

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS
JANUARY 2014**

Happy
New Year!



THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

What a difficult letter this is to write!

After 18 years as your Rector and Priest in Charge, the time has now come to say 'farewell'.

At 65 years old I am retiring from stipendiary ministry in the Church of England. I follow my father and grandfather as Anglican clergy, neither of whom lived to retirement age.

I am conscious I write this letter of so many blessings.

We have been so happy here for all these years. Life events have taken place whilst we have been here – the death of my mother, and Inger's mother and father – and the birth of three of my grandchildren in the Rectory. And I am conscious too of all the life events I have shared with you, my parishioners – births, christenings, marriages and deaths...the whole fabric of a life shared in community. What a huge and humbling experience that has been.

Latterly my ministry has been enormously enriched by the whole concept of shared ministry and collegiality. Robin and Deirdre and I, (to me sometimes like the three musketeers), had great fun in sharing the ups and downs of parish life in the Greater Benefice. And the advent of the ministry of Elders in the Benefice has been like the icing on the cake, and I am sure the way forward as a Church in a rural setting.

And so I leave with a deep and heartfelt sense of gratitude to you all.

With love,

Harry Edwards.

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 JANUARY 2014		
Thursday 2 nd	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 3 rd	10.30am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Sunday 5 th	11.00am	<u>United Benefice Service</u> at Hacheston followed by <u>farewell lunch for Harry Edwards</u> in Hacheston Village Hall – see below.
Thursday 30 th	1-3pm and 6-8pm	<u>Healthwatch Suffolk</u> event in Wickham Market Village Hall – see below.
Friday 31 st	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.

MAKE YOUR MARK ON HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES IN SUFFOLK COASTAL WITH HEALTHWATCH SUFFOLK

Healthwatch Suffolk is here to listen to your views about health and social care services in the county. It has the power to make your views known to, and acted upon by, the people who are responsible for running the services in Suffolk.

Healthwatch Suffolk needs your views to make a difference and, to this end, is inviting people to attend a listening event on 30th January 2014 in Wickham Market. There will be two sessions held from 1pm – 3pm and at 6pm – 8pm.

The event will be held at the Wickham Market Village Hall and is your opportunity to share your views about local health and social care services and find out more about Healthwatch Suffolk. The event is completely free, open to everyone and refreshments will be provided.

To attend the event, you just need to send a quick email to info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk or give the Healthwatch office a call on 01449 703949 to let them know that you are coming.

There is more information available on the Healthwatch Suffolk website www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk, where you can also submit your comments (good and bad) about health and social care in the county. Your views are always recorded anonymously and will be used to improve influence and shape services in Suffolk.

BRANDESTON NEW YEAR WHIST DRIVE ON FRIDAY, 31st JANUARY, 2014

You are invited to attend the New Year Whist Drive to be held at Brandeston Village Hall on Friday, 31st January, 2014. Doors will open 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-locally produced food available together with a choice of fine wines to ensure that the evening goes with a swing. The cost of the evening remains at £2.50 per person and all are welcome to attend.

Please call Pam or Rick on 685920 to book your place. The increased popularity of this event means that we now have to reserve places on a strictly 'First come, First served' basis. This advance notice also helps us to ascertain how many playing tables we need and also assists us in the provision of sufficient refreshments and choices of wine to ensure we have another successful evening.

We look forward to hearing from you

Pam and Rick



HARRY EDWARDS

The article below was written for the Magazine of the Campsea Ashe, Hacheston, Marlesford and Parham Benefice, where Harry Edwards has been priest for the past 18 years:

The following derives from an interview with Harry conducted recently by Mary Allen

We are all very sad to be saying farewell to Harry and Inger after 18 years of ministry in our Benefice. When interviewed recently, Harry reflected on his life. His father and grandfather were both ordained and his early years were spent with sisters, Pamela and Mary, at Shoreham vicarage, a large rambling Georgian house in Kent. He had an unconventional childhood and describes himself as a "solitary dreamy child". His mother would live at one end of the house in the vast kitchen surrounded by bridles and dogs and his father at the other end reading theology and listening to classical music. They would come together at meal times. For years he was tormented by a stammer and has clear memories of his mother introducing him to someone and him saying - "I am Haaaaaaary and I live in the kitchen"

His first schooldays were spent at a boarding prep school. He never understood why he had been sent there as the regime was brutal. It was an Anglo-Catholic foundation but he did find solace in the peace of the chapel. Having failed his 11+, Harry was sent by his father to St Edmunds, a school for the sons of clergy where he was placed in the C stream. He says he had a wonderful time with "the lags" until he wrote an essay which the chaplain described as superb. So from then on he grew in confidence becoming house captain. When he was seventeen, the death of his father had a profound effect on him and he felt the heavy weight of responsibility for the family. He was to inherit both his father's and his grandfather's ecclesiastical robes.

At eighteen, Harry wanted a taste of real working life and worked in the Swan Kettle Factory in Birmingham in a scheme run by Canon Ronald Gordon who believed that ordinands should experience 'real life' before being ordained. He recalls testing 1000 kettles a day and describes this as a "life changing experience". Ronald Gordon went on to become Bishop of Portsmouth then Bishop at Lambeth.

Long haired and bearded, Harry studied for a BA Hons degree in Theology at King's College, London. Between this and theological college at St Augustine's Canterbury, another taste of real life was provided by working in a Community at Pilsdon in Dorset. Run by a clergyman and 2 retired nuns, this was a self supporting Manor house farm with a huge

mix of people, down and outs from London, tramps, travellers who worked in the fields. The heart of life here was Morning and Evening Office where, apart from the clergy, Harry was the only one there.

Ordained at twenty three, Harry says that in those days the Dean placed ordinands and he wanted to work in a tough working class parish, Leigh Park in Hampshire. It was a vast housing estate with 50,000 people, mostly families, bombed out of Portsmouth. The clergy were the only professionals. He lived in a council house with net curtains except for his bedroom where his inherited brass bed could be seen. Local children spread a rumour that the curate had a "gold bed"! He did four years here and was then offered a parish at St Philip's, Cosham, a beautiful Church designed and built by the architect Sir Ninian Comper. By now he had met Inger who was from a staunch Methodist family and they were married in Witney. She was the first member of the Early family to be married in Witney Parish Church since Charles Wesley converted the town. They had their four children and have very happy memories of their time there.

When a vacancy occurred at Reydon in 1984, they moved to Suffolk. They were very happy there. "Great family services, a flag pole on the church roof, restoration of the church bells and the building of a church room, part time chaplain at St.Felix where Inger was matron too". He followed this with being vicar of Blythburgh for ten years and then it was our good fortune when he heard that John Williams was leaving. The Rectory reminded him of his youth and Harry has found this very important to him. It has been a very happy family home and three of his grandchildren have been born there. He has held many clergy events there and Marlesford residents have been very grateful for having a venue for the fete and other fundraising events.

His memorable times in Ministry were taking the role of Jesus in the Mystery plays at Blythburgh - a profound experience for a young slimmer Harry - and "Feeling real as a priest", a privilege to be part of the rites of passage of baptism, weddings and funerals". His worst times were when, as a newly ordained priest, he had to go straight to a crib service immediately after seeing a couple whose child had died, institutional tiredness, interminable engagement with the "stuff" of ministry, all the paperwork of health and safety and other policies.

What led Harry to psychotherapy? His stammer had become increasingly bad when speaking in public. He felt very uncomfortable as the expectation of him as a public person was to be outwardly successful when, in reality, he was a “shy reflective introvert.” He met a clergyman in the congregation who had given up ministry to become a counsellor so he saw him for two years on a weekly basis for psychodynamic counselling. This transformed his life so when he came to Suffolk he started training and in 2000 got a Masters Degree from London in Psychotherapy. Since 1996 he has been the Bishop’s Adviser in pastoral care and counselling of the clergy.

Why collect gadgets? Ever since his father gave him a gold half hunter pocket watch to take to school, he found the ticking a very reassuring reminder of home and so this led him to his clock collection and other more eccentric things, many of which we have all enjoyed in his sermons.

He will miss the involvement with people, being part of the community, the Rectory, the vegetable patch and the sound and sight of the grandchildren playing in the garden. He will not miss the churchyard regulations which he describes as the bane of most clergy’s lives nor will he miss the diocesan quarterly returns on heating and lighting, Health and Safety policies, risk assessments etc etc. He will be thankful to be able to do that which he was ordained to do. As the adviser in pastoral care and counselling, he has helped many clergy and encouraged them to ‘play’ and lay aside the grey drudge of duty and to fly a kite to find what it is like to be alive. When asked what he has not done that he would have liked to have done, he replied, “Be a Canon at St. George’s, Windsor and a Queens Chaplain!”

So will we see a long grey haired, slim Harry being the “free person again ” in Walberswick, listening to Sergeant Pepper, the book ‘The Alexandrian Quartet’ in one hand while carrying the shrimping net to catch the much loved brown shrimps in the other? We are all very sad to be saying farewell to Harry.

There will be a **United Benefice Service on 5th January at Hacheston at 11a.m.** To mark Harry’s retirement, there will be a farewell lunch following the service in Hacheston Village Hall. All are welcome – please bring a plate of food to share.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 1 st Feb	4 – 6pm	Frostfest at Brandeston Village Hall – see poster
Thursday 13 th – Saturday 15 th Feb		Aladdin at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see poster

PAST EVENTS

OCTOBER 27TH AUTOJUMBLE

For the first time the weather on the day and the forecast of gales affected the attendance at the autojumble although we still parked hundreds of cars and everyone had good day. Money raised was sent to the Framlingham Medical Practice and we had a letter from Dr. Wright:

“I am writing on behalf of the practice to thank you for your very generous donation towards the cost of a new Spirometer. This is a piece of equipment which we use on a daily basis for the diagnosis and monitoring of patients with chronic chest conditions. We are extremely grateful to you for having raised so much money towards the purchase of a new piece of equipment. Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved.”

So this is also a big thank you from Derek and me to those from the village who made themselves available on the day.

JB

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

These are the results from the Christmas draw:

1st Prize (£100.00)	Peter Dring
2nd Prize (£50.00)	Richard Baker
3rd Prize (£25.00)	David Grimmer

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Latest winners, drawn at the Christmas village lunch were :-

First prize	Gerry Hollebhone
Second prize	Lisa Hubner
Third prize	Jackie Buckle
Fourth prize	Tim Bater

January draw will take place at the village hall on Thursday, 02 January 2014

Mark Hounsell

NOTICES

PARHAM LITERARY STUDY GROUP **Spring 2014** **Tutor: Barbara Langley**

We are a small, informal and friendly independent study group, who meet at Parham Village Hall.

Wednesdays 2.00 - 3.30pm The course fee will be £40. -£45 depending on numbers

8 week course, from 22 January to 12 March, with a half-term break on 19 February

TWO POETS AMONG PAINTERS: exploration and discussion of the work of two poets from the mid-twentieth century, one British, one American

W.S. Graham (1918 -1986) Started life in Scotland, then from the 1940s in Cornwall, close to the St Ives painters, eg Peter Lanyon, Roger Hilton. Encouraged by T.S Eliot, praised by Pinter. Words about words, struggling to bridge the spaces between us : ‘Dammit these words are making faces at me again.’

Frank O’Hara (1926 -1966) American. Involved in the 1950s New York art scene, particularly with the work of abstract expressionist painters such as Willem de Kooning and Jackson Pollock. In a tongue-in-cheek mock-manifesto he called his poetry ‘Personism... founded by me after lunch with LeRoi Jones on August 27, 1959’ and elsewhere ‘this-and-that-ism’. Considered ‘among the most delightful and radical poets of the twentieth century’.

If you are interested in joining this course, please contact:

Dinah Reed tel: 01728 723613 email: dinah_taylor@hotmail.com

or Audrey Cottrell tel: 01728 723309 email: davidcottrell@suffolkonline.net

CHILDRENS’ SOCIETY BOXES

It is time to have them emptied again. Either drop your box off to me or I will come and collect it.

Hope you’ve got lots in yours.

Pat Peck

EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE NEWS

As well as beautiful countryside, scenic coast lines and thriving towns, the people of East Anglia have something else to be grateful for! The East Anglian Air Ambulance is delighted to announce that it is now operating a full night-time Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS). The HEMS team will cover all six counties covered by the East

of England Ambulance Service between the hours of 5pm to 1am.

Achieving night flying approval couldn't be more timely. As the evenings draw in, and many of us are travelling to and from work in the dark, it is reassuring to know that should the unthinkable happen, the East Anglian Air Ambulance will be there to help.

This is new ground for the Civil Aviation Authority, the UK aviation regulator, as well as for the EAAA. To finally get approval for night-time missions took almost a year. It was then necessary for our pilots, paramedics and doctors to receive extensive training.

The aircraft had to be modified to accommodate working with night vision goggles (NVG). Lighting in the cockpit was changed and additional room was required to accommodate the pilot's NVG. It was also essential to install a more sophisticated navigation system; as well as a Power line Detection System, a Trakka searchlight for the undercarriage, and put fluorescent markings on all equipment!

And when all these modifications had been approved the actual flight testing begins! A very long and challenging process, but incredibly rewarding if it means we can help more people in East Anglia.

The EAAA is a 365-day helicopter emergency medical service which covers Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. With a medical crew highly trained in critical care, we bring the emergency room to the patient within 25 minutes and can then transport them to the most appropriate hospital if needed. Since our launch in 2000, we have attended over 12,500 life-saving missions.

For more information about the East Anglian Air Ambulance or to find out how you can support our work, please visit our website www.eaaa.org.uk

HELP SOMEONE IN NEED THIS WINTER

Suffolk Community Foundation has launched the 2013/14 Surviving Winter Campaign to support vulnerable older people this winter. The campaign, in its third year, is encouraging people to donate their Winter Fuel payment if they can afford to do so, or to donate whatever they can to help.

Last year, thanks to the tremendous generosity of the Suffolk public, £80,000 was raised, helping over 350 older households cope better during the colder months. The money raised is distributed in partnership with Age UK Suffolk and last year went a long way in helping vulnerable older people in Suffolk keep warm throughout the winter.

The UK has one of the highest rates of winter related increases in death in Europe. Over 35,000 households in Suffolk suffer from fuel poverty, that is 11.4% of all households in the

county. The Surviving Winter campaign provides assistance at the very moment of crisis in someone's life.

Those in most severe 'fuel poverty' often face stark choices between spending what they need to heat their homes and falling into debt, or rationing energy use and living in cold damp homes that are dangerous to their health. Others spend money on fuel and reduce purchasing of other necessities, like food.

On receiving her grant, Mrs D commented: "what a worry off my shoulders – I do indeed feel blessed that there are people out there who care and help others."

If you feel able to, Suffolk Community Foundation is asking you to pledge your Winter Fuel Payment to help those desperately in need of extra support during the winter. You can do this online at www.suffolkcf.org.uk or by calling 01473 602602.

SHOP DONATIONS APPEAL TO MARK HOSPICE'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

St Elizabeth Hospice is appealing to the local community to donate 25 items to their local Hospice shop to keep it stocked during the charity's 25th anniversary year.

St Elizabeth Hospice, which provides local Hospice care for local people, has 26 shops across East Suffolk and South Norfolk, and relies on the support of local people to keep their shops stocked.

Sue Goodchild, St Elizabeth Hospice's Head of Retail, said: "We receive such fantastic support from the local community, without people donating stock, and shopping in our shops, we wouldn't be able to continue making a difference to people living with a progressive illness.

"If you received any unwanted Christmas presents, or if you've updated your wardrobe or furniture this New Year, please consider donating your items to the Hospice.

"This year the Hospice is marking its 25th anniversary, so if you want to get involved in our special anniversary year, why not donate 25 items, and help keep our shops stocked for the whole of 2014!"

To donate stock such as bric-a-brac, books or clothes, drop them off at your nearest Hospice shop which you can find by visiting www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

If you would like to donate furniture, please do not drop it off at your nearest shop. Call 0845 259 0319 and someone will collect it from you.

St Elizabeth Hospice costs £9.1million a year to run and it relies on the income generated from its shops as well as fundraising events and donations to meet the majority of these costs.

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 Jan Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
12th Christine Matthew and Don Evans
19th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
26th Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
2nd Feb Kelly Jeffery

Kettleburgh

Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark
Dinah Reed
Jane O'Leary
Fay Clarke

CHURCH FLOWERS

5th Jan
12th
19th
26th
2nd Feb

Anne Bater
Jane O'Leary
Jane O'Leary
Claire Norman
Claire Norman
