

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS**

MAY 2012



THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

The Church celebrates Pentecost on the last Sunday in May.

We used to call this “Whitsun”. This Sunday had added significance because the day afterwards was kept as a Bank Holiday. Some years ago this was replaced by the “Spring Bank Holiday”, but with the double Bank Holiday of the Queens Diamond Jubilee the following weekend, it would be easy to overlook Pentecost this year.

For Christians, Whitsun (or Pentecost) is an important day, very much a day to celebrate. Many see it as the birthday of the Church. This is because of the way in which, as vividly described in the Bible, the Spirit of God filled Jesus’s followers as they were together, locked in an upstairs room in Jerusalem. It drove them into the streets outside to tell the crowds of foreign pilgrims there about what Jesus had done by his death and resurrection, and what this would mean for the future of the world! The inspirational energy of God’s Spirit fired them with such power that they were able to communicate the joy, the confidence and the love of God which they knew to be theirs. It was a message that transformed all who heard it, and which has transformed the world over the last two thousand years.

With all the challenges and burdens that beset Church life and amid the crowds of things that we shall be celebrating this summer it would be good not to loose sight of Pentecost.

On that last Sunday in May, as we celebrate the irrepressible energy and courage, the extraordinary power, and the warmth of compassion and love with which the truth of Jesus was and has been communicated, we can experience for ourselves something of the transforming power of God’s Spirit; his life, his Spirit, his gifts at work within us can transform and inspire us, and through us the world in which we live.

With love from

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DIARY FOR MAY 2012

Thursday 3 rd	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 4 th	10am-12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Wednesday 9 th	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Annual Parish Meeting</u> at the Village Hall – see below.
Friday 18 th	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> “The Iron Lady” at Brandeston Village hall – see below.
Saturday 19 th		<u>Brandeston Village Garage Sale</u> – see below
Saturday 19 th	7.30pm	<u>Phoenix Singers Concert</u> at Snape Maltings Concert Hall – see below.
Monday 21 st	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall Peter McEwan of Easton will give a talk on “Mathematics, the Universe and Everything”. This will be an interesting and different sort of mardle and we hope will attract a wide audience. Usual donation of £6 includes a glass of wine, canapés and cake! Everyone welcome.
Tuesday 22 nd	8.00pm	<u>Brandeston Annual Parish Meeting</u> at the Village Hall – see below

Friday 25 th	7.15 onwards	<u>Rhinos' Summer Gig and BBQ</u> at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall. £5 a ticket, bar serving hot dogs, beer wine and soft drinks Tickets from Mark Kenny 01728 747572 or on-line at http://www.elvillagehall.com
Saturday 26 th	9am – 1pm	<u>Farmers Market</u> at Easton Farm Park, an opportunity to buy all sorts of locally grown and made produce. The Farm Park is now open all week until mid-September for the benefit of families during the summer months.
Sunday 27 th		<u>Spring Plant Fair</u> at Helmingham Hall Gardens – see below.

KETTLEBURGH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This will be held on Wednesday 9th May at 7:30 pm in Kettleburgh Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting provides an opportunity for everyone to hear what is going on locally and to make their views known. County and District Councillors, Suffolk Police, all our local organisations and the Parish Council Chairman are invited to give reports. There will be an update on our plans for celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and a time for questions. Refreshments will be provided from 7:15p.m. Come along and find out more. An invitation will be delivered to each house closer to the date.

Jackie

Clark

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

May 18th - “The Iron Lady” starring Meryl Streep, Jim Broadbent and Richard E Grant. A look at the life of Margaret Thatcher, the former Prime Minister, with a focus on the price she paid for power.

June 15th - “My Week with Marilyn” starring Michelle Williams, Eddie Redmayne and Kenneth Branagh. A treat for Marilyn fans – the film documents the tense interaction between Sir Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Munroe during the production of The Prince and The Showgirl.

Membership £10 per person per year.

Sue Thurlow

VERDI REQUIEM – Saturday 19th May at the Snape Maltings Concert Hall

One of the best loved requiems is being sung by two accomplished local community choirs joined by four highly acclaimed professional soloists.

Aldeburgh Music Club celebrating their 60th Anniversary year and the Phoenix Singers based in Framlingham are combining to produce a total of 180 voices.

We will be joined by the Prometheus Orchestra and the conductor will be Edmund Fivet. It promises to be a memorable concert. Tickets, priced £35, £25, £20, and £17.50 (students half price) are available from the Aldeburgh Music Box Office

Tel: 01728 687110 , www.aldeburghmusicclub.org.uk

BRANDESTON VILLAGE GARAGE SALE SATURDAY 19TH MAY

Get rid of all that clutter in your garage, shed or loft
Time for a spring turn out!

Brandeston PCC is holding a huge Village garage sale on Saturday 19th May, anyone can join in! Get that stuff out and turn it into cash! Anything goes, old bikes, furniture, toys, clothes, homemade produce, no matter how much or how little you have to sell, just assemble it all on your drive on the day and wait for the punters!!
Tea, coffee & cake will be available at the village hall, which will serve as a central point where people can collect a map showing all the garages taking part in the sale.

If you would like to take part and for more information please ring either Marian Hutson 685565 or Helen Fletcher 684085

BRANDESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Brandeston residents are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Brandeston Parish Meeting at the village hall on 22 May 2012 at 8.00 pm. The parish council consider it especially important that residents attend to enable them to understand the work which the council does on their behalf and to be made aware of how their money is spent by the council. Please attend to tell your council what you think they are doing right and, just as important, what you think they might also do for you.

Mark Hounsell

PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM

SPRING PLANT FAIR

Sunday 27 May 2012

10.30-4.00

800 free plants!

- National Plant Collections
 - Specialist Nurseries
 - Plant Doctor
 - Garden Accessories
 - Garden tours
- Home Made Lunches and Teas
 - Propagation Workshops
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www.nccpgsuffolk.org www.helmingham.com
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ADVANCE NOTICES

Sat. 2 nd to Mon. 5 th June		Brandeston Diamond Jubilee celebrations – see below.
Sunday 3 rd June		Kettleburgh Diamond Jubilee celebrations – see below.

Sat 16 th June	2.30pm	Brandeston Fete – see below.
Wed 20 th June	9am for 9.30	Quiet Day at Smokey House, Tunstall Common – see below
Sat. 23 rd June	4 – 6pm	Kettleburgh Fete – see below
Friday 6 th July	10.30am – 12 noon	Cats' Protection Coffee Morning at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest: Dr Daniel Poulter MP
Sunday 22 nd July	2 – 5pm	Letheringham Riverside Garden Party Boating on the river and other jolly activities, tea and cake, live music and grand raffle with splendid prizes.
Sunday 29 th July		Autojumble at Church Farm, Kettleburgh
Thurs 30 th Aug.		Trip to Canterbury Cathedral – see below.

BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL

DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENTS

TIMETABLE

2 June to 5 June	60 Years in Brandeston exhibition at the Old Chapel, Mill Lane
2 June to 5 June	Houses decorated with flags, bunting and red, white and blue.
3 June, 3:00 for 3:30	Jubilee Street Party in The Street
4 June, 7:00 pm	Jubilee Ball in the marquee on the playing field

Jubilee Street Party: A lot of us remember the street parties for the coronation and we're going to try to create new memories by holding one in The Street between the Queen's Head and the village hall on Sunday, 3 June. Karren Piper (685688), with her team of helpers, is coordinating the event. There will be music from the last 60 years, a guest performance of the national anthem, games for children and a toast to the queen on her diamond jubilee.

It will be open to all Brandeston people and their visitors and will start at 3:00.

The Brandeston Jubilee Ball (Kathy Churchill 685303) - SOLD OUT BUT CALL FOR RETURNS

To celebrate this momentous occasion Brandeston has also decided to have a Jubilee Ball on the 4 June and you are all invited to join in the fun.

The Jubilee Ball is being held in a marquee on the playing field at Brandeston Village Hall and will be Black Tie with a drinks reception, canapés, dinner and dancing to the fabulous Glamastics.

Tickets are £40 per person and the tables are for 8-10 people but please feel free to reserve smaller numbers as we will be putting tables together.

It promises to be a memorable night and we hope you can join us.

Contact Marian Hutson T: 01728 685565 E: hutsonfamily@btinternet.com for returns. For tables we will require a deposit of £50.

60 Years in Brandeston: Photos and memorabilia depicting the last 60 years in Brandeston will be on display in the Old Chapel, Mill Lane from 2 to 5 June. Jackie Hounsell (685357) is managing the event with Mary Moore (685354) and welcomes contributions of photos of other jubilee events, souvenirs, period clothes or anything interesting along with photos showing changes in the village over the last 60 years.

Jubilee Mugs: Brandeston has commissioned two designs and they will be available from the Jubilee weekend. Both styles are made from bone china and all children under 18 will be given a free one. The mugs will be on sale to everyone else at the Street Party, the fete and the Coffee Morning for £5; a presentation box will be available for an extra 50p.

House Decoration: To celebrate the weekend, residents are asked to join in by decorating their houses with flags and bunting. Fabric bunting is available from Demelza's mother at £5 for 5 metres. Call Sylvia on 01473 310934 for more information.

Darryl

Morgan

KETTLEBURGH DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Diamond Jubilee Committee has worked hard to secure funding for Kettleburgh's Diamond Jubilee celebration, so all the events planned for Kettleburgh's Big Jubilee Day on Sunday 3rd June will be free to every Kettleburgh resident.

The Committee would like to encourage the display of bunting along The Street and Church Road. If you would like to display bunting outside your house, please contact Deborah Bell (724743).

Plans for the day include: celebratory bell ringing; fun races for all ages; a magnificent lunch in our new large marquee with a choice of menu, including a Jubilee toast; the

presentation of commemorative mugs and medals to all children of Kettleburgh. In the afternoon the Village Hall will be the setting for a traditional tea with a display of photographs and memorabilia, the stage area set up as a typical 'front room' of the 1950's and recordings playing of our older village folk recalling past times. The evening will begin with a special celebration service at St Andrews Church and later an informal dance at The Chequers featuring a well known local band playing for us in a marquee behind the pub.

Kettleburgh has been selected as one of 2012 sites for lighting a Jubilee Beacon on Monday 4th June. This will take place at Easton Green Cottage and there will be a lantern lit 'walking bus' leaving from the Chequers at 8p.m. The evening will include singing from a 40 piece local choir and the beacon will be lit at a specified allocated time between 10 and 10:30p.m. Tree cuttings for the Beacon are welcome anytime after 5th May. Contact Deborah Bell if you would like wood collected.

It is hoped that this range of events will give Kettleburgh folk a choice of ways to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 60 magnificent years and that the weekend will be an occasion for all to remember.

As a lasting legacy it is also planned to plant a commemorative tree on the Village Green.



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Kettleburgh Diamond Jubilee Committee

BRANDESTON FETE

Brandeston's fete will be held on 16 June in the gardens of the Queen's Head from 2:30. There will be the usual mix of stalls and games plus, we hope, a Tug of War where Brandeston will defend last year's victory against the Rest of the World. There will be a beer festival at the Queen running through the whole weekend.

Darryl

Morgan

A QUIET DAY AT SMOKEY HOUSE, TUNSTALL COMMON

“PERMISSION TO REST – A CONCEPT OF THE SABBATH”

Wednesday 20th June 2012

This quiet day thinking about our need for “time off” in our busy lives will be led by Jane Woodbury-Eggins

£5 per person (this includes tea/coffee, biscuits and a ploughman's lunch)

Gather: 9 am for a 9.30 start Finish: Around 3.30 pm

There will be talk/discussion interspersed with quiet times of approximately an hour during which participants will be free to sit in the garden and/or explore the surrounding countryside of Tunstall Common. Please bring a Bible (Old and New Testament).

To register please call either Jane on 01728 746667 or Deirdre on 01728 688340. Numbers will be limited.

KETTLEBURGH FETE 23 June 4 – 6pm in the Chequers Garden

The Fete Committee held its second meeting in April. Plans are now firming up for this Annual Event and already we have three fine 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the Grand Draw. Draw and Cowpat Competition Tickets will be available in May and will be distributed to every household early in June. We have booked space in Framlingham Market on 9 & 16 June and the Co-op on the morning of 23 June – and we are looking for offers of help to sell tickets and publicise the Fete on those days.

This year we are continuing the successful Scarecrow competition with the theme “Olympics” so search out your old PE kit.

As mentioned last month, there will be a new “Plant & Produce” stall. So when you are planning, planting or dividing plants, set aside a few choice specimens for the stall. Home-made chutney, jam, and marmalade will be welcome too.

Committee Members are Jackie & Bill Clark, Debbie Germain, Dinah Reed, John Bater, Derrick & Vickie Neilson. They would be delighted to receive any offers of help or suggestions to make the Fete even better.

Bill Clark

TRIP TO CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL – Thursday 30th August

Loes Deanery Synod Canterbury Pilgrimage

Departure from Hacheston Village Hall, 9 a.m. Return by 10 p.m. (approx.)

Trip includes

- Executive Coach Travel (Toilet and Drinks machine on board)
- Guided Tour of the Cathedral
- Worship in the Cathedral
- Free time to explore the city

Booking Arrangements:

Send cheque for £20 (payable to Loes Deanery Synod) to P. Keeble,

Treasurer, Little Pond, Rookery Road, Monewden, IP13 7DD

Please enclose s.a.e. for confirmation

ANDREW MACFARLAN CURRIE

With sadness we record the death of Andrew Currie, aged 85 years who died on Monday 2nd April 2012 at his home, Jephtha's, Mill Lane, Brandeston. A Service of Celebration for his life was held at Brandeston Church on Friday 13th April followed by a reception at Brandeston Village Hall. Later in the day there was a short service for the family at Seven Hills Crematorium. The church service was very well attended by his family, people from his former life with Tate and Lyle, old friends and many local people who had always enjoyed his company in the village. Tributes to Andrew were given by Maggie Currie, John Currie and Gilly Currie as well as a song "Time after Time" sung by Emily Lambros; girl friend of his grandson.

I now include an obituary of Andrew given by his brother Bob Currie at the church service.

My brother Andrew was born on the 2nd August 1926 in the family home in Stamford Hill Mansions, North London. He was the second of twins, our sister Margaret insisting she should be the first by 20 minutes. They were delivered by Granny Attwood. Andrew was the third child born to our parents, known to all as Ma and Pa.

The eldest child was Jean, who was three when Andrew was born. Stamford Hills was within the sound of Bow making him a "Cockerney". They all lived there until he was 4 when the family moved to Edgware, which at that time was at the end of the Northern Line. Andrew was a sickly child; in truth all children were. However, his twin sister was distinctly chubby and so was known as Podge all her life by us.

He first went to school at Broadfields in Edgware at the age of 5. Here he learnt to read and write. At 8 years of age he was separated from his sisters and had to go to Kingsfield School in Bushey near Watford, whilst his sisters went to Finchley High School. The school uniform included a mustard yellow cap which caused the local boys great mirth. It was here Andrew discovered he was able to outrun almost any boy of his age. This served him well

when getting into scrapes and on occasion needed to beat a hasty retreat. Though I never saw him retreat.

In 1938, at the age of 12, Pa decided it was time for Andrew to go to Framlingham College as it was considered 'de rigueur' in those days for children to go to boarding school. Andrew was, by his own words, not the most academic of students but it was here he certainly discovered sport, earning his athletic colours and winning the Victor Ludorem Cup in two consecutive years, a feat unheard of at that time. Here he made many pals and lost a few by the end of the war. There were some 40 pals and contemporaries lost from Framlingham by 1945.

He also developed a passion for Rugby and went on to play for the Eastern Counties Schools. Unfortunately for him his rugby career was cut short whilst playing for the Royal Engineers against the Royal Artillery when STJ Walters, a large Welsh International, tackled him so hard he tore the cartilage in his knees.

At the outbreak of war Andrew, with a number of other boys, were evacuated briefly to Repton and developed ambitions to become a Spitfire pilot; as did most boys. This ambition was never fulfilled and after leaving Framlingham at the age of 17 he was called up into the Army, serving in Germany in 1944/45. There he was selected for a Commission in the Royal Engineers and spent time in the Middle East, particularly Palestine where he managed to be blown up in the King David Hotel by the Stern Gang.

After leaving the Army, not knowing quite what to do, he decided to go to Pitman's college in Russell Square to learn typing and shorthand, skills that would stand him in good stead. He always said he would have liked to have been a farmer but instead went to work in a local garage; getting oiled up by day. It was at this time during the evenings when the lads would meet in the 'Leatherbottle' Pub to get 'oiled up' by night that he met Tom Marshall, who introduced him to Tate and Lyle.

At the age of 22 he started in the secretarial department of Tates and during these early years at the company spent long hours in the evening working his accountancy exams by a correspondence course over 7 years. On the successful completion of these he became a Chartered Accountant for the company, and was quickly recognized for being rather good at the job and subsequently joining the Board of Tate and Lyle Refineries as Director. His career took him to Washington in 1973 as President of Tate and Lyle for the Americas. Gilly joined him in 1974 and they were married in '76. That same year he was posted to Kuwait to lead the Middle East Division. He finally retired in 1985. Andrew retired to Brandeston, Suffolk, found a hut called Jephtha's and he and Gilly developed it into a home for the rest of his life. He would remark that it was colder on the east side of the country so he felt he would live longer if he retired here.

He continued to live a full and busy life, joining the local golf club, becoming treasurer to the PCC and taking an active interest in Framlingham School. He became President of the Old Framlinghamians as well as a Governor for the school for a number of years.

After he turned 80 his health declined and this slowed him up somewhat but despite this he continued to make the most of his life and he died as he would have wanted to; in his own home with Gilly by his side.

You never quite know another person and what they feel and so finally I would like to read to you from his own words what he felt.

“... On the happy side was my marriage to Heather in 1952 who was a delightful companion and mother until events worked against us. The birth of my lovely daughter Margaret, or Maggie of whom I am very proud, who overcame a serious back problem, made a happy marriage with Henry and had two quite delightful children; Tom and Mary.

Also, my very dear son Johnny, of whom I am extremely proud. It was a very difficult time for him when his marriage to Zoe broke up. However he has been able to overcome those events and successfully start a new life with Jane.

I have also been very lucky indeed to have found a real companion and friend in Gilly, who I married in 1976 and whom I love very much. She looks after me, keeps me laughing and keeps me young – God bless her.”

Thank you bro and God bless you. Sleep softly.

We have celebrated a great and faithful man. We thank God for Andrew and send our love, prayers and sympathy to Gilly, Maggie, John, Bob and all the family. May he rest in peace.

When I was in Tenerife in March I came across this little story and now it is good to share it with you. Real life Mills and Boon! GV

True Confession – A Tale from the Falklands

Betty Miller surveyed the items of knitting that cluttered her sitting room in Lois Cottage, Stanley – the capital of the Falklands. She had carefully arranged them into categories; scarves, woolly hats, Fairisle pullovers, etc. They had been knitted by women in the outstations (Campo) using Falkland Island wool and as far as possible with the word Falkland somewhere in the pattern. She loved handing the knitting and the income that it provided for the Campo families but she hated having it in her house not only for the space that it occupied and denied to her and her husband Sydney but also for the memories that it evoked.

She had initially conducted the business from a shop in Stanley and sold the items to locals to send abroad as presents or to visitors to the Island. All that changed when the Argentine forces invaded the island in April 1982 and on forcing surrender had commandeered her shop for offices. The memory of the invasion and the battle that raged around her house was painful enough but it was followed by blitz-like conditions with the Royal Navy ships bombarding Argentine positions each night and the RAF using their V Bomber force to try and destroy the airport. The noise was horrendous and the risk of an accident from misdirected munitions was a constant worry. Her worst fears were realized when she received news that her youngest son, Timothy, had been wounded on neighbouring West Falkland when shrapnel from a bomb dropped by an RAF Harrier had hit him in the head and could have killed him. The Harrier was aiming to destroy an Argentine base that was observing Task Force shipping in San Carlos Water and directing air strikes. Her second

son managed a Campo at San Carlos on East Falkland where the Parachute Regiment had landed and he too could have become a casualty. He was, in fact, safe and had been able to help land troops and stores.

After the Argentine surrender the British Forces were able to occupy West Falkland and bring Timothy to his mother but after a brief reunion he was put on the first flight to an RAF hospital in the UK for treatment to his wounds. Clearly he was going to lose the sight of at least one eye.

Once the campaign was over the knitting became important again. The confiscation of her shop was simply transferred from enemy to friendly forces and she was left with all the knitting in her sitting room. Sales boomed as soldiers, sailors and airmen from the Task Force visited in great numbers to purchase an identifiable souvenir of their Falklands experience to take home. She welcomed them all because she saw them as “her liberators”. Despite the loss of her sitting room she was asked to offer billets to three Army officers and as a continuation of her policy to “her liberators” she refused to accept the army rations that they brought with them but opened her deep freezer and fed them on beef, pork, goose, salmon and of course, Falklands lamb/mutton, all cooked expertly in her peat fired oven. As part of the knitting sales there was a knock on the door at midday one Sunday and it was opened by one of the billeted officers. A young RAF officer stood there and asked if he had come to the right house for some knitting. He went into the sitting room and after handling several garments he stopped and told Mrs Miller that this was not his primary purpose but that he had come to tell her that he was the pilot of the plane that had dropped the bomb that had wounded her son. She took in all the information and in less than a second put her hand on his shoulder and told him that she forgave him. It was confession, absolution and forgiveness in less than half a minute.

The knitting stock went down but did not go away nor did her fretting for new about Timothy in hospital in England. When that news came it was mixed. The bad news was that surgeons could not save his sight in one eye but the good news was that during his convalescence he had fallen in love with his nurse and she had agreed to marry him and return to the Falklands with him as his bride. He had added further that his Best Man at the wedding was to be the pilot of the plane that had dropped the bomb!

Betty took in more stock as knitting resumed and she thought to herself that if Mills and Boon had written the story of Tim and Jan and the pilot it would not have been believed but then quite often truth is stranger than fiction.

PAST EVENTS

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of April's draw are as follows:

1st Don & Joan Jennings
2nd David Harris

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

This is the first draw of the new lottery year. We have 133 members this year – slightly down on last year’s record but this will raise significant funds for the village hall.

The winners for April were

First	Peter Smyth	
Second	Jasmine Piper-Williams	Mark

Hounsell

NOTICES

BRANDESTON HALL NEWS

Fathers at Brandeston Hall – An epic journey!

A group of highly motivated, inspiring and dedicated Brandeston Hall fathers, who belong to the ‘Fathers at Brandeston Association’, will be cycling from John O’Groats to Brandeston this summer. Their collective aim is to raise £50,000 for The East Anglian Children’s Hospice and Bowel and Cancer Research in June. The group’s chairman, Brian Faulkner, expects them to arrive back at the school between 12am and 1pm on Father’s Day, Sunday 17th June, having pedaled 700 miles and climbing over 20,000 feet (that’s 1000 feet higher than Mount Kilimanjaro!) in eight and a half days. This will be a remarkable feat and for more details can be found on their website at www.fathersatbrandeston.co.uk. As a father at Brandeston Hall myself I am completely behind this inspirational fundraising project and as the Headmaster am in the fortunate position to be able to organize whatever resources we have available to help get the cyclists to the start point; spread the word about their epic journey and also to make sure that they are deservedly well-received upon their return. In the meantime I am sure you would all like to join me in wishing them the best of luck.

Martin Myers-Allen,

Headmaster

Cricket

On 10th June, starting at 12 noon on the Brandeston Hall Cricket Square, there is to be a special cricket match;

St. Moritz Tobogganing Cricket Club XI v Charles Austin’s Invitation XI.

The match will be preceeded by the unveiling of a plaque to the memory of Charles Austin (1858 – 1937), the winner of the Grand National on February 16th 1885, the first race to be held on the Cresta Run at St. Moritz, Switzerland. He also started the Brandeston Cricket Club in 1875 and laid out the cricket field on which we will be playing.

Since that time it has been a great British tradition that we should have winners of the Cresta Run. Furthermore, Charles was sent to Eton College where he did well and especially at cricket, but left aged 17 as his parents came into hard times. He still had a passion for cricket and set up an annual cricket match at Brandeston, with his own Invitation XI. We are grateful for the heritage that Charles Austin has left us in Brandeston.

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Last chance to sign up for the Midnight Walk

Framlingham females, this is the last chance for you to register for St Elizabeth Hospice's event of the year, the Midnight Walk.

Team up with your friends, colleagues or female relatives for a fun girls' night out in aid of the charity on **Saturday 19th May**.

This is the perfect opportunity for groups of women from slimming groups or gym classes to unite and keep fit, but also have a laugh with your friends and other women in aid of a worthy cause.

This year there are two routes to choose from, 5 miles or 8 miles, both starting and finishing at Ipswich Town Football Club.

There will be a school disco-themed warm up and you can jazz it up with fancy dress merchandise which is available in the Hospice shops.

Another treat in store is the team of topless men from Felixstowe port who this year will be dressing as Spartans.

Registration closes on 11th May, to register online visit www.midnightwalkipswich.co.uk, call 01473 707043 or email midnightwalk@stelizabethhospice.org.uk.

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE HALL

We plan to mount an exhibition in the Village Hall as part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

This will be on the subject of Kettleburgh through the Queen's reign, 1952 to the present. Have you any 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's or 90's photographs or memorabilia which you would be prepared to lend us?

Are you prepared to write down your memories of growing up, living, working, travelling - anything which would illustrate life in the last 60 years?

Have you any furniture, pictures, anything, which would help to make an exhibit of a 50's sitting room?

As far as the modern child is concerned, the 50's are the dark ages. Let's try to shine a little light on that period!

If you are interested or can help in any way, please contact Dinah Read on 01728 723613 or dinah_taylor@hotmail.com

Suffolk Sport is currently seeking more villages to participate in its (Suffolk County Council) funded 'Fit Villages' project, which aims to deliver quality and affordable activity opportunities in rural communities while using *local* facilities such as village halls, community centres and recreation grounds.

Specific districts of interest for delivery starting in April include: Forest Heath, St Eds, Babergh, Mid Suffolk and Waveney but we are happy to speak to any village in the county.

Please see below for some further information.

Bring the community together

Increase usage of village facilities

Convenient and quality local physical activity

Help keep your village alive

Would you like to see a Zumba class in your village? Maybe pilates, tai chi or yoga? Nordic Walking perhaps? These are just a handful of the activities the Fit Villages project has delivered since April and we are looking for more villages to get involved!

All you need is a space to exercise in and some enthusiastic people! For further information, please visit www.suffolksport.com/fitvillages or get in touch for an informal chat - henry.tapp@suffolksport.com / 01394 444289.

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

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CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

6th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
13th Peter and Trish Smyth
20th Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
27th Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery
3rd June Marian Hutson and Julia Elson

Kettleburgh

Jane O'Leary
Fay Clarke
Claire Norman
Liz Marzetti
Anne Bater

CHURCH FLOWERS

6th Bel Goldie-Morrison
13th Pippa Brown
20th Eve Crane
27th Ruth Garratt
3rd June Jackie Hounsell

Kathleen Taylor
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EDITOR'S NOTE

This part of our magazine is where you will expect to see 'Times Past'; a regular contribution from Wilda Woodland. As editor, I do enjoy preparing the magazine each month, and particularly look forward to typing the Times Past as it is very often the most interesting part of the magazine. Regrettably Wilda is unable to provide this at the current time and I would like, on behalf of myself and all our readers, to send our very best wishes for a quick recovery. We hope you will soon be able to do all the things you enjoy, Wilda, and will look forward to Times Past in the future.

This brings me to my second subject – I realised this week that I have been editor of the Brandeston and Kettleburgh magazine for eight years. Whilst I am happy to continue, if there is anyone else who would like to take on the job, I would gladly pass it on. It is quite interesting and not too onerous (takes around 6 to 8 hrs a month). Please contact me if you are interested. (See Magazine articles above for contact details).

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