

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

We live in a world beset by many problems, many of which seem quite hopeless ever to resolve.

And pondering once again on the meaning of Christmas, I think of Jesus, both the Prince of Peace and above all, the Bringer of Hope.

His entry into the world is a statement that God never gave up hope for the world He made, and that Christ is the very hope of God incarnate, still at work in the world, reconciling, healing, forgiving, loving.

Those of us who call ourselves Christians should be people of Hope.

I came across two lovely thoughts about hope which you might as it were, place on the mantelpiece this Christmas.

The first is by Ruben Alves, a Brazilian philosopher. It reads

‘Hope is hearing the melody of the future.

Faith is to dance it.’

The second is by an early Christian martyr, Severus of Thrace, who was martyred during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian (284-305). He wrote of his faith in God:

‘To all who are tossed by the waves, you are the calm of the harbour; you are the hope of the hopeful’.

May you all have a truly blessed and joyful Christmas, and be filled with hope that God’s story is still unfolding with all its glorious promise of wonderful things yet to come.

With love,
Harry Edwards.

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DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2012		
Sunday 2 nd	4.00pm	<u>St Elizabeth Hospice 'Light Up a Life'</u> at St Michael's Church, Framlingham – see 'notices' below.
Thursday 6 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Thursday 6 th (and weekly)	6.30 – 7.15pm	<u>Zumba</u> at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall New members welcome
Friday 7 th	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 7 th	From 5pm	<u>Kettleburgh Christmas Tree Lighting</u> – see below.
Saturday 8 th	11am – 2pm	<u>Easton Church Bazaar</u> at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall. Hot soup, rolls, mince pies and tea/coffee will be available
Saturday 8 th	2 – 5pm	<u>Brandeston Christmas Fair</u> in the Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 8 th	7.30pm	<u>Old Tyme Music Hall</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 9 th	11.15am	<u>Christingle Service</u> at Kettleburgh – see 'Christmas Services' below.
Friday 14 th	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> "We Bought a Zoo" at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.

Saturday 15 th	9am – 1pm	<u>Farmers Market</u> at Easton Farm Park
Tuesday 18 th	6.00pm	<u>Carol Singing in Kettleburgh</u> – meet at Village Hall – see below.
Friday 21 st	6.30pm	<u>Letheringham Carol Service</u> with special music. Everyone welcome.
Saturday 22 nd	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Old Chapel Candlelit Evening</u> – see below.
Monday 24 th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.30pm	<u>Candlelit Service of Nine Lessons and Carols</u> at Kettleburgh Church – see ‘Christmas Services’ below
Tuesday 25 th <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.30am	<u>Family Holy Communion</u> at Kettleburgh Church
Friday 28 th	6.30pm for 7pm start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Monday 31 st	From 9.30pm	<u>New Year’s Eve in Brandeston</u> – see below

KETTLEBURGH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING – Friday 7th December

Come along to Kettleburgh Village Hall on Friday 7th December for the Kettleburgh Countdown to Christmas. The Village Hall Committee is providing mulled wine and mince pies and the decorated Christmas tree outside the hall. There will be Christmas music and time to chat. The hall will be open from 5:00p.m and at 5:30 we will turn on the Christmas tree lights. Come and sing a carol or two around the tree. Look out for posters around the village and put the date in your diary.

JC

OLD TYME MUSIC HALL

Those of you who came to the last Kettleburgh Music Hall will remember it well and want to repeat the experience. If you didn't come then this is your chance!

Saturday 8th December is the date, 7.30pm is the time and the Village Hall is the place.

We promise jokes, songs you can sing-along to, talented people entertaining you and a hot supper!

All this for £8.50, £5.00 for the under 12's. You can come in period costume if you like and there will be a prize for the best hat - MC's choice!

Call the BOX OFFICE now, on 01728 723623 to reserve your tickets.

Robert Marzetti

Brandeston

Christmas Fair

Saturday 8th December
2 to 5 pm in the Village Hall

This year's stalls will be
better than ever!

Stock up on quality gifts, decorations, crafts and
food while you enjoy a cup of tea and some
delicious cake.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT KETTLEBURGH

Come along to St Andrew's on 9th December at 11.15am and join in our worship and the making of Christingles and if you can, please bring a gift for a child attending the Ormiston Children's Centre in Ipswich. Gifts should be wrapped and marked with their suitability for boy or girl with age group. On Christmas Eve at 4.30pm the church will be bathed in candlelight for our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols, always a wonderful start to the Christmas celebrations which continue on Christmas morning at 10.30am with our service of family Holy Communion when we celebrate the birth of Christ and have another opportunity to sing our favourite carols.

VU

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

December 14th – We Bought a Zoo – starring Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson and Thomas Haden Church. Set in southern California, a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo. A feel-good family film. The new film schedule for 2013 will be issued shortly.

Sue Thurlow

CAROL SINGING IN KETTLEBURGH – Tuesday 18th December

As usual, we meet outside the Village Hall at 6:00p.m, and then make our way round the village to sing carols and bring the Christmas message to your doors. We will be collecting for the Children's Society. We will finish by singing in the Chequers at around 7:45p.m. Come and join us to sing – you will be most welcome.

JC

BRANDESTON OLD CHAPEL CANDLELIT EVENING

As usual this event will be held on the Saturday immediately prior to Christmas – 22nd December at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5 - available from the Brandeston Thursday Coffee Morning or from Sue Thurlow 685673 from early December. Also available on the door but, to aid catering, it would be good to know approx. numbers beforehand. A finger buffet, mulled wine etc. will be there to enjoy as well as the company of lots of your friends to wish a "Happy Christmas". There will also be a raffle.

This is a very festive way to start the lead up to Christmas and a good way to support the restoration fund of this fine building - so hope to see you there.

Sue Thurlow

BRANDESTON CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE - FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 2012

You are cordially invited to attend the Whist Drive to be held on Friday, 28th December, 2012 in Brandeston Village Hall with doors opening at 6.30 p.m. to enable a prompt start to play at 7.00 p.m.

There will be a great selection of good, local food and a choice of fine wines to ensure that the evening is an enjoyable social occasion. The cost for the evening remains at £2.50 per person. If you have been thinking of joining us, why not come along and end your year on a real high note. Please call Pam or Rick on 685920 to book your place, as this advance notice helps us to plan how many tables are required.

We wish all those who live in Brandeston and Kettleburgh a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pam and Rick Reade

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN BRANDESTON

At a loose end for something to do this New Year's Eve? Why not bring your family to the village hall from 9:30 pm to dance the old year out and the new year in. Bring your own drinks, and food and if you haven't eaten beforehand, as the hall will only be providing the music. Call Pat Morgan (685378) for more information.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Monday 14 th January	7.30pm	Mardle at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall. Mr Roy Tricker, the well known writer, will talk about his 'love affair with Suffolk churches', £6 inc drink and tasty nibbles. Everyone welcome
Tuesday 15 th January		Benefice Bible Study – see below
Saturday 19 th January	7.30pm	Quiz Night at Brandeston Village Hall – see below

THE BENEFICE BIBLE STUDY

At our meeting in November, we read both the Book of Ruth and Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. Reading these books straight through from beginning to end gave us a real sense of each book as a whole. In the case of Ruth, we saw how the story unfolds as it is told from the points of view of the three main characters. And with Philippians, we were able to follow Paul's train of thought through the letter. It was an interesting and enjoyable evening.

We meet next on the third Tuesday in January 2013, Tuesday 15th January. We plan to follow the same pattern as in November, and we plan to read the Old Testament Book of the prophet Joel, and Paul's 1st Epistle to Timothy. Details of where we shall meet will be included in the January Parish Magazine.

These evenings are entirely open and free. Everyone and anyone who wishes to come is invited and will be warmly welcomed. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. The aim of the evening is for each of us to discover more about the Bible, so that we understand more either when we read it by ourselves or when we hear passages in Church.

QUIZ NIGHT

The next Brandeston quiz night will be held on Saturday 19th January 2013 starting at 7.30 p.m. Please enter your team of 6 with Mary Baker – 685807. There will be a supper included in the ticket price of £.7.50 per person. More details next month. *Sue Thurlow*

JEAN PIKE

We record with sadness the death of Jean Pike at the age of 80. Jean had lived all her life in Kettleburgh and passed away peacefully at home on 18th October. We send our love and sympathy to Derick, Tony, Ray, Shirley, Valerie and all their family. *VU*

PAST EVENTS

SUFFOLK EVENING - 10th November 2012

A big thank you to Peter Driver, Peggy Cole and Margaret Doe who entertained us with anecdotes, funny tales, poems and "Suffolk chatter".

It was a very sociable gathering which included a hot sausage and mash supper and was enjoyed by all. This event was organised by the Kettleburgh Green Trust to raise funds to continue the upkeep of the green which we feel is a very important resource for the village of Kettleburgh. *Martin & Linda Sims*

SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA APPEAL 2012

Thank you to those who took part in this year's Family Shoebox Appeal. This is the 21st year of the appeal, and this year 21 boxes were sent from Kettleburgh. There were 20 family boxes and one box suitable for an elderly person.

Link Romania relies to a large extent on volunteers, who help in the warehouse in Worthing, drive trucks for collecting and delivering and help with administration. Those who deliver shoeboxes visit schools, kindergartens, families, old people, communities living in old container blocks, derelict buildings and many other places. They are ever grateful for the generosity of shoebox fillers.

Another way of helping this charity is by collecting leftover foreign coins, which are converted to much needed funds. Although it is too late for this year, if you have foreign coins or notes (pre-decimal sterling is also good) that you would like to donate, bring them along to a Kettleburgh Coffee Morning, or contact Jackie Clark (723623). The coins will then be collected along with the shoeboxes in 2013. *JC*

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results for the November draw are –

1st Prize Carly Grimmer

2nd Prize Susan Hall

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for November were :-

First prize Paul and Shirley Rozier

Second prize Robbie Gray

December draw will take place at the Brandeston Village Lunch on 18 December

Mark Hounsell

NOTICES

KETTLEBURGH WAR MEMORIAL

The project to arrange for the lettering on our village war memorial to be re-painted so that it is easily legible is now complete. The village is grateful to those who contributed towards the cost of the work. There are before and after pictures on the Community News page of the Kettleburgh village website.

Martin Sims

REMEMBER A LOVED-ONE THIS CHRISTMAS AT ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE'S LIGHT UP A LIFE EVENT IN FRAMLINGHAM

St Elizabeth Hospice is holding a Light up a Life event in Framlingham to bring together anyone, not just those touched by Hospice care, who wishes to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones at this poignant time of year.

It will be held on **Sunday 2nd December** at 4pm at St Michael's Church. It includes a welcome from Dr Dan Poulter MP, Christmas carols, the Salvation Army band, music and readings as well as a time for reflection.

The Light up a Life Events is free to attend, no ticket is needed just turn up on the day.

In addition supporters who have filled in a tag in memory of their loved one can view them at an open event on Christmas trees at the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich, on **Saturday 5th January** from 10am-3pm. There will also be an opportunity for a tour of the Hospice

and to view a national photographic exhibition depicting the Small Actions; Big Difference which can be made in end-of-life care.

Light up a Life tags are available in St Elizabeth Hospice shops.

For more information regarding Light up a Life events or tags, please contact 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk



CAN YOU DONATE YOUR WINTER FUEL PAYMENT TO HELP OTHERS THIS WINTER?

The Suffolk Foundation launches its second Surviving Winter Appeal to help alleviate fuel poverty among older people in Suffolk.

From 2007 to 2010 on average 454 vulnerable people, in Suffolk, have died each year from causes directly attributable to cold and poor living conditions, according to a recent study. The vast majority affected were over 65 years old. Sadly, this is just the tip of the iceberg - over 56,095 households in Suffolk live in fuel poverty, suffering in silence during the coldest months, often hidden from view, withdrawn from the world around them.

With many older people having to make the stark choice between heating their homes or putting food on the table, The Suffolk Foundation is launching its second Surviving Winter Appeal to help reduce fuel poverty and isolation in Suffolk. Working in partnership with Age UK Suffolk, The Suffolk Foundation is asking anyone that feels they are able to forgo their Winter Fuel Payment to donate either part or all of it to the Surviving Winter Appeal this winter to help make a difference to someone's life and reduce fuel poverty in Suffolk.

Last year, the Surviving Winter Appeal in Suffolk proved to be a lifeline for those that were struggling to keep their homes warm through the winter. Due to the fantastic support from the public last year the appeal raised over £55,000, which greatly helped older people in Suffolk last winter.

Working with Age UK Suffolk, The Suffolk Foundation aims to help even more older people to keep warm during cold winter months. If you know of any older people, living in Suffolk that would benefit from a Surviving Winter donation from this year's appeal then contact Age UK directly on 01473 359911.

If you would like to donate your Winter Fuel Payment or make a donation, please call The Suffolk Foundation directly on 01473 602602 or for further information visit The Suffolk

Foundation's website, www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk. To donate online visit:
www.localgiving.com/suffolksurvivingwinter.

THIS WINTER WHY NOT ORGANISE AN EVENT FOR MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT?

People living with cancer sometimes have to turn off their heating to save on their heating bills, why not raise some money for Macmillan to help people to stay warm this winter.

Macmillan Cancer Support give financial support to people when they need it most. The average Macmillan grant is £330 and this can make a real difference to the lives of people living with cancer. So why not organise a firework display, Christmas party, or make a donation to help Macmillan raise more money.

Every day in the UK another 822 people are diagnosed with cancer. We want to be there to reach every one of them and we need your help to do this. For more information please call the Macmillan Fundraising Support Centre on 0300 1000 200

SUFFOLK POLICE NOTICE

Police in Suffolk are urging residents to keep car keys out of view in their homes, following a spate of burglaries involving the theft of keys and subsequent theft of motor vehicles.

As part of Operation Drawbridge, Suffolk Police's campaign to reduce burglaries and bring offenders to justice, police are reminding all to take this simple step and stop giving burglars access to vehicles.

Supt Phil Aves said, "It is upsetting that we have seen a spate of this type of burglary this week. Not only are these offenders gaining access to people's homes and stealing their possessions, but also going one step further and taking keys so that they may steal vehicles. "If burglars have managed to get inside a home, it is essential that they are not offered 'easy pickings'. Valuable items, cash and jewellery should be kept out of view, and secured if possible, and keys should not be left in obvious places. Do not leave them near to windows and doors, as burglars will often target these directly, quickly gaining access and grabbing keys. Don't leave them in 'key holders' or similar with labels explaining what they are for, and avoid leaving them hanging in keyholes.

"We will do all we can to try and reduce the amount of burglaries happening across the county, and we will continue to help residents in making their homes more secure. On the unfortunate occasions where burglars do manage to access homes, we must ensure that we do not make their lives easy, by giving access to valuable possessions."

PAPWORTH TRUST is a leading disability charity. Our mission is to support disabled people to have equality, choice and independence in their lives.

Our work includes:

- providing a range of high quality services for disabled and disadvantaged people.
- providing advice for disabled people and their families and carers through our Information Centre.
- campaigning for changes that disabled people want.

Who we work with

Papworth Trust is pan-disability, meaning we work with people with any kind of disability. This includes anyone who has a long-term health issue, learning difficulty, physical disability, sensory impairment, mental health issue or a combination of these or other impairments.

We work with over 20,000 disabled and disadvantaged people every year.

Where we work

We deliver most of our services in the East of England, and some services in the East Midlands and Greater London. Our Vocational and Medical Rehabilitation service is available all over the UK.

Jane Mumford

Volunteer Coordinator, Papworth Trust

Volunteer Positions with Papworth Trust in Ipswich

Could YOU do it?

Administration: we need someone to help greet visitors and customers and carry out general admin duties in our lively Ipswich centre

Gardening: support clients in our exciting new Garden project or support disabled people in accessing the People's Community Gardens and assisting in learning activities.

IT: help and support learners develop IT skills and confidence.

Raise funds: collect funds for Papworth Trust in stores across Ipswich.

Promote literacy & numeracy: work with a tutor to support a small group of about 8-14 learners to gain skills in literacy and/or numeracy.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Christian Cornforth at Papworth Trust:

01473 357200 or 0800 9525000

volunteering@papworth.org.uk

www.papworth.org.uk

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:

Mrs Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Road, Kettleburgh, IP13 7LF

or e-mail 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!

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

2nd Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery
9th Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
16th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
23rd Christine Matthews and Don Evans
30th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
6th Jan Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery

Kettleburgh

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

ADVENT – No flowers

25th

CHRISTMAS

Anne Bater

6th Jan

Anne Bater

TIMES PAST

Recently it has been possible to examine a book 'Extenta Maner de Woodbredg Nuper Priorat 1560' which gives a list of the Rentals of the Manor of the Priory of St Mary, Woodbridge. The account makes mention both of Brandeston and Kettleburgh. A number of people are mentioned and their names link up with those who appear in the Wills which date back to 1453, made before the Church Registers began here in 1559.

One entry seems to tie in with the work currently being carried out on the river bridge in Mill Lane, Kettleburgh (See Brandeston and Kettleburgh Parish News, November 2012, pages 8 and 9).

'Lionel Wade holds one free tenement late Thomas Wade formerly John Hylte before William Hylte lying in Brandeston between the land of the said Lionel formerly Robert Cane on the south and the way that leads from Osmonds Brygge towards Debenham on the north whereof the east head abuts on a way bending to the said Osmond Brygge up towards Gippiswich (Ipswich) and the west head on land of the late Prior of St Peter of the town of Gippiswich in part and the land of the said Lionel formerly Robert Cane in part and pays at the feast of St Michael the Archangel and at Easter yearly iiii (4 shillings)'.

452 years ago and the same kind of strengthening work needing to be undertaken now. Do times change all that much?

WMW
