

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH  
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# THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

Money is much on our minds at the moment. The world is buzzing with “the deficit” and the euro and so on. However, although I thought I would write about MONEY this month, doing so does not make me feel comfortable!

Money, particularly lack of it, does make us anxious, of course. This is because it is the means by which we “manage” our circumstances and pay the cost of living. But money is more than simply the means of survival or a passport to comfort, convenience or recreation. Actually, it is a medium by which we can share of ourselves, exercise generosity and, perhaps in a small way, even (help to) change the world!

Alright, what about the church and money?

Well, like all organisations the Church needs money to function. Supporting and sustaining Christian fellowship in every community; proclaiming, worshipping, witnessing; befriending those who are going through difficult times; nurturing the young in faith; offering baptism, marriage and burial to all who seek it; the church exists for these purposes, and they do not come cost free. There’s the cost of training, paying and housing clergy and their families; and of course our beautiful historic churches have to be maintained, whose size and age make them a real financial burden.

Cost is one thing, but what about value? How do we value what the church provides? Where does it lie on the scale between irrelevant and essential? Is it a “facility” for occasional use? Is it an insurance policy? How does it rate among the “good causes” we support? Does its existence enrich or enliven the life of our village? Does it link us with a wider community? How does it, how should it, influence the way we live, the ethics and morals of society or our country? Does it help us understand or express anything about ourselves, our inner faith, our conscience or aspirations, or our relationships or attitudes? Does the church enable the love of God to touch the lives of our selves and of other people?

If we value the purposes for which it exists, how do we pay for it?

Parochial Church Council members are ingenious and relentless in their fundraising and, with the good will and generosity of everyone they achieve amazing results every year (for which all should be thanked and congratulated). But if we really value it, does it make sense for the church’s annual budget to be dependant on the takings at the Village Fete or the Christmas Bazaar? Doesn’t a purposeful church need purposeful support, funded in a planned way, provided, given by bankers orders or direct debit, like a golf club or a professional body!

As we look at God’s world with eyes of faith, can we glimpse God’s vision for his creation. We have the means to share ourselves with others in the realisation of that vision by exercising generosity. In this small way we really might help to change the world!

With my best wishes

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<b>DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2012</b>		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<u>Quiz Night</u> at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall. Tickets from Mark Kenny 747572, David Stagg 746054.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Kettleburgh Panto</u> – “Puss in Boots” at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Easton Farm Park</u> open for half term
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Benefice Bible Study</u> at Hacheston Village Hall – see below
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> “The King’s Speech” at Brandeston Village hall – see below.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> “Romans and Saxons in the Alde valley” by Richard Newman at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall. £6 inc a drink and canapés.
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 1pm	<u>Farmers Market</u> at Easton Farm Park

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7pm for 7.30 start – 9.00pm	<u>1<sup>st</sup> of Four Evenings for Lent</u> at Parham Village Hall – see below
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<u>Eastern Angles – “Private Residence”</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.

### **KETTLEBURGH PANTO**

There is still time for you to get your tickets for the amazing production of 'Puss in Boots' which will be performed in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th of February at 7.30 pm. There is also a Matinee at 2.30 pm on the Saturday. Call Jackie Clark on 01728 723623 for tickets or get them at the Coffee Morning on the 3rd February.

*Liz Marzetti*

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### **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

**February 17<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:mitsonwoods778@btinternet.com) or 01728 684026.

Membership £10 per person per year.

*Sue Thurlow*

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### **THE BENEFICE BIBLE STUDY**

The Benefice Bible Study will meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February in Hacheston Village Hall. This month we will be exploring the church readings for Lent. There will be refreshments. All are welcome, and please bring your Bible!

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## LENT 2012

A series of 4 Lenten addresses on the theme of 'Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire' during which the speakers will be reflecting on the various activities of the Holy Spirit in the Church today.

The Speakers:

The Right Reverend Clive Young, Bishop of Dunwich

The Very Reverend Dr Frances Ward, Dean of St Edmundsbury

The Right Reverend Bishop Sandy Millar

The Reverend Dave Gardner

Programme

All four evenings start at 7.00pm (coffee) for 7.30pm until 9.00pm

Week 1 Dave Gardner Wednesday 29th February in Parham Village Hall.

Week 2 Sandy Millar Thursday 8th March in Brandeston Village Hall

Week 3 The Bishop of Dunwich Thursday 15th March in Kettleburgh Village Hall

Week 4 The Dean of St Edmundsbury Tuesday 20th March in Parham Village Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME

from any parish in Loes Deanery.

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### **Eastern Angles are coming to Brandeston**

**Ivan Cutting's *Private Resistance***

**Directed by Naomi Jones**

***Private Resistance* is a new theatre production from Eastern Angles  
This play will be coming to Brandeston on Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012**

***Private Resistance*, written by Eastern Angles' Artistic Director, Ivan Cutting, is an emotional wartime drama focusing on the lives of one East Anglian Family. The play is an intriguing 'what-if' scenario exploring how Britain would have coped with an enemy invasion.**

**It's summer 1940. Britain is at war with Germany and the on-going conflict has thrown Diane Bowles's life into turmoil. With her husband behind bars in a POW camp Diane is left in charge of her teenage nephew Wilf, a keen boy scout eager to get one over on 'Jerry'.**

***Out in the fields Diane's brother-in-law has more ambitious ideas. His plan? To build a secret underground bunker manned by a small unit men ready to wage guerrilla warfare in the event of enemy invasion. His first port of call... Frank Evans, a gamekeeper with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the local landscape.***



***When 19-year-old Prue, a recent recruit to the Auxiliary Territorial Service***

***comes looking for lodgings, Diane welcomes the spirited young woman into her home. Soon the five villagers find themselves dealing with events and emotions they never thought they would have to face....***

***Directed by Naomi Jones, whose Eastern Angles credits include Return to Akenfield, Lincoln Road and The Long Way Home, Private Resistance will be a fantastic start to Eastern Angles' 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.***

**If you would like tickets, please ring Mary Baker (685807) on afternoons or evenings after Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets will also be available at the Brandeston coffee morning in the village hall on Thursdays in February.**

**Tickets will cost £8 for adults and £7 for concessions and students.**

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**WHIST DRIVE - FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY - 6.30 pm. FOR 7.00 pm.**

Leap along to Brandeston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, 24th February and join our happy band of Whist Players preparing to play cards from 7.00 p.m. sharp. As an added attraction there will be a glass of wine or fruit juice to welcome you and later some delicious nibbles.

The cost of the evening is just £2.50 per person. If you would like to attend please telephone Rick or Pam on 685920 to book your place. This advance notice helps us to plan how many tables we require.

*Pam and Rick Reade*

## ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>Kettleburgh Quiz Evening</b> at the Village Hall. Tables of four. More details next month.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am – 12 noon	<b>Cats' Protection Coffee Morning</b> at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest: Dr Daniel Poulter MP

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### COMMANDER NORMAN WOODCOCK M.B.E. R.N

Sadly we record the death of Commander Norman Archie Woodcock who died aged 84 at Ipswich Hospital on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Norman had lived for many years at ‘Windy Willows’, Brandeston Road, Earl Soham where he was active in the community.

A service of thanksgiving was held at Earl Soham for his life on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December: his family took part and we sang the naval hymn “Eternal Father strong to save”. The church was full.

This was followed by interment in Earl Soham Cemetery and a reception in the Village Hall.

Norman was born on May 26<sup>th</sup> 1927 in Leicester and grew up as an only child in a household of four. His Grandfather George was taken prisoner in the Battle of the Somme and never really recovered after the war. The family moved from Leicester to the small village of Bradgate when Norman was five. He went to primary school there, passed his eleven plus and was accepted for Loughborough Grammar School. He did well – on Saturdays he was in teams for Rugby and Cricket, Sundays were for Church. He rang the Bells and sang in the choir. In his last year at school he caught sight of Dorothy and never looked back.

As soon as possible he left school to train at St Paul’s College, Cheltenham, as a teacher. Once qualified, he taught at a school in Rugby. Too soon he was called up for National Service, joining the Navy’s Instructor Branch, although he tried to enter the Fleet Air Arm. Norman and Dorothy were married in 1950 and settled to live in Leicester where their two eldest children Ros and Ian were born. Then they moved to Evesham where Norman took up a post teaching Maths in a new school, but he missed the Navy.

In 1956 Norman rejoined the Navy; being posted to HMS Ganges, so the family moved to Suffolk at last. Other postings included St Vincent and HMS Mercury; in 1961 he went alone to Aden to join 45 Commando as their Intelligence Office and thereafter to Singapore with the family where he was in charge of the Naval Schools for two years.

Norman was a man of integrity and values; with this in mind both Dorothy and he now raised their family in Earl Soham. There were two further postings before he left the Navy – one to HMS Ganges and then to the MOD in London.

In 1974 he left the Navy. In that year also he was awarded the MBE. He deserved it, a proud moment for the family. His career was finally rounded off by teaching at Thurleston High School.

Norman always saw the good in other people and would often be the first to congratulate when others had done well.

In retirement he had several interests; a councillor with Suffolk Coastal, as chairman for a few years; Earl Soham Parish Council as chairman, taking special interest in the Best Kept Village competition in which Earl Soham were successful. Norman was faithful to the Church as a sidesman and attended regularly.

Norman was a founder member of Earl Soham Tennis Club as Chairman (with Nigel Sheffield as President) then eventually he took over as President. After fourteen years he decided to have a hard court, a relief to Vernon Cotton who had cut the court for fourteen years! Norman was a hardworking member of Framlingham Tennis Club, on the committee and chairman for his last year.

For twenty years Normans was active as Chairman of Earl Soham Branch Royal British Legion where he had special interest in the building up of Brandeston Art Exhibition. We remember Norman with affection. He was a gentleman, a man who lived a full life, loved his family, the community and God. We give thanks to God for his life as we send our love and sympathy to Dorothy, Ros, Ian, Pip, Anneli, Julie and their families. May he rest in peace.

*Graham Vellacott*

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## PAST EVENTS

### 2011 POPPY COLLECTION

£784.87 was collected by Brandeston Hall School, Nancy Demetriadi , Brenda Martin , Mary Moore , Ruth Risk , Helen Saxton , Peter Smyth mainly in Monewden and Alan Randall at the Queen's Head during October and November for this year's Poppy Appeal . Adding the church collection of £445.97 a total of £1230.84 will be forwarded from the Earl Soham Branch of the Royal British Legion .

Thank you everyone .

*David Risk Brandeston*

*Warden*

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### LEATHERINGHAM CAROL SERVICE

Over sixty people attended our candlelit carol service with special music. We thank all those who came to support us As always the church looked wonderful, thanks to the combined efforts of our loyal and skilful flower arrangers.

*Roger and Sylvia Keene*

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### KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of the January 2012 Draw are:

1st Prize     Barry Stean  
2nd Prize     Sylvia Atkinson

*Trevor Jessop*

## **BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

The results of the January draw are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize            Sue Etheridge  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize            Tony Etheridge

*Mark Housnell*

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## **NOTICES**

### **IPSWICH UMBRELLA TRUST**

Ipswich Umbrella Trust is a local charity providing services for the homeless. It works with people who are caught up in addictive behaviours, or who have been rejected by friends and family, or who have no friends in the world. Some may have been discharged from prison; some from the armed forces. The charity supports them in practical ways with food, and personal care. After the practical help comes advice and guidance on how to find a home, sort out debt and benefits, search for employment and to gain access to services such as health care, or drink or drug rehab.

{You may have seen on our local news that with the help of local churches in Ipswich, they opened night shelters for the homeless over Christmas.}

Recently, the founder of this charity came to speak at a meeting of local churches and left with us a list of goods that they need to keep their work going. The list was so basic, things that we all have in our homes and use everyday.

At the Kettleburgh PCC meeting, we thought it would be good to support this local charity and in March, we hope to put this into action. We hope you, too, will join us in helping the homeless of Ipswich.

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### **CHURCH CHARITIES - Where did your money go?**

In 2011, St Andrew's Kettleburgh made several donations to charities and we thought you might like to know about the good work that your money has supported.

Our Harvest collection and supper enabled us to give to the Disasters Emergency Committee. This has been working to combat the effect of severe drought in East Africa by setting up emergency feeding clinics to provide food for the malnourished, mostly children. It has met the cost of drilling of wells to provide clean water in the area, and has established a number of vaccination programmes.

Also in Africa, we have supported the Anglican Diocese to which we are linked; the Diocese of Kagera in Northern Tanzania. We have contributed to a fund that supports schools throughout the area as well as providing training for pastors who work in Churches

throughout a region which is blighted by poverty, and which struggles to cope with an enormous influx of refugees from neighbouring Rwanda. Money has also been given to the 'Wheels for the World' programme of a charity called "Through the Roof". This transforms the lives of disabled people by providing wheelchairs in places where there would normally be none. In their letter, they described a recent project in which wheelchairs were provided in the Volta region of Ghana, Kimilili in Kenya and Kampala in Uganda. With the wheelchairs go bibles, to spread the word of God. A further donation has been given to SAT-7, a satellite TV channel broadcasting Christian programmes to Christian families throughout the Middle East in Arabic, Farsi and Turkish. These programmes are a source of great encouragement for people living under difficult circumstances.

As well as sending money to help a variety of different, distant communities, we have also given to charities nearer home including St Elizabeth's Hospice in Ipswich, and the Ipswich Umbrella Trust. The latter works to support local homeless people. We have also contributed to the St Martins-in-the-Fields Christmas Appeal, supporting homeless and vulnerable people throughout The United Kingdom. Some people in difficulties are helped by the 'St Martin's Vicar's Relief Fund' which provides small amounts of money, often at very short notice to meet crisis needs, usually to prevent someone becoming homeless or enabling someone to set up home. We also sent a small donation to the National Churches Trust to help support and promote places of worship throughout the country.

Thank you for the contribution you have made to these very worthy causes at home and abroad.

*Dinah Reed*

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**MESSAGE FROM POLICE DIRECT ON BEHALF OF SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Suffolk County Council and its partners have successfully secured £265,000 to support vulnerable people in the county through the remaining winter months. The one off grant from the Department of Health's 'warm homes healthy people' fund will help support a number of initiatives designed to tackle fuel poverty in the county.

Anyone who has a vulnerable relative or neighbour is urged to help them find out more about what support and assistance might be available to them.

Further information is available [www.suffolk.gov.uk/warmhomes](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/warmhomes) or people can email [winterwellbeing@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:winterwellbeing@suffolk.gov.uk). Alternatively, people can call a central telephone number for information, advice and support. **Tel: 08456 037 686**

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*“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”*

## **Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA’s information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In the three years we have been running the event we have raised £20,000 to support spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk) or visit [www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips](http://www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips)

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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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### **CHURCH CLEANING**

#### **Brandeston**

5<sup>th</sup> Peter and Trish Smyth  
12<sup>th</sup> Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker  
19<sup>th</sup> Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery  
26<sup>th</sup> Marian Hutson and Julia Elson  
4<sup>th</sup> Mar Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget

#### **Kettleburgh**

Dinah Reed  
Jane O’Leary  
Fay Clarke  
Claire Norman  
Liz Marzetti

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

5<sup>th</sup> Jackie Hounsell  
12<sup>th</sup> Marian Kirton  
19<sup>th</sup> Helen Saxton  
26<sup>th</sup>

Wendy Griffiths  
Wendy Griffiths  
Val Upson

LENT – no flowers

## TIMES PAST

James Whatling acted as Overseer of the Poor in Brandeston from Easter 1821 to Easter 1822. Here is the list of items and their cost incurred during those 12 months. This is obviously different to present day accounting but you can probably follow it.

### Disbursements made by James Whatling

	£ .. s .. d
Balance due from Last Year	16..18..0¼
Paid 4 Quarterly Payments to Melton House of Industry	425..11..9
Paid 4 County Rates	28..4..0
Disbursed for Poor. Lady Day to Midsummer	35..10..6½
Midsummer to Michaelmas	33..8..3¾
Michaelmas to Christmas	44..10..8½
Christmas to Lady Day	74..19..7½
Paid Mr Last	1..14..8
Allowed the Assessors for 1820	1..10..0
Constable's Bill	5..7..6
Allowed the Assessors for 1821	1..0..0
Allowed to Postle	1..7..0
	£670..2..1½
To making 5 rates	7..6
To signing 5 rates	10..0
6 Journeys to Woodbridge	1..4..0
4 Journeys to Wickham Market	6..0
12 Journeys to Framlingham	1..4..0
15 Journeys to Melton House of Industry	1..2..6
2 Journeys to Melton House with horse and cart	8..0
4 Journeys to Mr. Turners (Rector of Kettleburgh)	4..0
Clarks Fees	6..6
Making Rate and Entring Accts	3..6
Paid to Distressed Sailors	2..0
Paid for 12 Letters	11..5
Paid James Aldous	10..0
Allowance for taking the Population of the Parish No 458	1..0..0
Paid for the letter to the House of Commons	2..0
Left at a Town Meeting on the Labourers Account	3..6
Paid for Copy of Examination of James Edwards	3..6
Paid John Cooper	19..2
	£680..13..8½

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