

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS
DECEMBER 2016***

PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

As I write this it seems that for many, plans for Christmas are coming together nicely, that even as adults you are able to hold on to some of the magic that this season holds, and I hope that your festive feelings are not being too diminished by the seemingly ever earlier start to the retail frenzy. The true meaning of Christmas isn't whether the wise men were in fact kings, or not, nor how many of them there actually were. But that God sent his Son to be born in a stable at Christmas, and to live a fully human life being the servant of others. Our God is a God of Love, and the supreme gift we are given by the birth of a baby in Bethlehem a demonstration of this unconditional love.

Christianity has survived through centuries of hatred, warfare and violence, but there is another threat to it, one which is happening right now, the current growing secular life choices being made by many people, which brings an accompanying danger of it being lost through sheer indifference and neglect.

So will your Christmas celebrations include coming to a service in a church near you, to hear the familiar story of a baby born in a stable, and to sing traditional carols telling of angels, shepherds and wise men. It is my Christmas wish that you will all find something of Christ in Christmas 2016, by partaking of some of the wonderful seasonal things your church has on offer which are most probably filling a good many pages of this magazine.

Christ in Christmas, a gift without price. Or in the words of a modern (well born in 1950 !) hymn writer Graham Kendrick:

*“From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world your glory veiled;
to give your life that we might live. “*

Wishing you a happy and blessed Christmas
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 DECEMBER 2016
(for further details of each event see below diary)

Thursday 1 st	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 2 nd	10.30am– 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Saturday 3 rd	2.30 – 5pm	<u>Brandeston Christmas Fair</u> at the village hall
Tuesday 6 th	7 – 9pm	<u>Kettleburgh Craft Club</u> at the village hall
Friday 9 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “Dark Horse ”
Saturday 10 th	Hall open 5pm	<u>Kettleburgh Christmas Tree lighting & carols</u> at the village hall
Saturday 10 th	7.30pm	<u>Phoenix Singers Concert</u> at St Michael’s Church, Framlingham – see below
Wednesday 14 th	6.15pm	Turning on of the <u>Brandeston Christmas Tree Lights</u> followed by a traditional evening of <u>Carols</u> in the Queen’s Head
Saturday 17 th	7.30pm	<u>Candlelit Evening</u> in the Old Chapel, Brandeston

All Saints’ Church,

Brandeston

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 3rd December 2.30 to 5 pm
in Brandeston Village Hall

**Quality gifts and local crafts,
Floral decorations,
Bottle stall,
Good books,
Cakes, pies, jams and
pickles
Children's lucky dip,
Father Christmas,
Delicious teas.**



Proceeds to Church Funds

See you there!

KETTLEBURGH MONTHLY CRAFT CLUB

First Tuesday of the month; 7pm to 9pm - Kettleburgh village hall

Keen on scrapbooking, knitting, painting, card making etc but don't seem to get time to do any? Come along to our new monthly craft club at Kettleburgh village hall.

A great way of meeting people over a nice cup of tea and the opportunity to swap ideas and perhaps finally finish all those craft projects that you have started! We have had a great turnout so far and really enjoyed seeing what range of different crafts people enjoy so why not pop along? It would be lovely to see you!

All you need to do is bring £2 to cover the cost of hall hire and whatever crafts you are working on (if you don't have any let me know and I am sure I have something going

spare!) And if you are not sure about coming as you have no one to come with don't be shy give me a call - everyone welcome!
 Please call me on the number below to find out more or to book your place. I look forward to hearing from you!
 Angela 01728 621447 or email me angela.wright17@btinternet.com

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

December 9 th	Dark Horse	This true story tells how a barmaid in a former mining village in South Wales bred a racehorse on her allotment that went on to become a champion.
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**Next concert: Saturday 10th December 2016,
 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Framlingham**

Phoenix Singers

English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble

The Firebird Boys' Chorus



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

Monteverdi VESPERS

**KETTLEBURGH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING – Saturday 10th December –
Lights on at 5.30pm**

Come along to Kettleburgh Village Hall on Saturday 10th 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 before we turn on the Christmas tree lights. The Village Hall Committee is providing mulled wine and mince pies and the decorated Christmas tree, in its new position on the green by the hall. All are most welcome.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CAROLS

The lights on the Brandeston village Christmas tree will be turned on at 6.15 p.m. on Wed. 14th December followed by the traditional carol singing in the pub.

Sue Thurlow

BRANDESTON OLD CHAPEL CANDLELIT EVENING

As usual this event will be held on the Saturday prior to the Christmas weekend – 17th December at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 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 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

ADVANCE NOTICES

6 th January 2017		Wassailing Village Apple Trees followed by tasting the cider made at the Apple Day in October. More details next month.
9 th – 11 th February		Kettleburgh Panto at the village hall

KETTLEBURGH PANTO

The Kettleburgh Players are delighted to announce that rehearsals for their next production are already under way.

This year the pantomime is going to be ‘Beauty and the Beast’, so you can expect lots of growling, a spoilt prince charming and his faithful side-kick, some naughty fairies, a pair of idiotic clerks, the kindly squire and his lovely daughters and the occasional guest appearance from some well-known characters.

It promises to be lots of fun with plenty of audience participation so make sure you put the date in your diary.

Performances 9th – 11th February, Kettleburgh Village Hall.

PAST EVENTS

THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE & STRIDE

The Church Bike Ride seems a long way off now.

Our riders visited over 30 churches and raised a total of £1,025 for Brandeston Church.

We only just managed to beat our neighbours (Kettleburgh), sorry Pat!

Thanks to everyone who sat at the church and chapel, also to everyone who sponsored anyone, and also to the riders themselves.

Ruth Garratt

The final totals are now in. the amount for Kettleburgh is £943. Surely with such a splendid amount we have beaten Brandeston this year? but no, they have collected £1,025, grr.

Thanks to Jackie & Bill who walked in Norwich, cyclists Trevor, Persephone, Rob, Peter, Rowena – a new girl, and myself, those that manned the church, Sue, Wendy, Clare, Anne, Mary, Graham and Diane, and especially those that sponsored us.

Thank you.

Pat Peck

LINK TO HOPE – SHOEBOX APPEAL 2016

Thank you to all who supported the shoebox appeal this year. Eighteen boxes in total were sent from Kettleburgh to Eastern European countries. We hope they will bring some happiness to families and older people there this Christmas.

JC

SUFFOLK ANIMAL RESCUE CHRISTMAS FAIR

A massive thank you to everyone who came to the Suffolk Animal Rescue Christmas Fair in Brandeston in October and shopped, helped, baked cakes or contributed in some other way. You all helped make the event a resounding success: the total on the day was £4264 - our best ever result! This is a vast sum of money for a small local rescue like ours and will go a long way to help look after the dogs, numerous cats & kittens, and small furies in our care. Special thanks to Philippa Demetriadi, Roy & Jackie O'Brien, Sue Etheridge and Ann Hayward.

Lucy Daykin

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of November KGT Lottery draw are as follows:

1st prize: E Davies

2nd prize: Susan and Trevor Jessop

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Results of November 100+ club draw:

1st £25 No 17 Phil Bays

2nd £10 No 82 Cara and Kevin Duffy

NOTICES

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST NEWS

Halloween on the Green – 31st October

We were joined by the beavers and cubs from the 1st Deben Valley Scouts and the green was buzzing with activity. The children enjoyed traditional apple bobbing and hunting the green for coloured pegs in return for sweets whilst the grown ups got on with the important business of sampling the spiced cider and sticky sausages.

There was a wonderful array of carved pumpkins on display and prizes were awarded in the different age categories.

This event could not run without volunteers so thanks to Heidi and Chris Finbow and Hannah Barton for running the food and drink and Angus Wheeler-Rowe, Andy, Steve, Andy, Sally, Clare and Corrin from the 1st Deben Valley Scouts for running the games. We'll do it all again next year!

[Christmas shopping online?](#)

Did you know that whenever you shop online, be it for a hat or a holiday, packed lunches or pencil cases, you could be raising a free donation for Kettleburgh Green Trust at no extra cost to you?

Simply sign up for free at easyfundraising.org.uk - it's as easy as 1, 2, 3! All you have to do is:

1. **Go to** <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kgt>
2. **Sign up** for free
3. **Get shopping** - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Kettleburgh Green Trust. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Kettleburgh Green Trust will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Keep in touch with us by liking us on Facebook, following us on Twitter @kgtchair.

Caroline Wheeler-Rowe
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ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

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, as part of their Woolly Pully Week.

Following from last year's success, the local charity is holding this year's event on the week between 12 – 16 December, and is appealing for local businesses, schools and groups to don their craziest knit and do their bit for their local hospice.

Organisations choose a day during the Woolly Pully Week and on their nominated 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 Woolly Pully Week is a great excuse to get yours out and wear it to work, school or wherever.

“Holding a 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.”

To find out more or to request your Woolly Pully Week festive fundraising pack, visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/woollypully or call 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

Midnight Walk 2017

St Elizabeth Hospice is asking supporters to save the date for their biggest fundraising event of the year.

The hugely popular Midnight Walk will be taking place on Saturday 20 May 2017 on the streets of Ipswich, with all new routes.

Catherine Sheppard, events and challenges fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice said: “We are very excited to launch next year’s Midnight Walk. It’s the biggest event on the hospice calendar, and we have made a few alterations including new routes and a new venue for 2017, and I’m sure that people are going to be thrilled with the changes.”

Full details about the Midnight Walk 2017 will be released in early November, and those who register before 31 January 2017 will save £5 with the early bird offer.

Keep up to date with St Elizabeth Hospice news and the Midnight Walk at www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

Take a Dip with a Difference

Are you brave enough to take a dip in the cold North Sea on Christmas morning for your local hospice?

Join hundreds of other supporters as they take a dip in the icy water on Christmas morning to raise vital funds for **St Elizabeth Hospice**.

Catherine Sheppard, St Elizabeth Hospice’s events and challenges fundraiser, said: “The Christmas Day Dip is in its 13th year and it’s still such a popular event, with around 400 people lining the beach each Christmas morning ready to take the icy plunge!

“There’s always such a great atmosphere at the event, not only with the hundreds of people taking part, but with the thousands who turn out to watch. A lot of people do it in memory of their loved ones who were cared for by the hospice, and all the sponsorship money raised from the event goes towards improving life for local people living with a progressive illness.”

You can save £5 if you sign up with the early bird offer before 5pm on 31 October 2016, after this registration will be £10.

Be part of the festive fun and sign up now at www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/dip

St Elizabeth Hospice provides vital care and support to more than 2,000 patients and their families every year.

It costs millions of pounds a year to run the hospice and they rely on fundraising events, donations and the income generated from its shops to meet the majority of these costs.

GP+ APPOINTMENTS AVAILBALE TO LOCAL PATIENTS

Suffolk GP+ is a NHS service delivered by the Suffolk Federation, a not-for-profit group of 61 local GP practices in Suffolk.

Suffolk GP+ is for people who urgently need a doctor's appointment or can't see their GP on a weekday.

There are no self-referrals and appointments can only be made via your own local GP practice.

IPSWICH GP+

Riverside Clinic,
2 Landseer Road,
Ipswich, IP3 0AZ

Weekdays: 6:30am – 9:00pm
Weekends: 9:00am – 9:00pm
Bank Holidays: 9:00am – 9:00pm

BURY ST EDMUNDS GP+

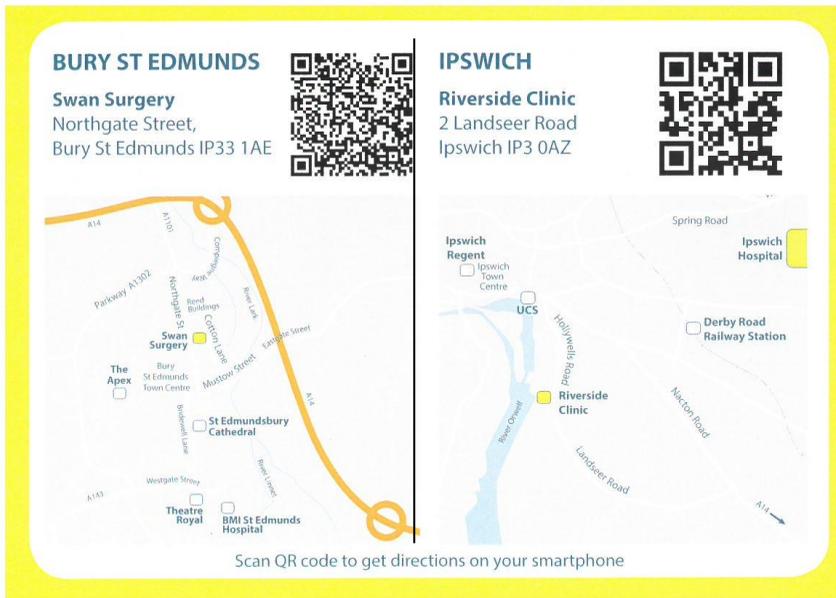
Swan surgery,
Northgate Street,
Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1AE

Weekdays: 6:30am – 9:00pm
Weekends: 9:00am – 2:00pm
Bank Holidays: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Collaboration with wider health services to ease pressure...

GP+ was a nine month NHS plot which was part of the Prime Mister's Challenge Fund which aims to find innovative ways of improving convenience and access to GP services for patients; it has been extended to 5 years.

Over fifty local Suffolk GPs have signed up to the Suffolk GP+ bank of doctors.



They are continuing to work for their own GP practices in the county while also working two or three Additional shifts per month for Suffolk GP+. There are four or five doctors and a nurse practitioner on each Suffolk GP+ shift.

In addition to the appointments being offered via local GP practices, Suffolk GP+ is collaborating with local hospitals and the ambulance service to help ease pressure on the Emergency Departments. Some patients at Ipswich Hospital (and West Suffolk Hospital from November) who are waiting at A&E and who are assessed as having minor ailments are being offered an appointment with Suffolk GP+.

Paramedics attending 999 calls also have the option to contact Suffolk GP+ where the patient is assessed as needing to see a GP rather than go to A&E. the NHS 111 medical helpline and GP Out-of-Hours services are also collaborating with Suffolk GP+ to enable booking of some patients for appointments within the Suffolk GP+ opening times if appropriate.

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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Please send e-mails in Microsoft Word format, 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

4th Dec Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
11th Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
18th Christine and Colin Matthews
25th Julia Elson and Kelly Jeffery
1st Jan Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget

Kettleburgh

Jane O'Leary
Fay Clarke
Claire Norman
AnneBater
Pat Peck

CHURCH FLOWERS

ADVENT – No Flowers
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

25th
31st Alison Molyneux

Anne Bater

HISTORY CORNER

Not far from Woodbridge is one of my favourite Suffolk churches, Lower Ufford. Among its many treasures is a most wonderful font cover which miraculously survived the reformers.

Removal or destruction of Catholic related artifacts had been going on for more than 100 years since Henry V111 broke with Rome. His son, Edward V1 and his advisors, being particularly aggressive. In East Anglia, William Dowsing is mistakenly seen as the only iconoclast, whereas he was mainly ordering removal and destruction of more recent additions, mainly those replaced by Archbishop Laud.

Working under orders of the Earl of Manchester in 1643/4 he visited Ufford. He kept a diary in which he wrote;"

"There is a glorious cover over the font with a pelican on top picking its breast, all over gilt with gold. We were kept out of the church above two hours and neither church wardens William Brown or Roger Small that were enjoined with these things above three months before, had not done them in May. I sent one of them to see it done and they would not let him have the key. And now neither the churchwardens nor William Brown, nor the constable, James Tokelove and William Gardener the sexton would not let us have the key in two hours time"

New churchwardens, Thomas Stannard, Thomas Stroud and Samuel Canham of the same town said "I sent men to rifle the church" William Brown old church warden said "I went about to pull down the church and had carried away part of the church"

Reading the above entry, it appears to show that the original churchwardens Brown & Small had decided not to carry out the order given three months previously and then made sure that the doors were locked when Dowsing's men arrived. (We can only guess at what the excuse was that they used!)

By the look of things, the church wardens were dismissed and replaced by more

co-operative men. In the meantime, did William Brown and friends remove the cover and hide it in a barn or something similar? Smaller religious items have been found secreted up Suffolk chimneys in the past and the clue seems to be that Brown "carried away part of the church"

As long as the offending item was out of the church, Dowsing's men would have been satisfied. They weren't interested in destruction for destructions sake, but only to remove or order to be whitewashed over, religious items that offended the strict Puritan code.

Most of Suffolk, being a strong Puritan area, complied happily with the instructions. A yeoman who died in Monewden at the time, left 6/8d "to the whitening of the church" which I interpret as covering any wall paintings with whitewash.

If you get a chance to see the font cover, you will be, as William Brown was, awed by it's beauty and craftsmanship, and can understand his determination to save it.

Peter Driver
