

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

Spring is almost upon us, well I hope it is, as at the time of writing this letter our weather seems as unpredictable and ‘odd’ as it has been all ‘winter’. 2016 finds us with an early Easter, and planning what to do with a Bank Holiday weekend that might be a little hit or miss. Easter and Springtime, both times when the rhythm of life changes, the days lengthen and hours of daylight increase. And for many of us that didn’t have daffodils blooming in our gardens at Christmas it’s a time of surprises when long forgotten treasures pop up all over our gardens.

Easter Day is early this year falling on March 27th, a time of new beginnings, the tomb is empty, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ accomplished. British Summer Time arrives too, and our garden centres are full of lovely things to tempt us into gardening.

So please may I try to tempt you, not to buy anything but to attend one of the variety of services your Church has to offer at this special time, a time when Jesus created an Easter dawn from Good Fridays deathly darkness, and whether you were a 1st or are a 21st century person that is good news indeed! Church services whether mid week or Sunday wherever they are held are open to all, they are never just services for the village in which they happen to be held, and I find myself amazed by the number of people who do not seem to appreciate this. Everyone and anyone is welcome to attend anything no matter where it is held.

So as the month of March arrives in all its glory and as we travel our journeys through Lent and into Holy Week, may I wish you all, when it arrives a really happy and truly blessed Easter.

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, Alleluia

With love in Christ

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 MARCH 2016 (for further details of each event see below diary)		
Thursday 3 rd	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Thursday 3 rd	7.30pm	<u>Lent Course</u> at Brandeston Hall School
Friday 4 th	10.30am– 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Wednesday 9 th	7.30pm	<u>Monewden Local History Society Talk</u> – “Suffolk Men at Waterloo” by Peter Driver, at Monewden Village Hall
Thursday 10 th	7.30pm	<u>Lent Course</u> at Brandeston Hall School
Friday 11 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> - “What we did on our holidays”
Saturday 19 th	10.30 for 11am	<u>Brandeston Village Hall AGM</u>
Saturday 19 th	2.30pm	<u>Suffolk Plant Heritage Talk</u> , “Succession planting in the mixed border” by Fergus Garratt at Stowupland Village Hall
Friday 25 th	6.30pm for 7pm start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall.
Saturday 26 th	9.30am	<u>Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast</u> at Brandeston Village Hall

LENT COURSE 2016

We have been most fortunate to be able to plan a Lent course around guest speakers this year, all are experts in their chosen field, and I am sure what they will have to share with us will be worth turning out for on a dark evening. So I encourage you to find a lift if you don't like to drive in the dark, and for those who don't mind driving there is plentiful, easy access parking at the school. The plan is to share four sessions with our guest speakers, but if you can't make them all please feel free to come to as many as possible, and to bring others with you. The course will end with some form of shared evening worship in week 5, and in that way complete our Lenten preparations. "Lord, teach us to pray"

Dates: 18th /25th February and 3rd/10th March - Brandeston School at 7 for 7.30

Deirdre

MONEDDEN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Talks are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from Sept to April, at 7.30pm at Monewden Village Hall (next to the church). Visitors welcome £2.50.

March 9 th	Suffolk Men at Waterloo	Peter Driver
April 13 th	A village in Wartime	Sheila Wright

Peter Driver

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

March 11 th	What we did on our holidays	Doug and Abi take their kids on a family holiday. Surrounded by relatives the children innocently reveal the ins and outs of their family life, Stars: Rosamund Pike, David Tennant and Billy Connolly
April 8 th	Suffragette	The foot soldiers of the early feminist movement fight for women's right to vote. Stars: Carey Mulligan, Anne-Marie Duff and Helena Bonham Carter

BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL AGM

This will take place on Saturday morning 19th March. Do come along to hear about what's been happening in the hall in 2015 and plans for 2016. As it is a Saturday morning we will be serving coffee and bacon rolls from 10.30 with the meeting starting at 11 o'clock. Hope to see you then.

Sue Thurlow – Hall Sec.

Plant Heritage Suffolk Group

SUCCESSION PLANTING IN THE MIXED BORDER

Fergus Garrett of Great Dixter

Members £5 Guests £10

'By ticket only' from Maggie Thorpe 01787 211346

Saturday 19th March 2016 at 2.30pm

Stowupland Village Hall IP14 4BQ

Plant stall including rare and unusual plants
Refreshments available for purchase following talk
www.suffolkplantheritage.com
NCCPG Reg. Charity 1004009

EASTER EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST

A fun morning for all the family on Easter Saturday, 26th March starting at 9.30 in the hall and on the playing field. An English breakfast will be served with lots of hot coffee etc. There will also be a cake stall with lovely homemade Easter and other cakes as well as a raffle. This is all in aid of hall funds.

Tickets from Sue Thurlow 685673 – adult/children 14 and over - £6, family offer (2 adults + 2 children) £15.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 2 nd April		Kevin Duffy Band at Brandeston Village Hall (see below)
Sunday 3 rd April	6.30pm	Phoenix Singers and Woodbridge Choral Society Concert at Snape Maltings (see below)
Saturday 9 th April	10am	Volunteer Clean –up of Brandeston Village Hall & Playing fields (see below)
Sunday 17 th April	2pm	Bowls Season starts at Easton – see below
Sunday 17 th April	2.30pm	Spring Concert at Kettleburgh Church – see below
Friday 22 nd April	7.30pm	Kettleburgh Quiz Evening at the village hall. Tables of 4. Licensed bar, raffle. Tickets £8.50 per person inc supper, from Jackie Clark 723623
Saturday 14 th May		Eastern Angles Performance at Brandeston Village Hall – more details later
Saturday 21 st May		Race Night. Come along with friends to this special evening in Brandeston village hall. Lots of fun and laughter at the races. More details later.
Saturday 28 th May	3 – 5pm	The Rev. Deirdre West invites everyone to a Benefice Garden Party at Smokey House, Tunstall – more details next month
Saturday 18 th June		Brandeston Village Fete This will be held again this year in the grounds of the Queen’s head by kind permission of Alexander and Lillie. A date for the diary.
24 th June		Cats Protection Coffee Morning at Manly. Kettleburgh

KEVIN DUFFY BAND

Following last year’s success we are pleased to announce a repeat performance of this really fun night on Saturday, 2nd April starting at 7.30 p.m. As before we have our special line dancing guest – Jan Gower. There will be a pay bar and a raffle. Tickets £10 each – please contact Lucy on 01728 684422.

Sunday 3rd April 2016,
6.30pm at Snape Maltings Concert Hall

Phoenixsingers and
Woodbridge Choral Society

Tickets: £22, £18 and £15
from William Glasse
william@glasse.org.uk,
07802 597071 and Snape
Maltings box office, 01728
687110
charity no. 1076549

**MUSIC
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NATIONS**

Prokofiev: Alexander Nevsky, Barber: Agnus Dei

VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP

Once a year we have a really good tidy up of Brandeston Village Hall and playing field. Jobs include cleaning the high lights in the main hall etc. inside as well as weeding and generally sprucing up the play areas on the recreation ground. Anyone who can spare a hour or so on Saturday 9th April the hall committee members will be there from 10 o'clock and would be pleased of your help.

**Summer is coming!
A new season is coming!
New players wanted!**

Why not try playing **bowls at Easton?**

We play in the Woodbridge and Fynn Leagues.

We play Friendlies and Club competitions.

We are a small but friendly group of people and welcome newcomers. If you are new to the game, there will be the opportunity to get tuition from regular players.

We have super new facilities - a cosy clubhouse with a kitchen and toilet facilities also suitable for the disabled.

Our league games are played on weekday evenings and our open tournaments on three Sundays throughout the season. New this year is the Monday Pairs which will be played from 10.00 am on five Mondays in the season.

The green opens on Sunday 17th April at 2.00pm. Why not come along and give bowls a try or, for further information, contact Carol Rook on 746162. If you would like to

arrange an alternative time to try the game, please contact Mike Cattermole on 01473 614845.

It really is good fun and not just for old people! Come and learn a new game and new skill!!



A Spring Concert

(including music by Tartini-Jacob, Barber & Corelli)

given by

Suffolk Strings

(Leader: Wendy Brown)

with

Chris Allen (clarinet)

Conducted by

GEOFF LAVERY

Sunday 17th April, 2016

at 2.30pm

St Andrew's Church, Kettleburgh

Admission free (retiring collection)

(tea and cakes will be served in the Village Hall after the concert)

CAT'S PROTECTION COFFEE MORNING (*charity no. 203644*)

The annual coffee morning will be held at Manly, Kettleburgh on 24 June from 10:30am to noon. Guest Libby Purves, TV presenter, journalist, author, Mr Bill Clark will entertain again with his street organ which is much enjoyed.

Kathleen Lusted

Lent and Holy Week Services

	<u>Brandeston</u>	<u>Kettleburgh</u>	<u>Easton</u>	<u>C Ashe</u>	<u>Hacheston</u>	<u>Marlesford</u>	<u>Parham</u>
Mon 15 th Feb					6.30pm Compline		
Tues 23 rd Feb							6.30pm Compline
Wed 2 nd Mar						6.30pm Compline	
Thurs 10 th Mar	6.30pm Compline						
Fri 18 th Mar	7.30pm Holy Communion with Reading of the Passion Narrative						
Holy Week Mon 21 st Mar			6.30pm Compline				
Tues 22 nd Mar				6.30pm Compline			
Wed 23 rd Mar		6.30pm Compline					
Maundy Thurs 24 th Mar					7.30pm Holy Communion and Vigil until 10pm		
Good Friday 25 th Mar	9.30 Families in Church		11am Reflection for Good Friday			2pm – 3pm Words from the Cross	

PAST EVENTS

FROSTFEST 2016

Our theme was 'Out of the Shadows' and this year we extended the age range to include 15 year olds. Once again we met in Brandeston Village Hall and it was a typical January evening – cold and windy. Even so, we began with some outdoor activities in the gathering dusk. Without planning, the two groups settled into boys and girls and their first challenge was to follow a rope that had been twisted around parts of the adventure playground. This involved weaving in and out of chains and even passing through a rubber tyre. We declared a tie as the girls finished first, but the boys were much quicker at retracing their steps for the second try, as the girls got their length of rope into a terrific tangle. There was one more task outdoors – 'Turn the tarp' – this involved standing in a group on a small piece of plastic sheeting and attempting to reverse it without standing on the grass. Ted, Ollie and Alex perfected a rolling technique...time to go inside and get warm. The 'Chip Tasting' challenge came next. This involved a cone of chips and ten different flavours to try and identify – chocolate powder, cinnamon, turmeric, curry, were guessed correctly by Charlie, Cee, Izzie & Anna, but custard powder and white pepper proved to be more challenging.

Needless to say there were no chips left at the end of the evening!



Code breaking followed - for the nimble minded. Here is one you might like to try:
WADCECTOCKHDREEE Hint : you have to set it out in a grid form. Good luck!

Next was Shadow Charades, with a twist to the well known party game. There was some time for preparing the mime, and it had to be performed in silhouette. Titles attempted included The Great British Bake Off, The Tiger that came to Tea, War Horse, Little Red Riding Hood and Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.



Can you identify this one? Towards the end of the evening, when we felt we had got to know each other, the final activity was a drawing one – we each attempted to describe ourselves in pictures or symbols. After sharing our drawings anonymously, we each tried to assign them to the correct person. Amazingly almost all were right, so we had learned a lot about each other... Thanks to all helpers – Mary, Jane, Tomogen, Carol, Bill, Jackie, Alison and Eileen.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Another year and another pantomime by The Kettleburgh Players Alice in Wonderland written by Liz Marzetti. No rain or snow this year just cold and dry. The four Alices played by Jasmine, Alice, Hannah and Chloe with their lovely voices, the little animals, birds, frogs and fishes who sang their choruses with great enthusiasm – we could hear every word – and Molly the White Rabbit always in a great hurry, obviously enjoyed their parts.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party was a delight (that beautiful tea pot!), the energetic Mad Hatter Daniel and Woody the March Hare mastering that tongue twister over and over again, to the occasional snore from Ellie the Dormouse. We have to mention the Mean Queenie Kathy, the oh la la Richard King of Hearts and the jam tart-eating Knave Lottie, all in their splendid costumes, and also the brilliant Gryphon (Gruff) and the Mock Turtle (Izzie).

How could we forget that deliciously ugly, singing caterpillar Nick, all done up in Grandma's eiderdown (was it?), a rich picking for any hungry blackbird. Would he ever turn into a beautiful butterfly one wonders? The mad Duchess (Kathy), the grumpy Cook

(Julie), the beaming Cheshire Cat (Ben) and the groovy Dodo (Charlie) all played their parts with great gusto.

To Bill and Jackie for the fantastic lighting, Sue and Denis for their support and help throughout, Katherine and Trevor for the music, Chris and Mark for the amazing stage sets and props, Heidi and Suzy for the make-up, scenery and make-up, and Jane for the continuity, we say a big thank you. Hours of time is given up to perfect such a performance, and an even bigger thank you to Kathy Churchill for her patience, time and expertise in putting on this pantomime.

See you all next year!

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of February's KGT Lottery draw (held at the 'Chequers' are as follows:

1st Prize Juliet Wheeler

2nd Prize Jim Cavanagh & Helen Kay

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Results of February 100+ club draw:

£25 No 41 Darryl Morgan

£10 No 23 Patience Scott Douglas

NOTICES

KETTLEBURGH CRAFT CLUB

Are you like me? Keen on scrapbooking, knitting, painting....well anything crafty really but don't seem to get time to do any? I am looking to set up a monthly craft club in Kettleburgh village hall and wondered if anyone would be interested to come along? To make it viable I would need at least 11 people and the cost would be £2 per person to cover the hire charge of the hall. I would be looking to run it on the first Tuesday of each month 7pm to 9pm.

It would be a great way of meeting people, for a nice cuppa and the opportunity to swap ideas and perhaps finally finish all those craft projects that you have started!

Please contact me as soon as you can (so I can see if it's a good idea and anyone is interested!) and I would be happy to organise it if I get enough interest.

Fingers crossed! And look forward to hearing from you

Angela Wright

01728 621447 or email me angela.wright17@btinternet.com

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Thank you everyone.

This years total was £286.02, keeping up well with other years. The Children's Society does a lot of work with 16 and 17 year olds – not children any more but not quite adults, the in-betweeners.

“This age-group are more likely to go missing or be a victim of violent crime and are also a high risk group for sexual exploitation and domestic violence, yet they are less protected from abuse and neglect and don't get the same basic safeguards as younger children”.

We are so lucky to live in such peaceful and safe villages, aren't we?

If anyone else would like a box for their spare change, or regular giving, please let me know.

Pat Peck, Tel: 621144

FLAUNT YOUR FLOWERS FOR THE HOSPICE

Green-fingered supporters are needed to open their gardens to the public from May to September, in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

By opening your garden for one morning or afternoon this summer you can make a difference and help St Elizabeth Hospice continue to improve life for more than 2,000 local people living with a progressive illness every year.

St Elizabeth Hospice is looking for a wide variety of displays. So whether your garden is traditional or contemporary, tranquil or tropical, cosy or large, why not invite others to admire your horticultural skills whilst raising funds for your local hospice? You could even get the entire village involved.

If you can't commit to opening your garden, but would like to support the hospice with your horticultural skills then why not divide your perennials or sow extra seeds and donate the spare plants for us to sell on our pop-up plant stalls. Our lovely volunteers will replant your flowers into beautiful pots and sell them on stalls across the county.

If you would like to open your garden this summer, or for more information on open gardens or pop-up plant stalls, please call 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

St Elizabeth Hospice is an independent charity which provides vital care and support free of charge to patients and their families across Suffolk. The hospice costs millions of pounds a year to run, and relies on fundraising events, donations and the income generated from its shops to meet the majority of these costs.

AMBULANCE SERVICES FEEDBACK

Have you called for an ambulance recently? Share your 999 story with **Healthwatch Suffolk**

Healthwatch Suffolk is working with Local Healthwatch across the East of England to find out what people think of local ambulance services. It is always interested to hear of your experiences but is seeking views now because it wants to inform an upcoming Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection of the East of England Ambulance service.

The Care Quality Commission monitors regulated services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety. It has a legal duty to listen to the things Local Healthwatch say about services. As your local watchdog on health and social care services, Healthwatch Suffolk is best placed to inform the work of the CQC with the experiences of local people in Suffolk.

Whether you had a good or a bad experience, it is easy to share your story. Simply visit the Healthwatch Suffolk website (www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk) where you can search for the service and leave a review, call 01449 703949 or email info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk.

JOINTHE BIG HOSPICE SEWING BEE

St Elizabeth Hospice is looking for local crafters to join the Big Hospice Sewing Bee and compete to turn a used item of clothing into a cutting edge masterpiece.

The competition will run from **Friday 12 February to Monday 14 March**, giving you just over a month to perfect your upcycled garment. You can change the item into a completely different garment, or upcycle it, transforming it with embellishments, or adding/taking away pieces of material and haberdashery accessories.

The finalists will be chosen by a panel of experts at an awards event and those with the best designs will then compete live on Saturday 19 March to win the overall title of the Big Hospice Sewing Bee Champion – and a fantastic prize!

Fiona Ginn, St Elizabeth Hospice’s partnerships fundraiser, said: “The Big Hospice Sewing Bee is a fantastic opportunity for you to use your creative, sewing and haberdashery skills in this exciting new event, whilst supporting your local hospice. “All the money raised from the Sewing Bee will help go towards improving life for local people living with a progressive illness such as cancer, motor neurone disease or heart failure in East Suffolk.”

Entry is £10, with £5 of that given back to you in voucher form to spend at one of St Elizabeth Hospice’s 26 shops to buy the material to upcycle.

Sign up for the Big Hospice Sewing Bee online now at www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/sewingbee or to request a paper form, please call 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

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:

Mrs Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Road, Kettleburgh, IP13 7LF

or e-mail valerie.butcher@talk21.com, tel: 724777.

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

Covers

Thank you very much 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 too.

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

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

Kettleburgh

Margaret Meadows
Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark
Jane O'Leary
Fay Clarke

CHURCH FLOWERS

LENT – No Flowers

HISTORY CORNER

Local Crime 1805 from the Ipswich Journal.

Escaped from justice Thomas Coates of Cretingham in this county; dark hair, ruddy complexion, wide mouth, roundish face, a little bandy legged, with his knees standing a little wide and the bone of his legs standing a little forward; about 20 years of age and 5 feet five or six inches high; had on a long dark coloured slop frock, rather dirty leather breeches and leather buskins. Whoever shall give information to John Edwards Bucke constable of Brandeston so that the said Thomas Coates can be apprehended, shall be well rewarded by the said John Edwards Bucke

And all constables in the county are requested in their respective parishes are requested to pay particular attention to any person of such description coming into the parish and immediately take him to a neighbouring magistrate to account for himself and all alehouse keepers are requested immediately upon such persons coming into an ale house to give information to the constable of his parish. Any constable or any person producing who will produce to the said John Edwards Bucke, the said Thomas Coates or cause him to be apprehended shall be paid all expences with a proper reward. Brandeston Hall. Dec 19th 1805.

In these days before photography I loved the very careful description given, especially the details of his legs! So far, I haven't found what happened to Thomas but if caught he would probably have been transported.

Feb 19th 1803. James Holmes, servant to Richard More of Bedingfield for misbehaviour in the Kings highway in the parish of Easton on Wednesday sennight⁽¹⁾ being in liquor and more than 100 yards behind his waggon drawn by 5 horses. (poor chap, I can imagine him trying to catch the cart up, but never quite making it! P.D.) John Whistlecraft, servant to Nathan Welton of Bedfield for driving a wagon on the same day with 5 horses in it, in the parish of Easton sitting in the back of it without any reins in his hands; Robert Hawes servant to Sam Malster of Horham for a similar offence in Kettleburgh.

It is apparent that driving while over the limit was a common offence then and the Chequers was probably a popular stopping place with drivers!

⁽¹⁾ "sennight" a delightful word, now out of common use meaning "two weeks ago".

Peter Driver.