

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS
DECEMBER 2014***

Seasons Greetings

THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

As I write this letter, my first as your new Priest in Charge, I can hardly believe that the Christmas celebrations are just days away. A time of year when many will spend time with family and friends, telling stories and remembering the family traditions and times past. Yet for others this will be the year they start to make new family traditions for the first time.

So, no matter how we celebrate, we are again given the opportunity to recall the ancient and familiar story, the one which contains the true meaning of Christmas no matter how shops and on line shopping would have us think otherwise. The amazing, life changing story of how God came to live amongst us, in human form, through the birth of a baby to parents who enjoyed few if any of life's advantages - a family who lived a basic life in a remote town in Israel. Yet it is a story which has had, and still has, a profound effect on the world for over two millennia.

But unlike most stories this one doesn't need to be told in words in can be told by actions, sending cards, giving gifts, maybe sharing Christmas lunch with a lonely neighbour, dare I say it? by coming to church to listen to the story and sing carols, even if it this is your one and only visit since last Christmas.

Christmas is the opening chapter of a story about a loving gracious God who gave everything he could to show just how much he loves us. A gift without price, but one which we can say thank you for simply by living our lives ethically and gratefully, doing all we can to further his kingdom here on earth, in the here and the now.

So, I'd like to close this letter with some words from one of the most popular carols, one which has a verse always reserved only for Christmas Day.

**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**

May I wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas, and every blessing for 2015,

with love in Christ

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CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH (Answers at end of magazine)

Words to find:- HOLLY, NOEL, CAROLS, CANDLE, TREE, CARDS, JESUS, PRESENT, MISTLETOE

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DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2014

Thursday 4 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 5 th	10.30am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Saturday 6 th	11am – 2m	<u>Easton church Christmas Bazaar</u> at the village hall – see below
Saturday 6 th	2 -5pm	<u>Christmas Fair</u> at Brandeston Village Hall
Sunday 7 th	2 -5pm	<u>Bridge Farm open for Xmas</u> – see below
Friday 12 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “Philomena” – see below
Sunday 14 th	11am	<u>Crib and Gift Service</u> at Brandeston Church. – see below
Sunday 14 th	11am	<u>Kettleburgh Christingle Service</u> – see below
Tuesday 16 th	6pm	<u>Carol Singing in Kettleburgh</u> – meet outside Moyses’s cottage – see below
Wednesday 17 th	6.15pm	<u>Brandeston Christmas Lights</u> on the green outside the pub – see below
Wednesday 17 th	6.30pm	<u>Carol Singing</u> at The Queen’s Head, Brandeston. In aid of St Elizabeth’s Hospice – see below
Wednesday 24 th	4.30pm	<u>Candlelit Service of 9 Lessons and Carols</u> at Kettleburgh Church
Wednesday 24 th	11.30pm	<u>Midnight Holy Communion</u> Service at All Saints’ Church, Brandeston
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	<u>Brandeston Christmas Walk</u> from the village hall – see below.



Christmas Events in Brandeston



Christingle Service

at All Saints' Church
Sunday November 30th at 5.30pm

Christmas Fair

in the Village Hall
Saturday 6th December at 2.00 to 5.00pm

Crib & Gift Service

at All Saints' Church
(please bring your gifts unwrapped in bags)
Sunday 14th December at 11am

Carol Singing at the Queen's Head And Grand Switch-On of the Village Tree

Wednesday 17th December
Meet by the Christmas tree at 6.15
followed by pub carols at 6.30
In aid of St Elizabeth's Hospice

Midnight Holy Communion Service

24th December at 11.30pm

We are looking forward to seeing you all.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Easton church will be holding its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 6th December from 11am until 2 pm at Easton Village Hall.

There are stalls with Christmas gifts and homebakes, tombola, grand prize draw, children's activities and we serve soup and rolls, tea, coffee and mince pies, so you can eat as well as browse the stalls!

Do come and join us!

BRIDGE FARM OPEN SUNDAY FOR XMAS

The studios, workshops and cool room at Bridge Farm, Brandeston will be opening their doors to you on **Sunday 7th December 2-5pm.**

As well as being home to Steve and Sally Western the farm is the site for a number of top quality craftsmen and women making anything from luxury handmade kitchens to sea glass jewellery, classic motorbikes and much besides. You will be able to wander at leisure, chat to the makers themselves and purchase beautiful, unique gifts for Christmas. Should you be so inclined you could commission a new dining room table, a fused glass french window or even a state of the art hen house! You will also be able to pop into the farm's cool room to buy free range pork, lamb and chicken in time for the holiday season, hand reared by Steve and Sally.

In true festive spirit there will be warm and spicy refreshments, sourced locally wherever possible and somewhere to rest your weary legs.

Some of those taking part will be:

Buzz Mitchell (buzzmitchell.bigcartel.com) - sea glass and stone jewellery

Luxmoore and Co. (luxmooreandco.co.uk) - bespoke kitchens and hand made furniture

Arabella Marshall (arabellamarshall.com) - hand made glass pieces for exterior and interior environments

Julian Faithfull - hand built shepherds huts, dove cots, hen houses and more

Cretingham Crank Company - "specials" builder

Nick Hubbard - furniture maker and restorer

And others!

Although many of the makers work on a large scale much of the time they will be producing small items specially for the event so there will be plenty to buy on the day.

Arabella Marshall's studio will be selling glass tiles made by herself and her students to raise money for the Ipswich Winter Night Shelter.

You will also be able to sign up for fused glass classes starting in the new year!

Venue: Bridge Farm, Brandeston, Suffolk IP13 7BP

www.bridgefarmbrandeston.co.uk

KETTLEBURGH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING – Friday 12th December – LIGHTS ON AT 5.30pm

Come along to Kettleburgh Village Hall on Friday 12 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.

Jackie Clark

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB Membership is £10 for the year.

December 12th	Philomena	A world-weary political journalist picks up the story of a woman's search for her son, who was taken away from her decades ago after she became pregnant and was forced to live in a convent. Director: Stephen Frears Writers: Steve Coogan (screenplay), Jeff Pope (screenplay) Stars: Judi Dench, Steve Coogan, Sophie Kennedy Clark
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KETTLEBURGH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

On Sunday 14 December at 11:00a.m, this traditional service is for all to enjoy. Come along and make your own Christingle. Learn the significance of this symbol. We will be pleased to receive gifts for FIND (Families in Need) - the Ipswich branch of this charity. Please bring your gifts UNWRAPPED, so that they can be distributed more effectively to the appropriate children.

Jackie Clark

KETTLEBURGH CAROL SINGING

Meet at 6:00p.m on Wednesday 17 December outside Moyses's Cottage. We will be collecting for the Children's Society as we make our way around the village, ending at Church Farm for refreshments. All are welcome

Jackie Clark

BRANDESTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CAROLS

The village Christmas tree will be in place on the green outside the pub ready for the carols night on Wednesday 17th December. The lights will be turned on at 6.15pm and it is hoped that the new Brandeston choir will make their first public performance of a carol around the tree. Hope to see you there before moving into the warm pub for more singing.

Sue Thurlow

BRANDESTON OLD CHAPEL CANDLELIT EVENING

As usual this event will be held on the Saturday immediately prior to Christmas – 20th December at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 – available from the Brandeston Thursday Coffee Morning or Sue Thurlow 685673 from early December. Also available on the door but, to aid catering, it would be good to know approximate numbers beforehand. A finger buffet, mulled wine etc. will be available to enjoy with lots of your friends. There will also be wine and beer and 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 WALK

On Sunday 28th December we will be organising a village walk along the lines of the one held in May of this year. The plan is to meet at the village hall at 9.30am for a guided walk for about 1½ hrs, returning to the hall for bacon rolls, orange juice and lots of coffee. Please ring Sue Thurlow – 685673 – if you would like to take part. Tickets are £6 each for adults, £3 for children and £15 for a family ticket. This event is in aid of the tennis court fund.

Sue Thurlow

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 24 th January	2.30pm	Plant Heritage Suffolk Talk at Stowupland Village Hall – see below
Wednesdays from 25 th Feb to 25 th March		Lent Course – see below

**Plant Heritage Suffolk Group
Warmly invites you to a talk**

'ALAN BLOOM A THINKER AND A DOER'

BY

JAIME BLAKE

CURATOR OF ALAN BLOOM'S GARDEN

**Saturday 24th January 2015 at 2.30pm
Stowupland Village Hall IP14 4BQ**

Plant stall including rare and unusual plants
Refreshments available for purchase following talk
Free to members
£4 entrance fee for non-members
New members and non-members are most welcome
www.suffolkplantheritage.com
NCCPG Reg. Charity 1004009

LENT COURSE 2015 “Prayers of the Bible”

As Easter is early next year, so is Lent, and this is just an advance notice for you so that you can keep the following dates free in your diaries for what promises to be an interesting thought provoking Lent course. There will be more information in the next magazine.

Wednesdays 25th Feb, 4th, 11th 18th and 25th March 2015 at 3pm for about an hour.
Location is yet to be confirmed but hopefully Hacheston Village Hall Meeting room which we have used successfully on previous occasions .

Deirdre

PAST EVENTS

THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE

Once again the Bike Ride took place on Saturday 13th September. It was a perfect day for cycling.

Helen Fletcher and Marian Hutson both did a shift, sitting at the Church and Chapel before setting off to several churches. Charles Freeman cycled a circuit of 21 churches in the Framlingham area.

Rob and Persephone Booth, who cycled for Kettleburgh, together with Chris McArthur and John Garratt who cycled for Brandeston, met at the church at 9.30. They then cycled to 22 churches in the Woodbridge area.

The money raised for Brandeston so far is over £800. Half of this will go to our own church and half to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Thanks to everyone who sat at the church and chapel, to everyone who sponsored the cyclists and a big thanks to the cyclists themselves.

Ruth

Garratt

Apologies from the editor for omitting this from the November magazine

CYCLE RIDE UPDATE

Trevor Jessop, Peter Dring, a new cyclist, and Pat peck cycled for Kettleburgh. Brandeston's total was £823 and Kettleburgh's £736.

Pat Peck

UPDATE FROM THE KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST

Children and grownups had a super scary time at Halloween on the Green on Friday 31st October. Thanks to some very mild and fine weather, we had a great turn out from villagers old and new and we raised some cash towards future Green enhancements. As usual, the event couldn't run without people giving up their time, energy, gazebos and Halloween decorations. A big thank you to Charlie, Chris, Heidi, Richard, Deborah, Chloe, Sue and Paul and apologies if I have forgotten anyone.

Photos from the night will be available soon on our Facebook page and the village website.

We have been busy planting some bulbs to bring some spring colour to the green. There are still bulbs left to plant before the frosts set in so if you can spare an hour and a trowel, please get in touch.

Our next event is our **Village Big Breakfast** on **Sunday 30th November** 9-11am, Kettleburgh Village Hall.

To get in touch with the KGT, you can find us on facebook, twitter, email or phone

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On behalf of the Kettleburgh Green Trust

Charity No 1110467

SUFFOLK ANIMAL RESCUE

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the third SAR Christmas Fair at Brandeston Village Hall in November.

We raised a massive £2642 which is a huge amount for a small local rescue and our greatest ever fundraiser. This should pay for a couple of months' worth of vets bills :) Special thanks go to Jackie O'Brien and Sue Etheridge for providing delicious refreshments and lunch, the Hogans & Garratts for taking car loads of stuff to the hall, my mother & my husband for putting up with boxes everywhere & living in chaos for the preceding months, and everyone who kindly baked a cake or helped in some way. If you didn't manage to come, you can still get Christmas cards, cat & dog gifts, scarves etc from me (685632).

Lucy Daykin

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Results for November's KGT Lottery draw are as follows:

1st prize - Pat Peck
2nd prize - Peter Moorhouse

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Prize winners for November were as follows :-

First prize, Graham and Sue Edhouse, of Friday Street, Brandeston.
Second prize, Paul and Shirley Rozier, of Pond Piece, Brandeston.

The next draw is the Grand Christmas Draw which will take place at the village Christmas lunch on Tuesday 16th December.

Don

Evans

NOTICES

KETTLEBURGH CHURCHYARD TIDY

The Saturday before Harvest Festival in Kettleburgh Church was the day of the annual churchyard tidy. The weather was fine and dry and we were able to cut, rake, chop and strim the grass, hedges and undergrowth that had been left alone through the summer while the many wild flowers bloomed. I would like to thank all those who turned up to give a hand and help with such a satisfying result. We now wait through the winter and look forward to the spring flowers that will now be able to flourish. Thank you everyone.

*John Bater
(Church Warden
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We would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped to 'spring clean' St. Andrew's Church. Dinah managed to work a complete tin of wax polish into the pews which not only looked better than ever but still smelled lovely for the Remembrance Day Service the next day. We are not only grateful to her but also to her merry band of helpers who with hoover, long handled cobweb brushes, dusters, brooms, tins of Sparkle, etc. made such a difference...resident bats, now please behave! And thanks also to all the ladies who helped provide refreshment following the well attended Remembrance Day Service. It was much appreciated by everyone.

Anne Bater

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 Holywells Road, Foxhall Road and Meredith Road, Ipswich, and Stowmarket.

Jason Rudderham, Head of Retail 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.

SUFFOLK RED CROSS WINTER NEWS

Successful summer of fundraising.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Red Cross Week and Open Gardens this year – we raised £32,000 which is a best ever result for the County and will enable us to help approximately 1300 vulnerable people in Suffolk.

New projects

We have a number of new projects starting in Suffolk this Winter:

A ‘Rucksack’ service for homeless people to help them cope with winter weather, a partnership with the NHS to reduce the number of unnecessary admissions of vulnerable, older people with social care needs to Accident & Emergency departments by providing care at home, and a first aid programme for people living at YMCA or Salvation Army Hostels (also addressing knife crime and robbery prevention). Peer education is the most successful way to reach into the homeless community.

Red Cross - get ready for winter.

Here are some ideas to help prepare for winter.

Power cuts

Do you or someone you know need extra support during a power cut? Sign up for UK Power Network’s priority service on 0800 783 8838, as they can help. They have a dedicated phone number, provide regular updates and, if necessary, will ask British Red Cross volunteers to visit.

What to have at home

How long could you last without power, heat, water and a trip to the shops? Take time now to put these essential items into a kit:

- list of emergency contact numbers
- battery operated torch and radio and spare batteries (or a wind-up torch / radio)
- any essential medication, some toiletries and a first aid kit
- three days’ supply of bottled water and ready-to-eat food that won’t spoil
- copies of important documents, such as insurance policies and birth certificates
- pencil, paper, penknife and whistle
- spare keys to your home and car
- spare glasses or contact lenses
- if needed, baby and pet supplies.
- alternative ways to keep warm if your home heating is disrupted.

Red Cross Suffolk - general enquiries: 01284 767215

Mobility aid loans (wheelchairs, commodes etc.) 01284 727252

Support at home (short-term support for vulnerable people) 01473 702485

Support in emergencies (support in fires, floods, major incidents etc.) 01473 344924

Community first aid (first aid training for vulnerable people) 01473 344922

Event first aid (fetes, football etc. – charges apply) 01284 727242

Hand, arm and shoulder massage (therapeutic massage for vulnerable adults) 01603 253413

Refugee services (support for vulnerable refugees, including unaccompanied children) 01603 623041

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 janedow@redcross.org.uk

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE HIGH SHERIFF'S AWARDS FOR 2015

In partnership with Suffolk Community Foundation, The High Sheriff of Suffolk, Nick Wingfield Digby, this week launched this high profile event, now entering its seventh year.

If you know of a voluntary group or someone who deserves special recognition for their work in the community, devoting their lives to making Suffolk a better and safer place in which to live, make sure you nominate them for a prestigious High Sheriff's Award.

If you are a charity or community group, and have had some fantastic support, passion and commitment from a business, why not thank them by nominating them for the **new Corporate Community Partnership Award**. The winning business will get the trophy and the charity will receive the cheque.

The six award categories are:

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

Nomination forms can be downloaded from www.suffolkcf.org.uk where you will also find the criteria for each category. Each award consists of a trophy and a cheque for the not for profit groups involved.

The closing date for nominations is 26th January 2015 and the award ceremony will take place on 19th March.

For further information call Elizabeth Stephenson on 01473 786915.

Grants available from The High Sheriff's Fund

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.

Since the role of the High Sheriff is associated with law and order, these projects must demonstrate good citizenship, crime prevention and community safety and prove they tackle a variety of social issues including vandalism, anti-social behaviour, knife crime, personal and road safety and drug and alcohol abuse and community cohesion.

The closing date for applications is 15th December. For further information see www.suffolkcf.org.uk or call Andrea Pittock on 01473 786912.

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!

WORDSEARCH revealed

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CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

7th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
14th Christine Matthews and Don Evans
21st Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
28th Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
4th Jan Kelly Jeffery

Kettleburgh

Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows
Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark
Dinah Reed

CHURCH FLOWERS

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS

25th
28th Helen Saxton

Anne Bater
Anne Bater

Cover: Many thanks to **Janet Weston** for the beautiful drawing on this month's magazine cover.

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