICE PARTY

Everyone is invited to come to a special New(!) Year celebration for all the congregations of the Greater Benefice at Hacheston Village Hall from 7.30 to 10.00 pm on Thursday 19th January 2012. Please bring a plate of food to share – the licensed bar will be open. *RA*

EAST ANGLIAN CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Unique Carol Concert being held in aid of local children's charity

St Augustine's Church in Ipswich will once again be host to a wonderful carol concert which aims to raise more than £1,000 for East Anglia's Children's Hospices.



The event, which is in its third year, takes place at 7pm on Monday December 19 and will feature the Ipswich Gospel Choir and the Sainsbury's singers as well as performances by soloists, staff and children from The Treehouse hospice.

The concert is a real mix of traditional carols, Christmas songs, poems and readings. The line up is specifically designed to represent the meaning of Christmas, with both fun elements and time for reflection at what can be a difficult time of year for some.

Talking about the event, Ray Travasso, EACH Music Therapist, said: "This is one of the highlights of my year as a music Therapist for EACH. It's a truly wonderful event and I am delighted that we have secured such brilliant acts for 2011."

Nikki Brown, EACH Fundraiser, said: "Here in the fundraising office we are very much looking forward to the Carol Service. We are incredibly grateful to Ray for putting in so much effort to secure excellent acts for this event. It will really help to bolster the fundraising for The Treehouse and carry on the support for life-threatened children and their families during the Christmas period."

NEW YEAR BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE - FRIDAY 27 JANUARY - 7.00 pm

The first Whist Drive of the New Year takes place at Brandeston Village Hall on the last Friday of the month - **27th January 2012**. As usual, doors will open at **6.30 p.m.** for a prompt start to play at **7.00 p.m.**

Our 2012 Whist Drives will feature more imaginative food to accompany fine wines and a choice of other refreshments. All are welcome to attend this enjoyable social event. Young or old, rich or poor, card player or not we will endeavour to put a smile on your face whilst exercising your brain.

The cost of the evening remains at £2.50 per person. If you would like to attend, call Pam or Rick Reade on 685920 to book your place. This advance notice helps us to plan how many tables will be required
. Pam and Rick Reade

ADVANCE NOTICES

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| Friday 3 rd February | Quiz Night at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall. Tickets from Mark Kenny 747572, David Stagg 746054. |
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| Thursday 9 th – Sat 11 th February | | Kettleburgh Panto – “Puss in Boots” at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below. |
| Friday 6 th July | 10.30am – 12 noon | Cats' Protection Coffee Morning at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest: Dr Daniel Poulter MP |

KETTLEBURGH PANTO

Tickets for the Kettleburgh Players' production of 'Puss in Boots' are now on sale.

Prices are £5 for adults and £2.50 for under 12's.

Performances are at 7.30 pm on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th February.

There is also a Matinee at 2.30 pm on the Saturday.

Do come along - you'll enjoy it! Oh, yes, you will!

Call Jackie Clark on 01728 723623 for tickets or get them at the Coffee Mornings on the 6th January, 3rd February.

Liz Marzetti

CONGRATULATIONS to **James and Amy Taylor** of The Gables Mill Lane, Brandeston, on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter **Darcy Willow Taylor** on 16th September 2011, weighing 7lb 12oz.

PAST EVENTS

BRANDESTON CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The village hall in Brandeston was transformed to a spectacular Christmas market place on the 10th December. A steady stream of people from the village and the local area appeared, eager to add a few extra items to their Christmas shopping, while children excitedly awaited the arrival of Father Christmas with his sack of presents.

The afternoon was a great success. A total of nearly £1500 was raised- a record breaking amount for this event. This fantastic achievement was the result of much hard work by the stall holders who baked, gathered bottles and gifts and arranged Christmas greenery for weeks in advance. The inclusion of local crafts added an extra dimension to the stalls. The people of Brandeston, the school, and their friends were, as always extremely generous with their contributions of quality items for the fair.

The atmosphere in the hall was lively as people chatted, spent their money and waited in anticipation to see whether they had won prizes. All Saints' PCC would like to thank everyone who was involved in the event. The proceeds of the fair will go into Church Funds and, as the builders continue with their work on the church, every penny is much appreciated. Thank you very much!

Mary Baker

CAROL SINGING IN KETTLEBURGH

It was cold, but it was dry, on Tuesday 20th December, when a band of ten singers, including two children and a teenager, met at the Village Hall to begin the annual singing of carols around the village. After two hours on the doorsteps of Kettleburgh houses it was high time to get warm and sing our final choruses at the Chequers. The sum of £109.79 was raised for The Children's Society. Thank you to all who took part or supported the singing of carols around the village and thanks to Debbie for providing the welcome refreshments.
JC

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of the December draw are as follows:

1st Prize (£100) E. Davies
2nd Prize (£50) Rod and Jeanne Durbin
3rd Prize (£25) John Powell

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

The Christmas Draw for the Brandeston 100+ Club took place at the Village Hall Christmas Lunch on Tues. 20th December 2011. The winners were;

1. First prize - £100, Peter Smyth of The Grange, Brandeston with ticket No. 121.
2. Second prize - £50. Patience Scott-Douglas, The Hollies, Mutton Lane, Brandeston, with ticket No 59.
3. Third prize - £25. Lady Cunliffe of The Broadhurst, Brandeston, with ticket No.35.
4. Fourth prize - £10. J. Jennings, of Alice Hall, Brandeston Hall, with ticket No. 114.

The next draw will take place at the coffee morning at the village hall on Thurs 5th Jan. 2012

Don Evans

NOTICES

SECURITY

Just a little thought for those of you in the village who do not receive Police Direct e-mails, or indeed the local paper. Reports of burglaries and attempted burglaries appear to be slightly on the increase (Earl Soham and Easton in particular). Please be aware of home and vehicle security, particularly at this time of year, not forgetting your barns and outbuildings which may contain valuable items."

Derrick Neilson

A NEW EMERGENCY RESPONDER SERVICE IN SUFFOLK

Suffolk Careline is a new service that will enable vulnerable Suffolk residents to call for immediate assistance at the touch of a button.

Clients can have the choice of who responds to their call, either a relative or friend, or a qualified member of the Suffolk Careline staff. The service is available 24 hours a day seven days a week and aims to respond in person within 45 minutes. If the nature of the call is more serious the emergency services can also be dispatched.

The launch programme means that South and West Suffolk are now currently receiving service, with North Suffolk coming on stream on 18th December 2011. Suffolk Careline service is designed to compliment other public sector services already in operation such as the Primary Care Trusts and the East of England Ambulance Trust.

First Clients: Wayne Bennett has recently had a Suffolk Careline monitoring system installed in his elderly mothers home and said: "I want to thank Suffolk Careline for their ultra quick response in setting up a personal alarm system for my elderly mother. This service has given my mother and us as a family a great deal of comfort and peace of mind."

The service will help to increase and maintain a person's level of independence for longer. The service is suitable for anyone but will be of particular importance to:

- Older people
- People living alone
- Other vulnerable adults, as part of a care package
- Family carers that want some additional support

People interested in knowing more about the service can contact Suffolk Careline by:
Email- enquiries@suffolkcareline.com or Tel: 08456007724

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

New Year: New Challenge?

2012 will be host to a new line up of fundraising events raising money for St Elizabeth Hospice.

There are a wide range of activities scheduled for 2012 for members of the public to take part in including; the return of the hugely popular Midnight Walk, Walk of Thoughts and the Great Xscape.

Whether you are looking for a challenge or something slightly more sedate, take a pick from the varied line up or just put a date in your 2012 diary for future reference.

- Sign up for our popular ladies only Midnight Walk which takes place on Saturday 19th May. Online registration opens in January at www.midnightwalkipswich.co.uk
- Take a reflective Walk of Thoughts around Felixstowe to remember a loved one on Sunday 4th March
- Adventurous people can take part in the Great Xscape on Saturday 14th April. The mission: for teams of 3 or 4 to be blindfolded, driven to a secret location and challenged to find their way back with no money, mobiles or maps
- A new addition to the Hospice events calendar is the Dragon Boat Festival in Oulton Broad on Sunday 27th May where crews of 15 are invited to enter this fun and challenging event
- Gardeners, open your garden, no matter how big or small throughout the summer. Visitors are asked to make a donation to the sHospHospice
- And for adrenaline junkies there are skydives, a climb to Kilimanjaro or a trek along the Great Wall of China to choose from

To see all our 2012 events, visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk, or call 01473 723600 and we will send you a 2012 events leaflet.

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:

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Please send e-mails in Microsoft Word format (97), PDF or jpg for pictures/scans.

Covers are always welcome too!

TIMES PAST

Little is known about a number of the clergy who lived and served in our parishes. However, sometimes a document or paper comes to light which reveals a previously unknown story. The Reverend Thomas Wilson was Vicar of Brandeston and Parham from 1724 until his death in 1753 at the age of sixty two. He was probably the son of the preceding cleric, William Wilson who as Vicar of Brandeston and Creetingham had died in April 1724.

The following statement besides establishing that Thomas Wilson had a decisive character also shows another glimpse into the life of the Reverend John Lowes:-

I, Thomas Wilson, Vicar of the parish of Brandeston in the County of Suffolk do protest against the pretended customs of the said Parish, and do refuse to sign them for the following reasons.

1st. It is certain the said Customs have not been signed by any Vicar of the said Parish for above 40 years past and I have been informed that they never were signed by any Vicar but only Mr Lowes in the year 1606 when they were agreed to, and set down in writing Indented under the Hands and Seals of Mr Lowes, and of the Chief Inhabitants, and seem to be no more than a particular Agreement between him and his Parishioners.

2^{dly}. The Custom which Prescribeth Cheese in lieu of Tythe Milk is an unreasonable custom, and may in time be claimed and insisted on to deprive the Vicar of the greatest part of his Profits arising from the Cows. The said Custom specifyeth in substance as followeth the Vicar shall have every year fifteen cheeses of every Inhabitant that maketh cheese, not exceeding ten to the weigh in the biggest Dairies, and in the smaller Dairies which cannot make them of that weight, then as large as they can make them. The weight and the number of the cheese being hereby limited, and no provision made for any alteration which may happen by joining two or more farms together whensoever that is the case the Tythe Cheeses of the Farm or Farms so added is wholly lost by this Custom, and the Farm to which they are added shall pay no more, nor larger cheese that it did before such Additions were made to it.

October 26: 1725

Thomas Wilson

Cheese seems to have been a very important part of the Tithe which represented a tenth of the annual produce. Brandeston and Kettleburgh would have been in the rich dairy pastures which disappeared when corn growing took over during the Napoleonic Wars.

Let us hope that 2010 will produce a good harvest for everyone.

WMW

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

1st Jan Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery
8th Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
15th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
22nd Christine Matthews and Don Evans
29th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
5th Feb Peter and Trish Smyth

Kettleburgh

Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows
Sue Scott
Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark
Dinah Reed

CHURCH FLOWERS

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| 1 st Jan | Nancy Demetriadi | Anne Bater |
| 8 th | Bel Goldie-Morrison | Jane O'Leary |
| 15 th | Pippa Brown | Jane O'Leary |
| 22 nd | Eve Crane | Claire Norman |
| 29 th | Ruth Garratt | Claire Norman |
| 5 th Feb | Jackie Hounsell | Wendy Griffiths |
