

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH  
PARISH NEWS***

***JUNE 2015***

## PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

### Dear Friends

Decisions, decisions, sometimes it seems as if life needs too many of them, shall I write the parish magazine letter now, or wait until tomorrow? and will I have a better idea for a topic by then? Shall I go for a full English breakfast at the Marlesford Cafe this morning, or eat bran flakes at home and snack later?

But some decisions are much more serious, and require deeper consideration, and it is these that involve the exercise of our God given gift of choice. Take for example Barnabas, the Apostle whom we celebrate on June 11<sup>th</sup> and there are in fact, very few days in the entire Lectionary for the month of June that doesn't celebrate someone who made serious personal choices to the advancement of our Christian history. The Ugandan martyrs on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, St Columba Abbot of Iona and Missionary on 9<sup>th</sup>, to name but a couple more. But Barnabas stands out ( his name even means from the greek - Son of Encouragement). A rich man from Cyprus, who was so impressed by the testimony of Peter and the other disciples after the resurrection of Jesus, that he came to believe. And in order to celebrate his new found faith, sold a field he owned, and gave the money to the poor and needy in his new community, the fledgling Christian Church. His choice to sell his field, and the decision to give away the proceeds, lead him to make another choice to become a member of the Church, where he then became involved with the other early apostles in its mission and ministry.

Later this summer, members of all 7 PCCs together with anyone else, 'church goers' or not, who would like to join us, will have a choice to make, deciding to take a look at the Diocesan initiative 'Growing in God'. To then reflect on, pray about, and discuss it, to see if it might have anything to say to us about how the churches in our seven villages might grow. To plan what we might need to do, or not do, and being open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit we might see any possible ways in which this might begin to happen.

So while you consider if you personally will help you church in this initiative, and while you wait 'impatiently' for next month's magazine with date and location of the first meeting, may I remind you of some parting words of Jesus to his disciples

"you did not choose me, but I chose you ..... to go and bear much fruit, fruit that will last".

With Love, in Christ

Deirdre

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**DIARY FOR JUNE 2015**  
**(for further details of each event see below diary)**

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Country Music</u> at Brandeston Village Hall
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	<u>Bible Study</u> at Hacheston Village Hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> - “The Imitation Game”
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	4 – 6pm	<u>Kettleburgh Village Fete</u> in the Chequers Garden
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12 noon	<u>Brandeston Church Spring Clean</u> Anyone able to help (no age limits) will be welcomed and rewarded with refreshments. No prior experience necessary!!
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Brandeston Village Fete</u> in the grounds of the Queen’s Head pub

**COUNTRY MUSIC – THE KEVEN DUFFY BAND – SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

To kick off your summer in style, The Kevin Duffy Band are performing live in the Brandeston Village Hall on Saturday 6th June. Country Music at its best! There will be a special guest - line dancer Jan Gower to provide additional entertainment if you want to get involved!

Cowboy boots and Stetsons not mandatory but may warrant a free drink!! Tickets £10.

The evening will kick off at 7.30 with a bar including ales from Earl Soham Brewery.

We would love your support to make this event a real fundraising success.

To reserve tickets (a necessity) please contact Lucy Nobbs 01728 684422.

Can't wait to see you there! Yeehaaa!

*Sue Thurlow*

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### AN INVITATION TO BIBLE STUDY

At our Lent Group meetings, we looked at some of the Prayers of the Bible. Requests have been made for further shared study opportunities. So – this is an invitation to come and look at some aspects of the letter to the Philippians. It is possible to go into great depth in considering the words of Scripture, but the primary aim of these meetings will be to allow God to equip us for our everyday lives so that we can serve him better.

The following programme outlines the intended plan of study of Philippians:

- May 13th Chapter One – Openness to God
- June 10th Chapter Two – The Qualities of Christ
- July 22nd Chapter Three – Christian Ambition
- August 19th Chapter Four – Christian Perseverance

All these gatherings will be in Hacheston Village Hall, in the Committee Room, at 3pm on Wednesdays. Please come to any session, or to all. It will be helpful if you have read the set chapter in advance.

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**BRANDESTON FILM CLUB** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month starting at 7.30pm at the village hall. Membership is £10 for the year.

June 12th	<b>The Imitation Game</b>	During World War II, mathematician Alan Turing tries to crack the enigma code with help from fellow mathematicians. <b>Director:</b> Morten Tyldum <b>Writers:</b> Andrew Hodges (book), Graham Moore (screenplay) <b>Stars:</b> Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley, Matthew Goode
July  10th	<b>Once Upon a Time in America (1984)</b>	A former Prohibition-era Jewish gangster returns to the Lower East Side of Manhattan over thirty years later, where he once again must confront the ghosts and regrets of his old life. <b>Director:</b> Sergio Leone <b>Writers:</b> Harry Grey (novel), Leonardo Benvenuti, <b>Stars:</b> Robert De Niro, James Woods, Elizabeth McGovern

August 14th	<b>The Invisible Woman (2013)</b>	At the height of his career, Charles Dickens meets a younger woman who becomes his secret lover until his death. <b>Director:</b> Ralph Fiennes <b>Writers:</b> Abi Morgan (screenplay), Claire Tomalin (book) <b>Stars:</b> Ralph Fiennes, Felicity Jones, Kristin Scott Thomas
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## KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE FETE

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 4pm**

**The Chequers Garden**

All the usual attractions plus this year enter  
your pooch into the

**FUN DOG SHOW**

5 categories including fancy dress

Once again, the Kettleburgh fête is nearly upon us, and will take place between 4:00 and 6:00 pm on Saturday 13th June in the garden of the Chequers. New this year is a fun dog show, so there really will be fun for ALL the family.

The fête is the main source of funding for the Kettleburgh village hall and the St Andrew's church, and two important features of the fête are the sale of pre-loved goods and the

crochery-smashing stall. For these, we need your help as usual, and are asking for your donations of:

- Books
- DVDs
- CDs
- Unwanted gifts
- Good clothing, jewellery, bags and hats
- Toys
- Garden tools
- Crochery (either to sell or to smash)

We regret that this year, we are unable to accept any electrical goods for the bric-a-brac stall.

During the week before the fête, we will be delivering bags to each house in the village, for you to use for any donations. We will collect your filled bags (or any other containers that you prefer to use) on **Wednesday 10th June, after 6:00 pm**. When we deliver the empty bags, we will also deliver a book of raffle tickets for you to buy for yourselves or to sell. We can collect any money and stubs from this when we collect the bric-a-brac, or you can bring them along to the fete.

We will also be looking for contributions for the **produce and refreshments** stalls, and for **bottles for the tombola**. We can collect non-perishable items along with the bric-a-brac, but please bring any fresh produce or contributions for the refreshments stall with you to the fete.

We also need volunteers to help to prepare for the fete and to clear up afterwards. We'd be most grateful if you could spare an hour or so at the Chequers at any of these times:

- Friday 12th June 6:00 pm
- Saturday 13th June 10:00 am
- Sunday 14th June 10:00 am

If you have any questions or offers of help, please contact John or Rowena at 01728 723124 or Annette at 01728 720048.

Thank you

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## ADVANCE NOTICES

10 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am – 12 noon	<b>Cats' Protection Coffee Morning</b> at Manly, Kettleburgh
11 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30 – 9pm	<b>Charity Fashion Show</b> at Brandeston Village Hall, in aid of CLIC Sargent (for children & young people with cancer). Tickets £5 each, from Jasmin Clarke 07734 431908

### CHARITY FASHION SHOW

My name is Jasmin Clarke and I am running a fundraising event – Catwalk with a Cause – on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July in Brandeston Village Hall.

Running from 6.30 – 9pm, this event promises to be great fun. It will feature fashion from a number of local boutiques, and also the opportunity to purchase fashion accessories and clothes.

Tickets are £5 and there will be prosecco and other beverages on offer, and a range of delicious platters to buy and share. All proceeds will go to **CLIC Sargent**, a charity that I have been inspired to raise funds for as a direct result of my experience with some incredibly brave young people who are suffering from cancer.

#### **Background**

I am a second year student at Nottingham Trent University, working towards a degree in Primary School Education. Earlier this year, I had the amazing opportunity to teach children in a hospital school setting for several weeks. Along my journey, I met some of the most courageous and inspiring children I believe that I will ever meet, and at the end of my experience I decided that I wanted to do something to raise money, particularly for young children with cancer. I taught many children with cancer in the hospital, and was taken back by the strength that they showed and their enthusiasm to learn. One child in particular that inspired me to do this is a young girl named Anna, who despite her horrible circumstances, always had a smile on her face and was excited to learn - something that I was in complete admiration of and that made every day hugely rewarding.

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### THE LATE VALERIE UPSON

Valerie's funeral was held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May in a packed Church with many seated outside in the Churchyard. The choir was in full attendance and 4 clergy were present. After a lovely and moving service she was cremated and her ashes have been interred in Kettleburgh Churchyard. A full tribute will appear in the July magazine.

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## NEVILLE PETER ARBON

With sadness we record the death of Peter Arbon on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015, aged 88 years, in Allonsfield House, Campsea Ashe. A thanksgiving and funeral service for his life was held at All Saints' Church, Brandeston on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, followed by cremation at Seven Hills Crematorium. Those attending were invited to wear a floral buttonhole and this they did, which graciously brought an appropriate ray of joy; as many, many people filled the church to overflowing. A reception was held in Brandeston Village Hall when many tales were shared about Peter. I know my own daughter Carolyn, when at Brandeston Hall, would tell how she and others went round to his shed at break to be given apples and carrots. What a man! loved by all.

I give you an obituary ably written by Bob Williams, a former second master at Brandeston Hall for over 20 years.

Peter was the youngest of a family of 13 children, and was the last surviving member of his generation of Arbons. Peter was brought up at Jephtha's, at the end of Mill Lane, as his father worked for Stearns on the farm at West Hill Farm. He first attended the village school, then Framlingham Modern only to leave, as many did, at the age of 14.

He had, as a youngster, helped out on the Brandeston Hall estate. The war years apart, when he worked for the family at Monewden Hall when they relocated, temporarily, to Aldeburgh, his entire working life was spent at Brandeston Hall, once it was established as the junior school of Framlingham College.

Peter enjoyed a fearsome reputation at horticultural shows around the county, invariably coming away with a guaranteed haul of medals and certificates for both vegetables and blooms of immaculate quality. When not exhibiting himself he was much in demand as a qualified show judge.

He served some 60 years with the village bell-ringers group and his name was rarely absent from the crib and steel quoits team sheets at the Brandeston 'Queen' – nor from that of the Earl Soham Falcon bowls team. Peter was also a keen motorcyclist and always easily identifiable as such, on the highways and country lanes of Suffolk. He once wrote off a Honda 125 by running it up a tree in Earl Soham then, at the age of 84, he promptly invested in a replacement!

Ever ready with a helping hand, Peter's trusty chainsaw came into its own in the days and weeks that followed the infamous Great Storm of October 1987. He was, with dedicated colleagues, instrumental in clearing the debris on the school estate (36 mature trees were lost that October night) and, largely solo, from the gardens and by-ways around Brandeston and surrounding villages.

Although 'officially' retired in 1992, his record of a total of some 48 years in employment, as man and boy, on the same site, is a remarkable one. Over and above his legendary place within the village, the name of Peter Arbon is writ large in the life story of Brandeston Hall school. He saw a veritable army of academic staff and estate workers come and go but the 'Head Gardener' seemed to go on forever! His prolific kitchen garden was the envy of all. One of Peter's great gifts was his natural rapport with children. Footballs lost in the river or stuck in a tree ... a quiet peep at a clutch of eggs on a nest in an obscure hedge ... then it was to Peter that the young often turned. Infinite patience and never a cross word without due



cause; the whole school community felt the benefit of his generous allocation of interest and time, and were a great deal better for it.

It was not only the young that were the beneficiaries of his acts of human kindness. The more elderly folk of the village were never long in need in any sort of crisis, or if elements of their own garden required attention. A box of his delicious, home-grown vegetables was quietly deposited on many a doorstep. A long-time adherent to 'Arbon's horticultural folklore' commented this week – 'I fear many skills will be buried with him. He taught me a great deal about nature, both living with it comfortably and enjoying it to the full'. He will be greatly missed.

Unfortunately no staff members from Brandeston Hall School were able to attend the service because they were in the midst of an external school inspection. However, the school sincerely regretted this and wish the family and village to know their great feeling of love and respect for Peter. A memorial stone will be put up in the school; place yet to be decided but probably on the garden wall, at a public and school attended gathering. The time and place will be given on village noticeboards.

As we remember Peter's great faith, his love for people of all ages, and for God's creation, we send our sympathy and love to his nephew Peter and his wife Janet, who cared for him tirelessly and so well for ages. We thank God for his life. May he rest in peace.

*Graham Vellacott*

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## **PAST EVENTS**

### **KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY**

April 2015 -

1st Prize E Davies

2nd Prize Jackie Clark

May 2015 -

1st Prize Deborah Bell

2nd Prize Sue and Trevor Jessop

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### **BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

April results:

First prize: £25      Lady Clemency Cunliffe

Second prize: £ 10    The Duffy Family

May results:

First prize: £25        Pippa Brown

Second prize: £ 10    Mervyn & Michelle Ruffles

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## NOTICES

### BRANDESTON TENNIS COURT

Great news - the construction of the new tennis court on the playing field at Brandeston is almost complete. The final stage of painting the lines will be done w/c 18<sup>th</sup> May so it should be ready for play when you read this note.

Congratulations to all those involved in making this project a success. Over £30,000 has been raised by village fund raising events, generous donations and local authority grants in just 2 years from the first discussions on the idea. There will be an official opening in the summer and no booking plan is in place yet - so please just turn up and have a game. It is hoped that all ages will have a go and are able to have fun and enjoy this wonderful new facility in Brandeston.

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### FIREWORKS AT BRANDESTON HALL

As part of our leavers' celebrations, there will be a short burst of fireworks on the evening of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June (at approximately 10.45). We do hope that you, and your animals, will not be unduly disturbed.

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### NEW MINIBUS HOSPITAL TRANSPORT SERVICE

#### **FOR FRAMLINGHAM AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES**

#### **ALSO OTHER TRIPS AND LIFTS**

Phone up to register and book a lift. They collect you from home and bring you back again. Hospital trips Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

Stuart Stanford, Hour Community

Telephone: 01728-440511

Or email: [hourcommunity@framlinghamrotary.org](mailto:hourcommunity@framlinghamrotary.org)

**Seats up to 11, and is wheelchair accessible!**

On trial for three months from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015. It needs to be used by lots of people or it will be lost.

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## **Hospice launches brand new team challenge**

St Elizabeth Hospice is launching a brand new team challenge event – **a Truck Pull**.

Teams of 8-10 are wanted to join the St Elizabeth Hospice Truck Pull to compete to pull a truck 50 metres – in the fastest time possible.

The new event – which is the first of its kind for the local charity – will take place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, from noon, outside Mannings Amusements, Felixstowe.

As well as the Truck Pull, individuals can challenge themselves further by trying their hand at the Car Lift – testing their strength and stamina as they see how many times they can lift the car – with the most repetitions winning.

Rachael Brown, St Elizabeth Hospice’s Fundraising Support Manager, said: “We wanted to hold a fun, team event to encourage a bit of friendly competition – but to organise something a bit different – and we took inspiration from Suffolk’s Strongest Man – our Catering Manager, Graham Reid.

“If you want to encourage team building and bonding or are looking for a challenge for you and your colleagues, friends or gym buddies, then this is the perfect, fun – but tough – contest for you.”

Teams for the Truck Pull can be male, female or mixed. Each team is asked to raise sponsorship with all funds raised going towards providing vital care and support to more than 2,000 local people living with a progressive illness every year.

The event will be as much fun for spectators as it is for participants and there will be entertainment for all ages – so bring all the family along too for a fun day out!

To find out more visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/events](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/events) or to request a registration form please call 01473 723600 or email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

With thanks to: Seven Group for donating a truck for the day; Whip Street Motors for donating a car for the day; and Mannings Amusements for use of the venue.

St Elizabeth Hospice is an independent charity which provides its services free of charge. It costs millions of pounds a year to run the Hospice and it relies on fundraising, donations and gifts in Wills to meet the majority of these costs.

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### **VILLAGE WEBSITES**

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

[www.brandeston.net](http://www.brandeston.net)

[www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk)

**MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to:  
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Please send e-mails in Microsoft Word format, PDF or jpg for pictures/scans.

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**Janet Weston** is providing regular drawings for our magazine cover, for which we are very grateful. If anyone else would like to draw a cover sometime, you are very welcome.

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**CHURCH CLEANING**

**Brandeston**

7<sup>th</sup> June Marian Hutson and Julia Elson  
14<sup>th</sup> Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget  
21<sup>st</sup> Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper  
28<sup>th</sup> Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker  
5<sup>th</sup> July Christine Matthews and Kelly Jeffery

**Kettleburgh**

Anne Bater  
Pat Peck  
Val Butcher  
Margaret Meadows  
Alison Gibson

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

7<sup>th</sup> Eve Crane  
14<sup>th</sup> Nancy Demetriadi  
21<sup>st</sup> Ruth Garratt  
28<sup>th</sup> Jackie Hounsell  
5<sup>th</sup> July Alison Molyneux

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