

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS
DECEMBER 2013**



THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

Christmas is all about family, and whether we have many or few members of our own, it's a time of year for getting in touch, reminding people that we care for them, that they are special, by exchanging gifts and cards, and video phone call via the internet if people are far away.

So, Christmas when it eventually arrives after all the frenetic preparations and stress, is the time to take a moment to recall the traditional story, told to us in our childhoods, the story of the Holy family, the stable in Bethlehem, the gifts of the Magi, and the homage paid to the baby in a manger by the shepherds. And that's where the Church comes into its own, with the many and varied festive services on offer, all of which, depending on our personal preferences, help us to remember what Christmas really is all about.

***Christingle Services** with their unique message of 'light' - the light of Christ coming to darkened world, but with oranges, sweets and candles to do the explaining.*

***Crib services and Nativity plays** much loved by the young, who get to dress up, and in their costumes re-tell the traditional story.*

***Carol services** - in their many and varied formats, from the traditional 9 Lessons and Carols, to the less informal Carols by Candlelight, right through to the very informal carol singing around our villages and in our pubs, garden centres and farm cafe's..*

So there is something for every taste, and if you're one of the many who only goes to Church occasionally, or never, why not make this Christmas the one you walk up the path and through the 'open' door of your parish Church, or the one that is hosting your favourite type of service. Everyone is welcome everywhere in our 7 churches at any time, but especially at Christmas.

And as Christmas is all about family it seems oddly appropriate that this Christmas will be Harry Edward's last before he retires in January after 40 years of Ministry having being Rector in the Campsea Ashe benefice for 18 years, and Priest in Charge of Brandeston & Kettleburgh with Easton for 6, 2014 will see the start of his well deserved retirement, giving him more time for his family, including the many grandchildren, but also with unlimited time to walk the dogs, and maybe enjoy the occasional pint of cider in a local hostelry.

And so I'd like to close this letter with some words from one of the most popular carols, one that is completely traditional which has a final verse we only sing on Christmas day, and at no other time.

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given,
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him
Christ the Lord**

And I wish you all a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas,

with love, **Deirdre**

Brandeston

Elders: Miss Eileen Leach 685298
Mrs Mary Baker 685807

Kettleburgh

Elders: Mrs Jackie Clark 723623
Mrs Valerie Upson 723078

Churchwardens: Mr John Bater 723532
Mrs Valerie Upson 723078

DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2013		
Thursday 5 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Thursday 5 th	8.00pm	<u>Brandeston Village Hall AGM</u> – see below
Friday 6 th	10.30am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 13 th	5pm for tree lighting at 5.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Countdown to Christmas</u> at the village hall – see below
Friday 13 th	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> –“Great Expectations” at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Friday 20 th	6pm at village hall or 7.45pm at the Chequers	<u>Kettleburgh Carol Singing</u> – meet at the village hall – see below
Saturday 21 st	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Old Chapel Candlelit evening</u> – see below
Friday 27 th	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.

BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL AGM – Thursday, 5th December, 2013, 8 o’clock.
Please join us to hear about the running of your hall and future plans.

The meeting will be followed by a glass of wine and nibbles to give everyone time to chat over points raised at the meeting.

Sue Thurlow

KETTLBURGH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING – Friday 13th December – Lights on at 5.30pm

Come along to Kettleburgh Village Hall on Friday 13th December for the Kettleburgh Christmas tree lighting. The hall will be open from 5:00p.m and at 5:30 we will sing a carol or two around the tree and turn on the Christmas tree lights. 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. All are most welcome.

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

13th December – Great Expectations – starring Ralph Fiennes, Helena Bonham Carter and Jason Flemyng. The 2012 production of Charles Dicken’s much loved novel.

Sue Thurlow

CAROL SINGING IN KETTLBURGH – Friday 20th December

Meet outside the Village Hall at 6:00p.m. Members of the 1st Deben Valley Scouts will be joining us this year and we will 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, around the village or in the pub – 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 – 21st 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 available to enjoy with lots of your friends. There will also be red / white wine and beer available. We will be holding a raffle to add to the funds so any draw prizes would be welcomed.

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



Kettleburgh Christingle and Gift Service
11:00a.m. Sunday 15 December
St Andrew's Church

You are invited to this special Family Service.

Bring along a wrapped gift to be given to
a child cared for by
The Ormiston Trust in Ipswich.

Make your own Christingle and
learn what this special symbol means.

Brandeston

Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December
2 to 5 pm in the Village Hall
Draw at 4.30 pm



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

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS CRACKER OF A WHIST DRIVE AT BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, 2013.

We have great pleasure in inviting you to attend the next Whist Drive at Brandeston Village Hall on Friday, 27th December, 2013. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. for a prompt start to play at 7.00 p.m. The cost is just £2.50 per person to include great, festive refreshments and a choice of fine wines plus lots of very friendly competition. If you are interested in joining us for the evening, please telephone Pam or Rick on 685920. This advance notice helps us to ascertain how many tables we will need and the approximate amount of food and drink necessary to ensure a successful evening.

We wish all residents of Brandeston and Kettleburgh a fabulous Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

Pam and Rick Reade

PAST EVENTS

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE – September

It was a drizzly day this year. 3 cyclists went from Kettleburgh – Persephone and Rob Booth and myself, and Dinah Reed walked round some churches in Ipswich and thoroughly enjoyed herself.

Our total was £525 and Brandeston, who always get more, got £1005.

Thank you to all cyclists, walkers and sitters in both villages and a big thank you to all our sponsors. Half the money goes straight to our churches and half to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust who we apply to for a grant when major repairs are needed.

Pat Peck

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2013

Thank you to all who contributed shoeboxes this year. In total, seventeen boxes for families and elderly people were taken to Wickham Market, the first stage of their journey to Eastern European countries. We hope they will bring some happiness to families and older people there this Christmas.

JC

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of the November draw are as follows:

1st Prize: Susan and Trevor Jessop

2nd Prize: Dinah Reed

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for November were –

First Prize Philip Bays

Second Prize Liz Hatten

The December draw will take place at the Christmas Village Lunch on 17 December

Mark Hounsell

NOTICES

KETTLEBURGH KEEP FIT

For the last 3 years, Liz Marzetti has been running a Keep Fit Class in the Village Hall 10.00 till 11,00 on a Monday morning. My wife Mary is a long time member and finds it very beneficial

More people attending would mean the cost per head will come down, its currently only £5 per person per week. So if you are feeling in need of a weekly pick me up or just an hours chat with gentle exercise thrown in then contact me or Liz

Its open to Men & Ladies so a good substitute for golf during the winter months!!

Graham Mooney

VILLAGE HALL

Some of you will have noticed that we have had work carried out to replace the roof covering of the main hall? This is necessary as rain and snow have been getting in to the roof space in the last 18 months. The new roof replaces one put on by John Bater & Bob Booth almost 40 years ago so it has served us well: We have also had the kitchen tiled and hope to go on to repaint the hall & kitchen ceilings'.

The "Fat Band" on Saturday the 19th October was a great success and the profits from the evening will go some way towards the roof costs!

The Village Hall Committee have special cause to remember Derek Hill, a good friend to all the village and a generous benefactor to the your village hall.

Graham Mooney

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON APPEAL

As part of its review of charitable giving at its recent meeting, Brandeston PCC has decided to make an exceptional donation of £1000 to the Disasters Emergency Committee towards relief following the typhoon in the Philippines.

If you would like to make your own contribution, please go to:

dec.org.uk-DEC Typhoon Haiyan Appeal

or ring 0370 60 60 900.

Mary Baker

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE AT ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE'S LIGHT UP A LIFE EVENT

A series of special remembrance events will be held in East Suffolk and South Norfolk for people wanting to remember a loved one in the lead up to Christmas.

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

Each event includes Christmas carols, music and readings as well as a time for reflection. The Revd Jo Perry, chaplain at St Elizabeth Hospice, said: "Christmas is a time for giving and sharing, a moment for enjoying being with your family members and loved ones. But it is also a time for reflecting on the lives of loved ones we have lost, remembering these special people and the cherished memories that we hold dear to our heart.

"St Elizabeth Hospice's Light up a Life events are open to everyone and give us an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate the lives of those we love and remember those who are no longer with us."

Light up a Life Events are free to attend, no ticket is needed just turn up on the day. Your nearest Light up a Life event is being held on **Sunday 1st December, 4pm, at St Michael's Church, Framlingham.**

This year people are invited to personalise a Special Memories Card to bring along to the event.

You can pick up a form along with a special memories card from St Elizabeth Hospice shops and all St Elizabeth Hospice sites, or call 01473 723600.

You can also make a dedication to your loved one on our virtual Light up a Life Christmas Tree by visiting www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/lightupalife

DONATE FURNITURE TO HELP THE HOSPICE

St Elizabeth Hospice is urgently appealing for donations of furniture to sell in its shops.

The charity has a team of volunteer van drivers who will pick up good quality items from your home, Monday to Saturday.

Donations of sofas, table, chairs, wardrobes and cabinets are all welcome and will be resold in the Hospice's shops which stock furniture in Ipswich, Felixstowe and Stowmarket.

Jason Rudderham, Retail Area Manager at the Hospice, said "With Christmas coming up, this is a great time of year to have a sort out and donate any furniture you don't want any more to the Hospice. You may have furniture that no longer fits with your colour scheme or you might have bought new furniture in the pre-Christmas sales.

“Our shops are great for the environment as they allow goods to be reused and recycled and the funds raised enable St Elizabeth Hospice to continue to make a real difference to the lives of our patients and their families.”

To donate furniture call 0845 259 0319.

NEWS FROM FRAMLINGHAM SURGERY – December 2013

A sincere thank you

Due to the fund raising efforts of our patients, we are delighted to report that we have been able to purchase a new 24hour ECG monitor as well as the important memory cards for storing the results. The fundraising was supplemented by a very generous donation from the Mills Trust.

Until we purchased our new machine, we were having to manage a waiting list for patients who needed to have their heart monitored. We are now able to offer the necessary monitoring to our patients very promptly. We are very grateful to Jill and Brian Whittaker for their fundraising efforts and anyone who donated to the fund, as well as of course to the Mills Trustees.

Infections

As you will know from the national news, there have been outbreaks of measles and whooping cough this year and these outbreaks continue to occur whilst parents do not get their children vaccinated. The key message from these outbreaks is to get your child vaccinated against these diseases if you haven't done so already. Please talk to one of our Practice Nurses if you are not sure if your child's immunisations are up to date.

Should you feel that you or your child does have an infectious disease and you need to see a doctor, please ensure that you tell one of our receptionists so that we can isolate you from other vulnerable patients in our waiting area.

Appointments

Just a reminder that Janet Walne our Nurse Practitioner is available to deal with a range of minor illnesses and injuries like sore throats, earache, conjunctivitis, cuts and sprains, emergency contraception and urinary tract infections. Janet is a fully qualified, experienced Nurse Practitioner who is able to prescribe medication and has access to our GPs if required. Ask to see Janet when you phone up for an appointment!

Cuba!

Dr Susan Hopton is planning a 400 mile charity cycle ride over five days in Cuba in October 2014. She will be raising money for Breast Cancer Care, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust

and Ovarian Cancer Action and is currently busy training and getting fit. If you would like to sponsor her, sponsorship forms will be available at the surgery or you can donate online at: www.justgiving.com/Susan-Wright02.com

Finally....

We will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day as well as New Year's Day. In an emergency you should phone 111. A very Merry Christmas to all our patients from everyone at the surgery – let's hope that 2014 brings us a happy and healthy New Year!

2014 SUFFOLK HIGH SHERIFF'S AWARDS

The High Sheriff of Suffolk, Sir Edward Greenwell, has launched the sixth High Sheriff's Awards for 2014 and is calling for voluntary groups and individuals to submit their entries for the annual community awards. The highly coveted High Sheriff's Awards are designed to showcase and recognise the vibrant volunteering culture that is alive in Suffolk, and hopefully inspire others, making Suffolk a better, safer county for us all to live in.

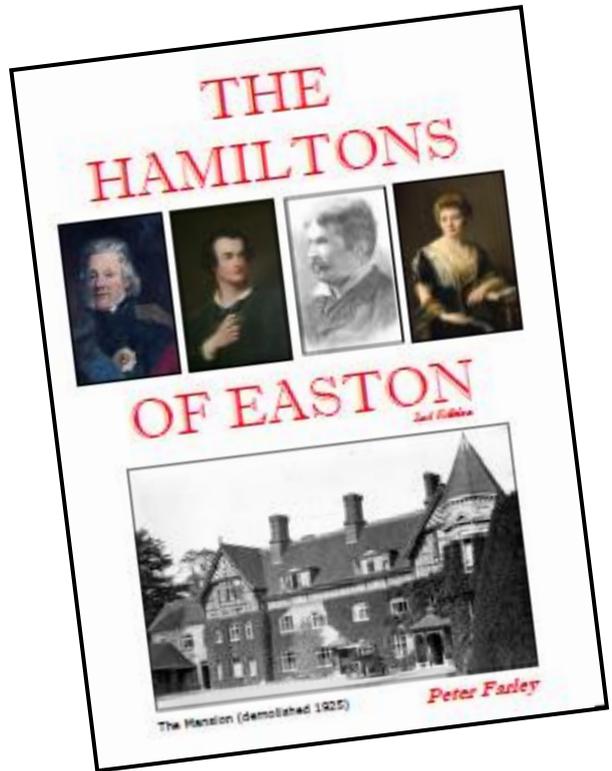
The Award categories are:

- Suffolk Volunteer of the Year
- Suffolk Under 25 Young Volunteer of the Year
- Suffolk Lifetime Achievement Award
- Suffolk Youth Organisation of the Year
- Suffolk Community Group or Organisation of the Year
- Suffolk Community Partnership of the Year Award

In addition to the awards, The High Sheriff's Fund, is offering grants of up to £1,500 to support work with young people (aged 8-25 years) that improves their communities and lives.

The closing date for both the Award nominations and grant applications is 16th December 2013. There is further information on the website: www.suffolkcf.org.uk

**Makes a
great
Christmas
present!**



Back by popular demand!

**We have produced the 3rd edition of the book
chronicling the lives of this important family in the history of Easton.**

A limited number of copies are now available from Peter Farley on 746856.

Cost: £7 per copy (in colour)

(Any profits to All Saints Church)

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15th of each month to:

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

Covers are particularly welcome!

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

1st Christine Matthew and Don Evans
8th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
15th Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
22nd Kelly Jeffery
29th Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
5th Jan Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget

Kettleburgh

Claire Norman
Anne Bater
Pat Peck
Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows
Sue Scott

CHURCH FLOWERS

25 th	CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	Anne Bater
29 th	Marian Kirton	Anne Bater
5 th Jan		Anne Bater

FROM THE EDITOR

Would anyone like to take over typing /editing the magazine for Brandeston and Kettleburgh? It takes approx 6 hrs a month, barring technology problems, and is quite an interesting job. I am now working full time, so it is becoming difficult to find time. If anyone is interested, please give me a ring on 724777.

Val Butcher
