

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS**

MAY 2013



THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

Rogation Sunday falls on 5th May this year.

Historically, Rogation Days were set aside as days of fasting and prayer, to seek God's protection of the crops from mildew.

To ask of God ("Rogation" comes from the Latin *rogare* to ask) in this way was not an attempt to attract divine or miraculous intervention, nor were the Rogation customs of "beating bounds" some sort of superstitious mumbo-jumbo. The intent of Rogation sprang, first, from people's deep sense of direct physical dependence on the outcome of "seed-time and harvest"; second, their awareness of the narrow margin which separates sufficiency from starvation; and, third, the profound hope which the whole community shared, for the blessing of kindly seasonal weather. Taken together, these were simple and faithful recognition of God's gifts to human life.

For many of us, the availability of life's necessities is something we take for granted. But this year, Rogation-tide may carry a new significance, because this year, food security cannot simply be assumed.

The effects of prolonged flooding on pasture and arable land in the West country and the late snow on the hill farms of Wales and Cumbria have compounded the difficulties faced by British farmers. The costs of agricultural fertilisers and feed continue to rise, and I understand that already significant proportions of this year's sowings of wheat and oil seed rape have been lost. I do not know what impact the forward trading of these commodities will have, but we can be sure that all these things will work their way through to affect the price of food in our shops.

However, we would be wrong if our prayers at Rogation-tide simply sought some distant deity's protection from food price inflation. The margin between sufficiency and starvation is still narrow; at a time of austerity, those who pay more leave less for others.

In our Rogation prayers, we have an opportunity to acknowledge our physical dependence on the Earth which sustains us and our inter-dependence as members of a global community, whilst acknowledging that the life and breath we all share is God's gift to each one of us.

And at the end of May, on Trinity Sunday, we shall celebrate the nature of the God to whom our prayers are addressed and of whose love we have a three-fold experience; through whose creative power we live, who in Jesus Christ has shown us how – and set us free – to live, and who, through his Spirit, sustains us as we live each day; in the depths of winter as well as in the warmth of Spring.

With love from
Robin

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DIARY FOR MAY 2013		
Thursday 2 nd	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 3 rd	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Wednesday 8 th	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Annual Parish Meeting</u> at Village Hall – see below.
Friday 10 th	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> –“Anna Karenina” at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 12 th	9.30am (Gates open 8am to set up)	<u>Car Boot Sale</u> on Brandeston Village Hall Playing Field. Pitches £7 for cars £10 for vans. <u>Tabletop sale in village hall</u> £5 (villagers only) If you require anymore information then please contact Lucy Nobbs 01728 684422.
Wed. 15 th & Thurs. 16 th		<u>Ipswich Umbrella Trust Collection for the Homeless</u> - see below.
Sunday 26 th		<u>Spring Plant Fair</u> at Helmingham Hall Gardens – see poster below

KETTLEBURGH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This will be held in Kettleburgh Village Hall on Wednesday the 8th of May, starting at 7:30pm. 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 a time for questions. Refreshments will be served from 7pm. Come along and find out more. An invitation will be delivered to each house closer to the date.

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

10th May – Anna Karenina starring Keira Knightley, Jude Law and Aaron Taylor-Johnson. Set in late 19th century Russia high society, the aristocrat Anna Karenina enters into a life-changing affair with the affluent Count Vronsky.

14th June – Amadeus starring F. Murray Abraham, Tom Hulce and Elizabeth Berridge.

The incredible story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, told in flashback by his peer and secret rival Antonio Salieri – now confined to an insane asylum.

Sue Thurlow

COLLECTION OF FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS OF IPSWICH

The Churches in Brandeston and Kettleburgh are going to collect for the **Ipswich Umbrella Trust**

Door-to-door in Kettleburgh on Wednesday 15th May
Coffee Morning in Brandeston on Thursday 16th May.

What do we want?

You might remember that what we are providing is an emergency single meal for people who are otherwise destitute. So this year we are asking for **tins**.

Tins of meat or fish

Tins of pasta meals

Tins of beans

Tins of soup

Tins of vegetables or fruit

Tins of creamed rice or custard

Last year we also collected small packets of biscuits, and small jars of coffee. We are happy to have these too. If you would rather give money, please make cheques out to 'Ipswich Umbrella Trust'.

If you live in Kettleburgh and do not wish to be disturbed, please leave your tins by your gate or on your door step.

We will try to make sure it doesn't slip your mind.....look out for the fliers and the road signs!

There was a terrific response last year and we hope to achieve the same this year.

If you can help in Kettleburgh distributing fliers or collecting tins please contact Dinah Reed 01728 723613 (7 Church Road)

Helmingham Hall
Gardens

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PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM

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SUNDAY 26 MAY 2013

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EARL SOHAM BOWLS CLUB

Established 1789



**OPEN AFTERNOONS ON
SATURDAYS, 20th, 27th APRIL, 4th, 11th & 18th MAY
at 2.30 p.m.**

Please come along and join us for any of the above sessions and give the game of bowls a try. New members are needed in order to secure the future of this long-established Club. If you are an absolute beginner or wishing to return to bowls you will be most welcome.

Free coffee or tea will be served to all visitors.

Spare woods will be available - just be sure to wear flat-soled footwear. More detailed information, if required, is available from Pam Sykes, Secretary, who can be contacted as follows:

Telephone: 01728 685519 or e-mail: PamRogSykes@aol.com

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 8 th June	4 – 6pm	<u>Kettleburgh Fete</u> – see below
Saturday 15 th June		<u>Brandeston Fete</u>
Friday 28 th June	10.30am – 12 noon	<u>A Coffee Morning in aid of Cats' Protection</u> will be held at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest: Mr Ben Gummer M.P.
Saturday 7 th September		<u>Kettleburgh Village Show</u> at the Village Hall

KETTLEBURGH FETE, 8 June 4 – 6 pm in The Chequers Garden

The Fete Committee held its second meeting in April. Plans are now firming up for this Annual Event. Draw and Cowpat Competition Tickets will be available in May. This year Draw Tickets will be distributed to every household early in June and Cowpat Competition tickets will be available from PCC and Village Hall Committee Members. We have booked space in Framlingham Co-op on 31 May, and Wickham Market Co-op on 8 June, and we are looking for offers of help to sell tickets and publicise the Fete on those days. There are 3 slots of 2 hrs starting 8:30am.

This year we are planning a new “Craft & Vintage” stall. More details next month. Committee Members are Jackie & Bill Clark, Debbie Germain, Dinah Reed, Derrick & Vickie Neilson. They would be delighted to receive any offers of help or suggestions to make the Fete even better.

Clark

Bill

PAST EVENTS

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

No draw this month due to operational difficulties, there shall be two draws carried out in May instead.

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

The club has 127 members for the “new year”. Not far off the record!

Winners for the first draw (April) held at the village hall were :-

First prize The Duffy family

Second prize The Duffy family

Yes, really with two separate tickets.

The next draw will be held at the village hall on Thursday, 02 May

Mark Hounsell

NOTICES

THANKS

Mrs Wilda Woodland would like to take this opportunity of thanking her friends and neighbours for their great kindness following the death of her husband Allan Leonard Woodland.

This has been a difficult time but kindness has made it easier to bear.

WMW

THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE

Mrs Frances Parkinson, a co-founder of the Bike Ride, died recently. She moved to Hoo Hall with her husband and three children in 1967 and set about putting the house to rights. There was no plumbing to speak of. You could see daylight through the roof and the previous owners told her that it had not been decorated for a century!

Once the house had been done, it was the turn of the walled garden where you could look over the wall and see the church. She made this her next project, raising funds to rebuild the tower.

In 1982 Mrs Parkinson helped to organize a sponsored cycle ride to raise funds for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. The event was a great success and as a result went from strength to strength. In the last thirty years it has raised £4 million and has spread to the rest of the country. Mrs Parkinson became President of the Trust for which she received the MBE. On the second Saturday in September you would see her sitting in the porch of the church welcoming cyclists.

It is a most enjoyable day. Everyone is very friendly. Refreshments are provided at all churches. We would love to have a few more cyclists for Brandeston and Kettleburgh. The date this year will be **Saturday, 14th September**. Sponsor forms will be available later from Ruth Garratt (685233), Pat Peck (621144).

The Church Bike Ride has generated a lot of money for Brandeston and Kettleburgh. In the last four years. Brandeston has raised £3907 and Kettleburgh £2529.

On the next page are the figures for the last four years for the Loes Deanery.

*Ruth Garratt
Pat Peck*

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Thankfully not a lot to report this month. One theft of horse 'tack', but again not in this area. Unfortunately, heating oil theft appears to be on the increase: premises in Worlingworth, Whatfield and Kettleburgh were targeted, and oil taken, and in Charsfield an attempted theft but nothing taken. I have details of measures/advice which may help deter or prevent oil theft if anyone wishes to contact me, but I'm sure most people will be aware and take care anyway.

As usual, any worries or questions, I will do my best to assist " (Tel me on 723226)

*Derrick Neilson
Neighbourhood Watch*

BRITISH RED CROSS – Across Suffolk- Spring/ Summer Snapshot of what we do near you.

BBC's organic gardening guru, Bob Flowerdew, is supporting the Red Cross in Suffolk at Haughley Park Open Garden on Sunday May 12th. He'll be presenting a talk on 'No Work Gardening' - ways to reduce or eliminate unnecessary chores and get more flowers, fruit and produce with much less work! A talk Bob describes as a "humorous vitriolic diatribe". Tickets are £10 including access to the gardens and refreshments - call 01284 727247 for more details.

We have a host of heavenly gardens open across Suffolk this summer, I can't think of a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than enjoying someone else's gardening efforts and homemade tea and cake. Open Garden leaflets are available at local libraries, garden centres and tourist information centres or visit redcross.org.uk.

This spring we helped sixteen year old Simon to save a life. Simon is part of young offenders programme in Suffolk. As part of his community programme he was trained in everyday first aid skills by the Red Cross. Walking home from the course he saw a man lying on the ground, frothing at the mouth – with his newly acquired skills he called 999, put the man in the recovery position and reassured him. He found out that the man was a diabetic and was possibly having a diabetic seizure. Simon's prompt action not only helped to save a life but may also have turned his own life around.

On May 8th we celebrate the birthday of the founder of the Red Cross, Henri Dunant, by raising as much money as we can for services in Suffolk. In 2012 the British Red Cross helped almost 20,000 people in Suffolk – it's my guess that Henri Dunant never dreamed of the impact his organisation would have in our small corner. And so, should you pass one of our volunteer collectors at a local supermarket this summer please stop and say hello and donate your small change – it's through raising funds locally that we can carry on our work in Suffolk.

We spend more on helping people in Suffolk than we raise.

If you would like me to talk to your local group about the work of the Red Cross (or for anything else) contact Jane Dow on 01284 727247.

PUT YOUR ONESIE FOOT FORWARD for EACH and The Kids Town Trust

Support East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) and Town Kid's Trust by taking part in the Onesie Walk on Saturday 25th May at Felixstowe Sea front dressed in your favourite Onesie.

Children of all ages are invited to attend this family sponsored walk to raise funds for EACH which cares for life-threatened children and their families and Town Kid's Trust; run by Town 102 radio station to support schools, youth groups and disabled children.

The walk starts at 11am opposite Manning's Amusements on Sea Road, Felixstowe walking to the Spa and back wearing your favourite Onesie. Cheeko the Monkey will be joining in with the walkers along with Sponge Bob Square pants, Patrick the Star fish and some of your other favourite characters.

The walk is aimed at children, families and groups of all ages and will include a sandcastle building competition, best Onesie and a quiz. There will also be face painting and refreshment stops along the route.

If you can't attend the event you could host your own 'Onesie Wednesday' and wear your Onesie to work or school on a Wednesday during May. All you need to do is make a £1 donation for the privilege and join the many office and shop staff, hairdressers, bus drivers and supermarket staff who have already committed to hosting a Onesie Wednesday. Keep a look out for Ipswich Bus Drivers who will all be wearing Onesies to work on a Wednesday in May. Schools are now signing up to wear onesies to school and we will be have a Onesie Wednesday here at the EACH fundraising office.

Once organised we want to see your photos, which can be emailed to EACH and Town 102 to feature on their Facebook pages.

Patsy Johnson-Cisse, EACH Suffolk Fundraiser and event organiser, said: "We're so excited about the Onesie Walk and Wednesday which we're sure will be popular and raise much-needed funds for two local charities."

For more information about the Onesie Walk and Onesie Wednesday please call the fundraising office on 01473 276196 email treehouse@each.org.uk or visit www.town102.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP IN ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE SHOP

Volunteers are needed to help out in St Elizabeth Hospice's shop in Market Hill, Framlingham.

No previous experience is required, just a willingness to help and full training will be given. Whether you're serving customers, helping with stock collections, sorting donations or window dressing, you'll be part of a great team.

If you can spare a few hours a week the Hospice would love to hear from you. St Elizabeth Hospice has 21 shops across Suffolk and Norfolk so there is bound to be one that is convenient for you.

St Elizabeth Hospice has over 1,000 volunteers who carry out a wide range of roles. The support our volunteers provide is vital - without them, we would not be able to open our shops.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact St Elizabeth Hospice's voluntary services coordinator on 01473 707016 or email volunteer@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

To see a full list of volunteer vacancies, visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

DISCOVER SUFFOLK IN 52 WAYS OVER 23 DAYS – THE SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL 11 May – 2 June 2013

Ever wanted to weave your way through fields of flax, march through history, search for treasure or ramble through the countryside to the sound of poetry? Well now is your chance! With over 50 guided walks to choose from, The Suffolk Walking Festival is a cornucopia of delightfully themed walks that will take you through gently undulating countryside, around villages and towns awash with some fine architecture and along the wonderful landscape of the Suffolk Coast.

The festival kicks off with the 'Launch Jaunt' at Ickworth House near Bury St Edmunds on 11th May and runs for three weeks until 2nd June.

In the middle of the festival (18 - 22 May) is the Discover Suffolk Challenge Walk, which follows the coast path from Landguard Fort, up to Lowestoft and covers 66 miles in five days. We don't want anyone to feel obliged to do all five days, but there will be prizes and lots of praise for those hardy folk who do!

There is also a charity walk in aid of St Nicholas Hospice Care, which is 14 miles around the lovely landscape of the Lark Valley. Not all of the walks are this long - there is a good range for all abilities and some suitable for children too.

We hope you will join us on some of these walks. For the full programme, please visit the Suffolk Walking Festival website www.discoversuffolk.org.uk or any tourist information centre in the county where you can pick up a brochure and book tickets.

This festival is sponsored by Discover Suffolk and supported by all the local authorities in Suffolk.

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE'S MIDNIGHT WALK OR RUN – welcoming men and women!

St Elizabeth Hospice's high-profile ladies-only fundraising Midnight Walk is to break new ground by allowing men to take part. The Midnight Walk 2013 will welcome men and also offer a night-time run through Ipswich town centre.

The new-style event – which is the charity's biggest fundraiser of the year - will be held on **Saturday 18th May 2013** and starts from Ipswich Town Football Club. More than 220 men and women have already signed up but there is still time to register.

There will be two routes to choose from – eight or five miles – a carnival theme, exciting warm-up and a hot chocolate and medal at the end for all participants.

Many people take part in groups as a fitness challenge, in memory of a loved one or just to have fun night out. The Midnight Walk 2013 offers the only opportunity to take part in mass participation run at night around Ipswich.

All participants are asked to raise sponsorship.

The Hospice provides services free of charge to patients and their families in East Suffolk and South East Norfolk and relies on fundraising and donations to meet most of its £8.7m a year running costs.

To sign up visit www.midnightwalkipswich.co.uk.

Midnight Walk 2013 is supported by the East Anglian Daily Times, Ipswich Star and Town 102.

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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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 particularly welcome!

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

5th Christine Matthews and Don Evans
12th Helen Fletcher and Karen Piper
19th Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
26th Kelly Jeffery
2nd June Marian Hutson and Julia Elson

Kettleburgh

Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows
Sue Scott
Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark

CHURCH FLOWERS

5th Nancy Demetriadi
12th Pippa Brown
19th Ruth Garratt
26th Jackie Hounsell
2nd June Alison Molyneux

Eiluned Davies
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