

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH  
PARISH NEWS  
DECEMBER 2015***

## 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 skyping those across the world.

So, Christmas when it eventually arrives, after all the frenetic preparations and stress, is the time to take stock, to recall the traditional story of the Holy family, the stable in Bethlehem, the gifts of the Magi, and the homage paid to a 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. Keeping *Christ in Christmas*.

We have on offer :

***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 even in our pubs.

***Formal Holy Communion services***, at various times from early afternoon to late on Christmas Eve, to 8am on Christmas Day for the early risers.

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.

Wishing you all a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas,  
with love

**Deirdre**

Brandeston

Elders: Miss Eileen Leach 685298  
Mrs Mary Baker 685807

Churchwardens: Mrs Alison Molyneux 685244  
Mrs Mary Baker 685807

Kettleburgh

Elders: Mrs Jackie Clark 723623

Churchwardens: Mr John Bater 723532

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

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	From 6pm	<u>Kettleburgh Christmas Tree Lighting</u> at the Village Hall. The hall is open from 6p.m. Countdown to turning on the lights on the tree at 6:30. Carols, mulled wine & mince pies.
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2 – 5pm	<u>Christmas Fair</u> at Brandeston Village Hall
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	<u>Christingle and Gift Service</u> at Brandeston
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Monewden Local History Society Talk</u> – “Dads Army, the history of the TV series” by Dave Steward, at Monewden Village Hall
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Phoenix Singers Concert</u> , the Messiah and other Christmas music, at St Michael’s Church, Framlingham
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<u>Christingle Service</u> at St Andrew’s Church, Kettleburgh. Gifts for children cared for by Families in Need (FIND) Ipswich are received. Make and light a Christingle, sing some carols – everyone welcome.

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> - “Cinderella”
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	<u>Kettleburgh Carol Singing</u> around the village. Meet outside Moyses’s Cottage at 6p.m. Collecting in aid of The Children’s Society.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.15pm at the Christmas Tree, pub carols 6.30	<u>Brandeston Carol Singing</u> at the Queen’s Head
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Old Chapel Candelit Evening</u> at Brandeston Chapel
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.30pm	<u>Service of Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</u> at Kettleburgh. Traditional candlelit service. Come early for a seat!
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	11.30pm	<u>Midnight Holy Communion Service</u> at Brandeston
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Christmas Day</i>	11am	<u>Christmas Day service</u> of Holy Communion with carols at Kettleburgh

### MONEDDEN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Talks are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from Sept to April, at 7.30pm at Monewden Village Hall (next to the church). Visitors welcome £2.50. The annual subscription is £12 for our 8 meetings and is due at the September meeting. Next couple of talks are:-

December 9th	<b>Dads Army, the history of the TV series</b>	Dave Steward
January 13th	<b>The History of Magic</b>	Colin Hopper

*Peter Driver*

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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.

December 11th	<b>Cinderella (2015)</b>	A live action retelling of the classic fairy tale about a servant step-daughter who wins the heart of a prince. <b>Director:</b> Kenneth Branagh <b>Writer:</b> Chris Weitz (screenplay) <b>Stars:</b> Lily James, Hayley Atwell, Helena Bonham Carter
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**Kettleburgh Christingle and Gift Service**  
**11:00a.m. Sunday 13 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  
Families in Need (FIND) Ipswich

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

Next concert: Saturday 12th December 2015,  
7.30pm at St Michael's Church, Framlingham

# Phoenixsingers

Tickets: £12.00 (£6.00 for under 18s), includes post-concert reception, available from Hall Farm Butchers, 25, Market Hill, Framlingham, William Glasse [william@glasse.org.uk](mailto:william@glasse.org.uk), 07802 597071, choir members, and at the door. charity no. 1076549



## **THE MESSIAH** part 1 and other Christmas music

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### **BRANDESTON'S CHRISTMAS TREE**

The Christmas tree will be erected on the green by the village sign again this year and the lights will be switched on at 6.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. Come along and sing a carol around the tree before we all go inside for the annual carol evening in the Queen.

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### **THE OLD CHAPEL CANDLELIT EVENING**

As usual this event will be held on the Saturday immediately prior to Christmas – 19<sup>th</sup> 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 wine, 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*

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### **ADVANCE NOTICES**

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	2.30pm	<b>Plant Heritage Talk</b> at Stowupland village hall (see below)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30pm for 7pm start	<b>Whist Drive</b> at Brandeston Village Hall. Due to the popularity of this event, there is no room for new members. Anyone interested will be placed on a waiting list until a vacancy occurs.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30pm daily & 2.30pm Saturday	<b>'Alice in Wonderland'</b> at Kettleburgh Village Hall Tickets £6 adults, £3 under 12s 01728 724017 or <a href="mailto:susanebrooks@btinternet.com">susanebrooks@btinternet.com</a> "

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

**Bulbs at Kew  
by  
Kit Strange**

Kit looks after the extensive bulb collection at Kew, maintains the collection in the Davies Alpine House and exhibits for events at Kew and UK colleges. She has travelled widely in the course of her career.

**Saturday 23rd January 2016 at 2.30pm  
Stowupland Village Hall IP14 4BQ**

Plant stall including rare and unusual plants  
Delicious refreshments available for purchase

Admission: Free to members

£5 entrance fee for non-members

**New members and non-members are most welcome**

[www.suffolkplantheritage.com](http://www.suffolkplantheritage.com)

NCCPG Reg. Charity 1004009

Local Contact: Margaret Palmer 01206 299832

No need to book!

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**PAST EVENTS**

## **KETTLEBURGH QUIZ EVENING**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Kettleburgh Quiz evening, and all those who helped in any way. We had 62 people taking part; congratulations to the winning team - the Hillier family. The evening raised £680, to be split between Kettleburgh Church and Children in Need.

Our next quiz will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April so please keep the date free!

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## **KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY**

Results of the November draw are as follows:-

1st Prize: Susan & Trevor Jessop

2nd Prize: E Davies

*Trevor Jessop*

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## **BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

Results of November 100+ club draw:

£25 No 93     The Duffy Family

£10 No 61     Peter Brown

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## **NOTICES**

### **BRANDESTON WEBSITE AND EMAIL LIST**

Darryl Morgan, who runs the Brandeston website, has updated it with a new look and some new features. One of these is to store the Brandeston email list which is used to circulate news to residents and supporters of events in the village about things that are going on, events at the Queen, cats that go missing, bikes for sale etc. etc.

Our old village email list has been transferred to this new system so you can check that you are included or become a new recipient by registering – you can do this on the front page of the new website [www.brandeston.net](http://www.brandeston.net) If you are already on the list it will tell you. There is a separate list for the Brandeston Wine Society and by signing up on that list, which you can find on the Wine Society page, Martin Churchill will keep you up to date with the society's events.



The way that you can send an email to this list remains the same – send it to either Kathy Churchill on [kathy.churchill@keme.co.uk](mailto:kathy.churchill@keme.co.uk) or me [sue.thurlow@btconnect.com](mailto:sue.thurlow@btconnect.com) and we will circulate it for you.

This is a really good way to keep up to date with what is going on so please do register.

Sue Thurlow  
Sec. Brandeston Village Hall

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### **HOST APPEAL**

Room at the inn? Charity HOST is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! To be put in touch with your local organiser, visit [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call 020 7739 6292.

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### **GO WACKY IN WOOL FOR THE HOSPICE THIS CHRISTMAS**

St Elizabeth Hospice is urging friends, colleagues and classmates to go wacky in wool this December.

The charity is holding its first ever Christmas Jumper Week between 14 – 18 December and is asking local businesses, schools and groups to don their craziest knit and do their bit for their local hospice.

Organisations choose a day during the week and on their nominated Christmas Jumper Day, everyone has to wear their silliest sweater and donate £2 to St Elizabeth Hospice.

Felicity Rook, St Elizabeth Hospice's head of fundraising, said: "Christmas jumpers have become such a popular phenomenon in recent years, nearly everybody has a festive top, and Christmas Jumper Week is a great excuse to get yours out and wear it to work, school or wherever.

"Holding a Christmas Jumper Day is sure to get you in the festive spirit in the run up to Christmas and is an easy and fun way to raise vital funds for your local hospice and help ensure nobody has to face their illness alone this Christmas."

Throughout the week the hospice will be offering prizes for the best, craziest and most outrageous jumpers through their Facebook and Twitter pages, so if you want to get involved, make sure you like and follow the hospice's social media channels for your chance to win some great giveaways.

To find out more or to request your Christmas Jumper Week festive fundraising pack, visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/jumperweek](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/jumperweek) or call 01473 723600 or email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

If you would like to donate £2, just text JUMPER to 70300. Every pound you donate will help make a difference to the lives of local people living with a progressive illness such as cancer, motor neurone disease or heart failure.

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### **THE SURVIVING WINTER APPEAL**

Unbelievable as it might sound, 450\* vulnerable people in Suffolk die in the winter months from causes directly attributable to the cold and poor living conditions. The vast majority of individuals affected are over 65 years old.

In fact, this is just the tip of the iceberg- almost 30,000\*\* households in Suffolk currently live in fuel poverty. Many will suffer in silence during the coldest months, hidden from view, withdrawn from their community and surrounds.

Spearheaded by the Suffolk Community Foundation and in partnership with Age UK Suffolk and the East Anglian Daily Times, the Surviving Winter campaign offers vulnerable older individuals respite from the anxiety of managing fuel costs and the opportunity to stay warm and healthy during the winter. Over £85,000 was raised in the winter of 2014-2015, helping over 300 older households in the county.

Suffolk Community Foundation is now asking you to pledge your Winter Fuel Payment to those in need of extra support during the winter.

The money raised will be used in 2 ways:

- Support payments to those in need to help heat their homes properly, eat healthily and keep in touch with their community.
- Grants to local charities who support older, vulnerable people.

This truly is an extraordinarily worthwhile campaign, so please.....IF YOU DON'T NEED IT, PLEASE DONATE IT!

For ways to donate please contact The Suffolk Community Foundation on 01473 602 602.

**To claim please contact Age UK Suffolk on 01473 359911**

*\*Public Health England 2012/13 \*\*Office for National Statistics*

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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)

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## **MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to:  
Mrs Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Road, Kettleburgh, IP13 7LF  
or e-mail [valerie.butcher@talk21.com](mailto:valerie.butcher@talk21.com), tel: 724777.

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

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## **Covers**

Thank you very much to **Martin Myers-Allen** who has provided some lovely cover drawing for recent magazines. Thank you also to **Janet Weston** who is providing regular drawings for our magazine cover.

If anyone else would like to draw a cover sometime, you are very welcome.

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ORAL HISTORY – Part 2  
(continued from November magazine)

Jack Western, whom many of you will remember, spoke of his family home being bombed by a zeppelin during the First World War. “It dropped 37 bombs and only killed three hens”

His father moved the family from Epping to Park Farm, Charsfield with a horse drawn wagon. A neighbour stood at the gate watching them leave. “Where are you going” he asked. “To Suffolk” was the reply. The neighbour had a good look at the heavily laden wagon and the horse.

“You’ll never make it”

Clifford Arbon, wheelwright, carpenter and accordion player was also on the panel. Apart from his excellent memory and vast knowledge of country things, he loved a humorous story. He told of his Uncle Harry who liked a drink and, after a session at the Clopton Crown one lunchtime, was making his way back to Monewden by bicycle. Pedalling along he came across a shadow cast on the road by a harrow. In the state he was in, he decided that caution was the best policy, got off the bike and walked around it! Cliff told us that when boring the centre of a wheel, the hole must be one eighth of an inch off centre or the wheel will run hot and bind.

Henry Clarke, a retired horseman told of having an old horse that was virtually kept as a pet at the end of its working life, being used to do light work around the farm. “I would go in in the morning, turn her out and go to get her tackle from the wall. Any other morning when I turned her out, she would back herself in between the shafts of the light tumbrel. On this occasion, someone had stood the bran tub in front of the light wagon. Did she back herself into the heavy wagon? No she didn’t, she stuck her a—e between the handles of the wheelbarrow!”

What a privilege it was for us to be able to eavesdrop on these wonderful people and listen to their experiences, knowledge and humour. Unfortunately they have all passed on now but I have managed to record several sessions with them and other groups to keep their dialect and way of life “alive”.

Are there still characters alive and kicking in the villages in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? I sincerely hope so.

*Peter Driver*

## CHURCH CLEANING

### Brandeston

6<sup>th</sup> Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget  
13<sup>th</sup> Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper  
20<sup>th</sup> Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker  
27<sup>th</sup> Christine and Colin Matthews  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Julia Elson and Kelly Jeffery

### Kettleburgh

Claire Norman  
Anne Bater  
Pat Peck  
Val Butcher  
Margaret Meadows

## CHURCH FLOWERS

6<sup>th</sup>  
13<sup>th</sup>  
20<sup>th</sup>  
25<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Eve Crane

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

Anne Bater  
Anne Bater

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