

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS
JANUARY 2017**

PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year everyone, can you believe it 2017 already, because I can't, 2016 gone in a flash. Another year of ministry among you, one in which it has been my privilege to share your joys and sorrows, your celebrations and challenges, it has been a year of very mixed emotions indeed.

Looking back over the year some of our services have attracted amazing congregations, much larger than the usual. Also the faithful contingent of people who enjoy the united services have continued to travel and cross parish boundaries in order to worship together with people from other villages. The services which attract more people than the usual are uplifting occasions, and are ones where we often have the choir, which makes the singing and music special.

So if the special occasions during the year e.g Remembrance Sunday, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday with a procession are more to your liking than the usual normal Sunday of 10-20 people, do read the service rota in this magazine and come and see, you don't have to wait for Christmas 2017, nor an invitation, our doors are always open, and inside as I've said before you will find people exactly like you, no better no worse.

And in this my first letter of 2017 I'd like to restate what I wrote last year, which is that my hope in case you've forgotten, is that that the seven parishes of which we are all a part will continue to grow to be '**One**', one Church with seven beautiful buildings to worship in which all provide uplifting services that encourage people to participate across parish boundaries. '**One**' as we seek to find new ways to take our faith and witness outside our buildings and into our communities. '**One**' as we respect our past, yet respond to the present, and at the same time prepare for the future.

And none of this would be possible without the Ministry Team, of retired clergy and Elders all of whom have most generously given of their time and skills to support worship across the seven parishes. Also my Churchwardens, members of all the Parochial Church Councils and their treasurers and secretaries, together with the many often unsung hero's of parish life, those who keep our churches clean , arrange flowers, ring bells, edit and produce our three parish magazines which play such an important part in keeping us in touch and informed. And last but by no means least our dwindling number of organists who together with the choir(s) use their skills to enable the rest of us to sing praise to almighty God with confidence. Thank you everyone for playing your part, whatever it is large or small to sustain the life of our Church.

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
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Churchwardens:	Mr John Bater	723532
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DIARY FOR JANUARY 2017
(for further details of each event see below diary)

Tuesday 3 rd	7 – 9pm	<u>Kettleburgh Craft Club</u> at the village hall
Thursday 5 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 6 th	10.30am– 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 6 th	6pm	<u>Wassailing Village Apple Trees</u> followed by tasting the cider made at the Apple Day in October.
Friday 13 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> at the Village Hall
Saturday 21 st	7.30pm	<u>Suffolk Singers Fundraising Concert</u> at Woodbridge Community Centre

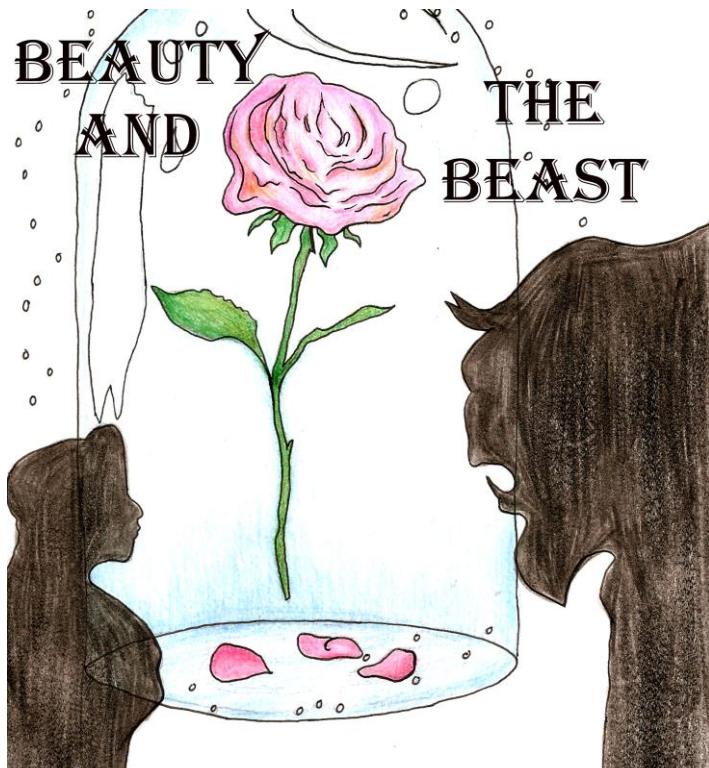
12th NIGHT FESTIVITIES AND WASSAILING

Friday, 6th January - the last day of Christmas festivities preparing ourselves for the dull days of January/February and the darkness in Brandeston when all the Christmas lights get turned off. The evening will start with the wassailing of village apple trees to encourage a good harvest in 2017 – singers meet on the green by the Christmas tree at 6 p.m. - then on to the village hall for cider tasting from the brews made on apple day. There will be a warming chilli supper, a bar and there may even be music and dancing. Tickets £5 on the door. Do come along and join in the fun.

Sue Thurlow

ADVANCE NOTICES

9 th – 11 th February		Kettleburgh Panto – Beauty and the Beast at the village hall. Tickets £6 (£3 for under 12's) from Sue Brooks 01728 724017 or susanebrooks@btinternet.com
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Kettleburgh Village Hall

February 9th, 10th & 11th | £6, £3 under 12s

BOX OFFICE: 01728 724017

SUSANE BROOKS@BTINTERNET.COM

PAST EVENTS

WICKHAM MARKET FLOWER CLUB – November Open Meeting 2016

As many of you know our Open Meetings are always something to talk about. Funnily enough this one was no exception, probably beating most previous ones. Our hardworking committee and Working party were all busy in the Village Hall from 4pm onwards. Setting out chairs and making preparations. All was going well until suddenly the fire alarm went off. The 20 or so of us in the hall looked blankly at each other and our mouths moved but not a word was heard. Loud.....it certainly was. A quick scout round assured us that there was no fire, just dust burning off a heater not used very often. However we could not shut the alarm off. Eventually a key was found and the quietness was also deafening for a moment. Two big strong men were called and made sure we would all be safe. Thanks to them for their very quick response.

Our Chairman June had double booked herself so missed all the excitement. Geraldine as vice chairman, opened the meeting by informing every one of the emergency exits. This is done every month but was a bit more relative on this occasion. Member's guests and visitors were welcomed to our last meeting of the year. We had received a letter from "Aspire" to thank us for their donation and informing us that they had been able to purchase a television and DVD player with their money and were very grateful.

Our very own member Sandra Adcock had created an amazing Christmas Tree Dress for the foyer and she had also done the table decorations. She was thanked for this and everyone agreed they were both beautiful.



Christmas Tree
Dress by Sandra
Adcock

Our President Elsie then had the pleasure of presenting Val Pizzey with an Honorary Members badge in recognition of all the help Val has given the club over

several years. Val has been un-well recently and has had to curb her activities in the kitchen. It was lovely to see her at the meeting and looking so much better.

Everyone was encouraged to buy from the £1 gift stall and the Christmas and Sundries stalls which were heaving under all the goods available, also to purchase Raffle tickets for the chance of winning some of the arrangements that would be produced.



We were introduced to our demonstrator for the evening Jacqui Arnold whose theme was “Jingle all the Way”.

Jacqui went on to produce a vast selection of Christmas arrangements all accompanied with a little bit of bling and baubles, glitter and sparkles. Jacqui lives in Ashford in Kent and regaled us with stories of her husband who was accompanying her and her three grown up children one of whom is an actor who has appeared in some things we were all aware of. She used lots of amazing flowers and foliage to create a stage full of quite stunning arrangements. Mid way through her demonstration she did manage to cut her finger, requiring the services of our 1st Aider Reg. Well done Reg for stemming the flow and providing plasters and reassurance. As if that wasn’t enough one of the designs that was representing all the flamboyance of an upside down ballerina toppled off the stage. Thank goodness no one was hurt and the members in the front row and Jacqui’s husband were able to quickly help Jacqui resurrect the arrangement legs and all.

June had entered the meeting very discreetly and after the demonstration read out a poem which made us all laugh. She had enjoyed the meeting from the back of the hall for a change.

After the vote of thanks by Elsie, we all enjoyed mince pies and driver friendly punch before the raffle. Lucky winners staggered out of the hall clutching arrangements and chatting about the evening. Yet another wonderful Flower Club meeting in Wickham Market. Our next meeting is **on Thursday 26th January** at Wickham Market Village Hall when Pat South will be demonstrating “Tales of the Unexpected”. Knowing Pat this will certainly be something else for us to enjoy. Wishing all our members and many

friends a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year. For more information please contact June Allum on 01394 384803

Mandy Pryke

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of December KGT Lottery draw are as follows:

1st Prize Val Butcher

2nd Prize Peter Dring

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Results of the Christmas draw:-

£100	No28	Sue Eyles
£50	No22	Jackie O'Brien
£25	No27	K Goodchild
£10	No117	I&J Harvey

NOTICES

NEW OPPORTUNITY

If you have a little bit of spare time and are computer literate, would you be interested in taking over the editing of the Brandeston and Kettleburgh parish magazine?

It is an interesting job as you will be kept in touch with events in our villages.

To discuss, please contact me on 01728 724777.

Val Butcher

CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXES

It's the time of year to have your boxes emptied so get them out of their dusty corner and give them a shake and maybe add a bit more.

I will be round to collect them during January and February.

I have a couple of spare boxes if anyone else would like one.

Pat Peck

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Your mobile library will be visiting you every 4 weeks on the day and time indicated below. These details can also be found on the Suffolk Libraries website at www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Saxmundham mobile library route 7

Stop	Village	Location	Time
7A	Dallinghoo	Village hall	0945-1000
7B	Charsfield	South View, The Street	1005-1030
7C	Monewden	Church	1040-1050
7D	Otley	Spring Park	1100-1125
7E	Otley	Village Stores	1130-1205
7F	Ashbocking	The Green	1215-1235
7G	Helmingham	Forge	1240-1250
7H	Frambsden	Village hall	1400-1415
7I	Cretingham	New Bell PH	1430-1445
7J	Brandeston	Queen's Head PH	1450-1510
7K	Kettleburgh	Church Rd	1515-1530

Calling every 4 weeks on Thursdays

2017 dates

19 Jan, 16 Feb, 16 Mar, 13 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun, 6 Jul,
3 Aug, 31 Aug, 28 Sept, 26 Oct, 23 Nov, 21 Dec

INTERESTING TIMES AHEAD IN 2017 FOR THE LANMAN MUSEUM

The Lanman Museum, housed within the Poor House at Framlingham Castle, is soon to experience some landmark events.

The Museum is currently closed to facilitate an exciting project, which English Heritage has recently embarked upon, that shall provide a new café, an extension to the mezzanine floor to house their new exhibition and better access for the public. The Museum shall have a second access from the mezzanine floor and rather than share office space, as it currently does, shall have its own self-contained room within the Red House (adjacent to the Poor House). The project commenced in November 2016 and is due to be completed in the spring of 2017.

Earlier this year (2016), prior to the announcement of the English Heritage project, the Museum was finalising details of an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding a complete renewal of the display cases and general improvements to the visitor experience within the Museum. This had previously been delayed due to problems with water access via the chimney and an unfortunate consequence of the project is that the application has had to be further delayed. However, it shall be resurrected as soon as full access to the Museum is restored so that details of our plans can be confirmed.

The Earl of Cranbrook declared the Lanman Museum open on the 29th October 1957 in its first location in Market Hill (the current location in the Castle is its fourth). The Lanman Museum Trustees shall therefore be celebrating this 60th anniversary in the autumn of 2017.

Trevor Jessop
Chairman, The Lanman Museum Trustees

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS NEW YEAR AND VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE

Why not do something amazing in 2017 and volunteer for St Elizabeth Hospice? The local charity is always looking for new people to join their incredible team of more than 1,100 volunteers, and offers a variety of volunteer roles, whether it's in one of their 26 shops, at their highly popular fundraising events or in the hospice building itself, assisting on the ward, in day care or with administrative tasks.

St Elizabeth Hospice is also keen to hear about skills and experience that volunteers can bring to the charity, creating and developing new roles to make use of volunteers areas of expertise.

Sue Joy, HR Volunteers Business Partner at St Elizabeth Hospice, said: "The hospice is extremely grateful to its wonderful team of volunteers, and we rely on their hard work and dedication to open our doors.

"Volunteering can be a great way to meet people in your community, learn new skills and boost your CV, all whilst supporting a good cause.

"By donating their precious time and invaluable skills, our volunteers save us an incredible £1.01million a year, money which we can use to support our patients and their families and carers."

Find out more about volunteering for St Elizabeth Hospice, and view a full list of current vacancies at www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/volunteer or talk to our volunteer team by phone on 01473 707016.

Hospice needs your unwanted presents

Did you receive any unwanted or duplicate presents this Christmas?

Then why not donate them to your local St Elizabeth Hospice shop, so they can be sold to raise money to help provide vital care and support to patients and their families.

Jason Rudderham, St Elizabeth Hospice's head of retail, said: "There's always a few presents we are given that we don't want or don't need, so instead of putting it to the back of your cupboard, please consider donating them to the hospice.

"Whether it's clothing or accessories that don't fit, homeware that doesn't suit your house, or if your child was given two of the same toy, these items can be resold in our hospice shops.

"All the money raised from their sale goes towards providing local hospice care for local people."

Items including clothes, accessories, homeware, DVDs, books, toys and china can all be donated directly to St Elizabeth Hospice's shops. To find your nearest St Elizabeth Hospice shop, visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/shops

If you would like to donate furniture, please don't drop it off, just call 0845 259 0319 and the hospice will come and collect it from you.

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, 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

1 st Jan	Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
8 th	Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
15 th	Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
22 nd	Christine and Colin Matthews
29 th	Julia Elson and Kelly Jeffery

Kettleburgh

Pat Peck
Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows
Jackie Clark
Jane O'Leary

HISTORY CORNER

Ted Kittle

A really rich vein of research for local historians is the excellent East Anglian Miscellany. These were local newspaper columns where interested parties could exchange information on a myriad of topics. Each article was given a number for reference.

EAM 466 &476. (Slightly abridged. P.D.)

Edward Kittle, commonly known as Ted Kittle had a father who lived at the crossways between Monewden and Cretingham still known as Kittle's Corner. Although they lived at Cretingham, being paupers, they belonged, and had to register for relief, to the parish of Earl Soham.

According to Mr W.Juby who wrote the article, "Ted said he couldn't work and the excuse he gave was that the soles of his feet were defective so he couldn't walk without a stick. The overseers didn't believe him and put him to work stone picking.(1) He amused himself by picking only smooth round stones and leaving the rough, shapeless ones. His master reproved him and told him to take them as they come. As soon as he was gone, Ted settled down for a sleep. His master returned and asked Ted why he had done no work. "Why yew towd me to tek them as they come but there int bin none come yit"

On another occasion he was told to "Go and pull turnips" to which he tied a piece of string on one and pulled it around the field! When sent to clean out ditches, he threw the silt behind him back into the ditch instead of up onto the headland! The Guardians finally gave up with him and sent him to the work house."

Are the above stories true? Probably not entirely, there may be some basis of truth but when a person gets a reputation, tales told about him get exaggerated with each telling.

He was more a knave than a fool and was continually up before the magistrates

usually for theft gracing Ipswich gaol on several occasions. The last time he was there, the Govenor, Mr Johnson, said "Here you are for the fourteenth time"

"Yes" said Ted "I must help you keep up your books"

More seriously, he was beaten with the cat o nine tails, (a severe punishment which seemed to have no effect on his lifestyle). The last time Mr Juby heard of him, he had stolen a pair of policeman's gloves and was sent to Woolwich as a condemned criminal.

A "neer do well" who achieved a level of notoriety and is immortalised by having a Suffolk road named after him.

(1) Stone picking was a form of labour, often practised by labourer's wives and children, where they gathered the stones from a field surface and put them into baskets in order to fill a tumbrill. The stones were then sold to the Parish overseers and used for repairing potholes in local roads. They were paid as little as tuppence a day and early school log books often report cases of absence due to "stone picking".

Peter Driver
