

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS
DECEMBER 2008***

SERVICES DURING DECEMBER 2008

PLEASE NOTE: This months' services include some variation from our normal monthly pattern.

Date	Brandeston	Kettleburgh	Easton
1 st December <i>celebrating St Andrew's Day</i>		9.30am Holy Communion for St Andrew's Day	
7 th December <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i>	5.30pm Christingle Service (with Brandeston Hall)	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
14 th December <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i>	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.15am Christingle and Gift Service	10.00am Christingle Service
21 st December <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i>	10.00am Crib and Gift Service	11.00am Holy Communion (CW)	6.30pm Carol Service and Gifts for Christmas
24 th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	11.30 pm Midnight Mass for Christmas	4.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	2.00pm Crib Service
25 th December <i>Christmas Day</i>		10.30am Holy Communion for Christmas	10.00am Holy Communion for Christmas
28 th December <i>1st Sunday after Christmas Sunday</i>		10.00am Benefice Holy Communion (CW)	
4 th January <i>celebrating Epiphany</i>	11.00am Family Worship	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Services in Campsea Ashe, Marlesford, Hacheston & Parham during December 2008

7 December	10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Parham
	4.00 pm	Christingle Service at Campsea Ashe
14 December	8.00am	Holy Communion at Campsea Ashe
	9.30am	Holy Communion Service at Hacheston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer at Marlesford
21 December	8.00am	Holy Communion at Marlesford
	9.30am	Holy Communion Service at Parham
	6.30pm	Benefice Carol Service at Hacheston
24 December	4.00 pm	Crib Service at Campsea Ashe

25 December	11.30pm	Holy Communion for Christmas at Marlesford
	8.00am	Holy Communion at Hacheston
	9.30am	Holy Communion at Campsea Ashe
	11.00am	Family Service at Parham
28 December	9.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Marlesford
4 January	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Campsea Ashe

THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

What are your hopes for Christmas? This is a very open question, I know; hope might seem an ambiguous word when it is linked to Christmas.

As children, we may have had clear ideas about what we hoped for. If asked, we might have talked about the presents that we were hoping to be given.

Now, as we look back to our childhood, it may not be the presents we remember so much as the sights, sounds and feelings of those Christmases. Such childhood experiences will have left us with positive memories, a warm home full of joy and laughter, with family traditions of food and games and doing things together. It's the sort of happiness that can make us smile now as we remember. If that is our experience, our hopes for this Christmas will be illuminated by such memories.

Yet, of course, many people's memories of previous Christmases are not just like that, and their experiences of life are more complicated. The hardness of life, its difficulties, even its tragedies, can leave a very different feeling about what many of us blandly call "the festive season."

This is why we need, for a moment or two, to think about what the real message of Christmas is, and what our hopes this Christmas might be.

For Christians at Christmastime, hope is a very big word indeed, because our hope is illuminated by the story of the stable in Bethlehem. It was a place where poverty and hardness of living might have seemed to offer no potential for happy memories. But it was a place where poverty and hardness of living encountered a new sort of hope through the life of a baby who was born to offer us the promise of a new sort of life.

That's the hope that is at the heart of our faith; no wonder the shepherds were amazed and the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all people".

So, during the first three and a half weeks of December, as we prepare for Christmas, hear the carol singers and watch the school Christmas productions, as we send and receive cards, wrap our presents, decorate our homes and lay in our supplies of food and drink, we should also remember there is a hope that underlies all these things, the hope that God is coming among us, to reconcile the irreconcilable and to redeem what no one else can redeem.

And it is at those times and in those places where life is at its hardest that our hopes for Christmas are most relevant.

With very best wishes
Robin

Assistant Priest: Reverend Robin Alderson		688255
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<u>Brandeston</u>		
Elders:	Mrs Mary Baker	685807
	Miss Eileen Leach MBE	685298
Churchwardens:	Miss Eileen Leach MBE	685298
	Mrs Alison Molyneux	685244
<u>Kettleburgh</u>		
Elders:	Mrs Jackie Clark	723623
	Mrs Valerie Upson	723078
Churchwardens:	Mr John Bater	723532
	Mrs Valerie Upson	723078

DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2008

Thursday 4 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> at Village Hall
Friday 5 th	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 5 th	8pm	<u>Brandeston Wine Club</u> at Village Hall. The theme will be Christmas wines.
Saturday 6 th	2.00 – 4.30pm	<u>Brandeston Christmas Fair</u> at Village Hall, inc. 100+ Club Draw
Sunday 7 th	4.00pm	<u>Light up a life</u> on Market Hill, Framlingham – see below.
Sunday 7 th	5.30pm	<u>Christingle service</u> at Brandeston Church
Tuesday 9 th		<u>Brandeston Community Lunch</u> - a traditional Christmas feast – please ring Mary Mitson-Woods on 684026 to book your place - open to those who have attended in 2008.
Friday 12 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “It’s a Wonderful Life” – see below.
Friday 12 th	7.45pm	<u>Christmas Quiz</u> at Easton Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 13 th	5.00pm	<u>Kettleburgh Christmas Tree Lighting</u> at Village

		Hall
Sunday 14 th	10.00am 11.15am	<u>Christingle service</u> at Easton Church <u>Christingle and gift service</u> at Kettleburgh Church
Monday 15 th	6.00pm	<u>Easton Carol Singing</u> meet on the green (all welcome)
Tuesday 16 th	6.00pm	<u>Kettleburgh Carol Singing</u> meet at village hall (all welcome)
Wednesday 17 th	7.00 – 8.00pm	<u>Brandeston Carol Singing</u> at Queen’s Head (all welcome)
Wednesday 17 th	8.00pm	<u>Music and Readings for Christmas</u> at St Michael’s Church, Framlingham
Saturday 20 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Old Chapel Candlelit evening</u> – see below.
Sunday 21 st	10.00am 6.30pm	<u>Crib and Gift service</u> at Brandeston Church <u>Carol and Gift Service</u> at Easton Church
Wednesday 24 th	2.00pm 4.30pm 11.30pm	<u>Crib Service</u> at Easton Church <u>Service of 9 lessons and carols</u> at Kettleburgh Church <u>Midnight Holy Communion</u> for Christmas at Brandeston Church
Thursday 25 th	10.00am 10.30am	<u>Family service of Holy Communion for Christmas</u> at Easton Church. <u>Service of Holy Communion for Christmas</u> at Kettleburgh Church
Thursday 25 th	10.00am	For the very brave - <u>Christmas Day Dip</u> in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice – see below.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our Christmas services follow a familiar pattern beginning with the Christingle services which have now become traditional in our churches and continuing with carol and crib services until the joyful celebrations of midnight mass and Christmas morning eucharist. Each of the parishes will be combining one of its pre-Christmas services with a Gift service when we invite you to bring Christmas gifts which will be taken to the Ormiston Family Centre in Ipswich for distribution to needy families. Please wrap your gifts and mark them boy/girl and age of suitability. These gifts are always much appreciated by people who perhaps have less to look forward to at Christmas than we do.

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LIGHT UP A LIFE

Part of the Christmas market on Market Hill

Christmas is a time of celebration and sharing, and also a time to reflect with family and friends.

St Elizabeth Hospice would like to welcome you and your family to their Light up a Life event in Framlingham this Christmas. These special events are open to everyone, not just those touched by hospice care, to remember their loved ones at this special time of the year. Each event includes Christmas Carols, music and readings around the dedication tree.

For more information, please contact St Elizabeth Hospice on 01473 723600, email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

The next film will be on Friday, 12th December starting at 7.30pm. – a real classis and old favourite – It's A Wonderful Life (1947) starring James Stuart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore. An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed.

New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free.

Thurlow

Sue

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Friday 12th December 7.45pm at Easton Village Hall

Teams of 1 - 6

All welcome (Adults and Older Children). £3.50 adult, £1.50 under 16.

One Glass of Mulled Wine (or non-alcoholic alternative) and Mince Pie included!

To book a table/tickets please ring Liz on 602405

BRING YOUR OWN OTHER REFRESHMENTS

In aid of Easton Pre-School

Liz Gleave

KETTLEBURGH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Village Hall Committee is once again providing a Christmas tree for the village. The lighting up ceremony will take place on Saturday 13th December. The Hall will be open from 5.00pm – 6.30pm, with the countdown to turning on the lights at 5.30pm. Come along to the hall, sing a carol or two around the tree, enjoy a mince pie and some mulled wine, with a quiz and Christmas music.

Jackie Clark

CAROL SINGING IN KETTLEBURGH

Our usual Carol Singing takes place this year on Tuesday 16th December. If you would like to take part, meet at Kettleburgh Village Hall at 6.00pm (or join us later on as we make our way around the village). We will be collecting for The Children's Society and will finish by singing at The Chequers at around 8.00pm.

Jackie Clark

BRANDESTON OLD CHAPEL CANDLELIT EVENING

Saturday 20th December at 7.30pm

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.

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.

Thurlow

Sue

CHRISTMAS DAY DIP

At 10am on Christmas Day, hoards of brave people will be running into the icy North Sea at Cobbolds Point, Felixstowe to raise funds for the Hospice.

Last year, this event raised over £6000 and we hope that you will join us in making this year even bigger and better. This is a great chance to do something different on Christmas morning and really work up an appetite for your Christmas dinner!

For more information regarding the Christmas day dip or how you can get involved, please contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600, email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

ADVANCED NOTICES

Friday 2 nd January	7 for 7.30pm	Whist Drive & Refreshments at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
21 st January	8.00pm	Brandeston Parish Council Meeting – all residents welcome
5 th – 7 th February		Cinderella at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
20 th February		Quiz at Kettleburgh Village Hall in aid of Kettleburgh Green Trust
28 th February		French Evening at Brandeston Village Hall

WHIST DRIVE

As the due date for our Whist Drive in December falls on Boxing Day, it has been postponed until Friday, 2nd January 2009 in accordance with the wishes of the majority of players. Please make a note of this new date in your diary together with the normal January Whist Drive which will take place on Friday, 30th January 2009. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

We wish all our regular players and supporters of the Brandeston Whist Drives a very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of health, wealth and happiness. If you have yet to experience the fun and laughter of a Brandeston Whist Drive, please do think about joining us at any of our future events. The company is great, the wines are fine and the refreshments have been ranked as "out of this world". All this - and an evening of cards too - for a paltry price of admission at only £2.50 !

If you enjoy card-playing and would like to come along then please call either Pam or Rick Reade on Brandeston 685920.

Rick and Pam Reade

KETTLEBURGH PANTOMIME

Our very own production of Cinderella can be seen in Kettleburgh Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 5th, 6th, 7th of February at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm.

Come along and see your friends and neighbours as you've never seen them before - singing, dancing, the back end of a horse!

Tickets are now on sale at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children under 12.

Ring the Box Office on 723623

Do it now - you won't regret it!

Liz Marzetti

Wickham Market Tennis Club Needs You !



Following our successful bid to the Peoples Millions Lottery...
...the new Tennis Courts are open and available for play.

Pay and Play is available for **casual** use at **£5.00** per hour
Plus **£5.00** refundable deposit available for key hire
from Seagers Home & Garden Centre, Wickham Market.

Alternatively, **Tennis Membership** is available for unlimited access.
Special Rates for 2008/2009: **Half Price** special Founder Member to 31st March.

Adult	£20.00
16-21 years	£7.50
Junior (under 16)	£5.00
Family (2 Adults +2 Children	£37.50
Social	£2.50.

(A one off £2.50 refundable deposit is required for a key).
Contact Hilary Russell for more details on 01728 747414.



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FROM THE REGISTERS

May Hilda Blanche Meadows – an account of her life written by her family

Maisie was born May Hilda Blanche Chilvers on 19 September 1917. Her address at the time of her registration was 4 Pemberton Gardens, Islington, London.

Her Dad – Edward William Chilvers died when she was about 4, he was an insurance clerk, his grave is at Cransford Baptist Church. Her Mum – Hilda Mabel Chilvers (nee Wightman) died of TB when she was about 14, her grave is at Brandeston Baptist Church. At the time of her Mum's death they were living at, and running Kettleburgh Post Office. Maisie would get up in the early hours to sort through the post. On a Sunday they would walk twice during the day to the Chapel in Brandeston. Even at 14 she had an awful crush on William Meadows who lived opposite her in a small cottage called Stone Cottage. Will lived with his Mum, five brother and three sisters: Victor, Wilfred, Reggie, Stanley, Lesley, Daisy, Ivy and Phyllis. She would scowl at any young woman who had eyes for Will and hang on the garden gate waiting for a glimpse of him to come home from work. She would rather have suet dumplings at the Meadows' household than meat with her Mum. William was six years older than Maisie.

When her Mum died she was too young to look after herself and was sent to her Aunt and Uncle's at Romford/London. Her Aunt and Uncle did not approve of Will and they did their best to keep the pair apart, nasty letters were sent to Will, we have found these when clearing the house. When Maisie was 18 she wrote to Mother Meadows and asked her if she could come and live with the family. She had to ask approval of the boys as it was their wages that kept the house. Once she was out of the grips of her guardians Maisie moved back to Kettleburgh to live with the Meadows at Stone Cottage, with the intention of marrying Will, however on her return Will had lost most of his hair and she nearly had second thoughts!

Will and Maisie were married on 18th October 1941 at the Congregational Chapel, Brandeston. They lived at Kettleburgh Hall with the Warne sisters, after this with Mr and Mrs Derek Hill. Will died in February 1987 at the age of 74, they had had 46 years together. In October 1989 Mr Hill sold up and Maisie moved into a small two up two down in Brook Lane, Framlingham. She was there for 19 years.

Peter was born in 1942. He married late in life to Pauline, they did not have any children. Peter died on Christmas Day 2004. Peter worked with Hector and Mary Moore at the forge in Brandeston. He was a very accomplished and skilled welder, creating many wrought iron work items: gates, chandeliers etc.

Paul Charles was born in 1945. He married Margaret when quite young, they had four boys: Lee, Davey, Gary and Sam. The boys were each born 2 years apart and Maisie would go and help Maggie sort out the house and do the ironing. With so many boys there was plenty of washing and ironing. Sadly Davey died when he was 24 in a scrambling accident. Paul married again in 1987 to Gillian, they have had no children together. Paul works the land at Rookery Farm, Kettleburgh and Hernseywood Farm at Bruisyard. He has kept pigs and cattle.

In Maisie's 42nd year she found out she was pregnant again. She blamed the black nightdress which she had bought! The Meadows' men all liked their black, it was soon burnt! Never again! During this pregnancy she was very sick. Barry John was born March 1959. He married Angela in October 1985. They had two girls: Martina in October 1986 and Laura in February 1990. Maisie also helped with the house 3 days a week. This continued until almost the present day, but the balance of support changed as time went by. Maisie felt she needed to help and be the eternal mother to be of help to the family in her life.

Maisie has never driven but used to drive her moped with her sister-in-law Ivy. They would travel to Debenham and Saxmundham hence her family nick-name "Speedy". Shortly after she moved into Framlingham her moped broke down and it was thought that she was perhaps a little unsafe, she was quite deadly on corners! This was a difficult time for her to come to terms without her independence.

Maisie used to work in the mornings for several different houses in Brandeston and Kettleburgh doing housework. Her Mum had great aspirations for her to work in a shop but this only lasted on day! Maisie said she wasn't cut out for figures and only wanted to do house work! The shop was too stressful.

Maisie was known best for her family gatherings/card dos. She would entertain with the help of Ivy, probably for up to 25 people. Everyone would each have two of firsts and 2 of seconds, plus tea. Even during the last 5 years she would be baking for the family.

Maisie was a kind, caring, family Mum who always had a smile. She always wanted to help the family and so would do housework and baking. Never had a bad word to say about anyone. There will be a great void in the family now she is with her "Will" and "Peter". She was independent until 6 months ago and moved into Mills Meadow in July. They said she always laughing and a jolly soul there. She was very happy at her new home.

PAST EVENTS

CYCLE RIDE

The total collected for Kettleburgh this year was £784.50.

Thank you to all cyclists who took part, all those who spent an hour at the church signing cyclists in and especially those who sponsored us. Thank you.

Pat Peck

"THE KETTLE"

John, Anne, Derek and Barbara wish to thank all the helpers who made the fifth "Kettle" such a success. We were lucky with the weather and both the buyers and sellers had a good day and were full of praise for the event. So thanks to all the car parkers, money collectors, helpers in the catering tent/BBQ and the cake-makers, and to those who helped set up and clear up.

We have made a large donation to the village hall, enabling them to go ahead with the new floor project.

See you next year for the 6th "Kettle" – on 26th July.
BH

SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA 2008

Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox (or more than one) for the Link Romania charity this year. In total, eighteen boxes were sent from Kettleburgh. By the time you are reading this, they will be well on their way to their destination – a family in Romania. Simple items that we take for granted – shampoo, scissors, hats and gloves – will mean so much to those families who have so little, and whose lives are so hard. This year, special thanks come also from Lacri, a Romanian man I met at Brian Nobb's home in Wickham Market. Lacri was in England for two weeks and wanted the appreciation of his people to be known to us. He will be back in Romania in time for Christmas.

Jackie

Clark

ANTARCTIC ODESSY

'A most enjoyable afternoon was had on October 12th in Brandeston Village Hall.

Listening to Chris Parfitt's fascinating and humorous talk on his trip to the Southern Ocean. There was even a member of the audience who had been an engineer on one of the old whaling stations that Chris visited on South Georgia.

The ladies on the PCC provided a wonderful tea and £200 was made for The Church Fabric Fund.

Alison Molyneux

BONFIRE NIGHT

With a fine night, after such awful weather recently, the bonfire night went with a swing. A huge bonfire, lots of guys in the competition and great fireworks made it was a super evening. We didn't run out of mulled wine this year and everyone was very happy as a result of that 'special' secret ingredient!

Many thanks indeed to Martin Churchill and his team for organising the fireworks and to Richard Martin, Richard Mitson-Wood and Nick Hayward for collecting materials to build the magnificent bonfire. Also thanks to the BBQ team for the excellent food.

For a small village what a splendid firework display, and all given by the families attending. Just under £100 was raised for village hall funds.

Sue Thurlow

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for November were :-

First – Craig Butler

Second – Lady Cunliffe

December draw will be held at the Christmas Fair at the village hall on Saturday 6th December.

Mark Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

November results:

1st Prize Heidi & Kevin Macavoy

2nd Prize Susan Clarke

Gwenda Weeks

EASTON SCHOOL NEWS

Community Information Point

We are delighted to inform you that we have been successful in securing funding to provide a Community Information Point in school.

This means that any person from the local community will have access to a computer (with internet access), printer and stationery during normal school hours.

The information point will be located in the main entrance lobby and will be available as and when required, unless there is a particularly high demand at certain times of the day, then we may have to consider introducing a bookings system.

There will also be a display providing information/literature of interest to the community including adult learning opportunities, local events etc.

The Information Point should be fully operational after the Christmas break.

Christmas Events

Christmas Fair Saturday 29th November from 2pm

Christmas Performance Monday 15 December at Wickham Market Primary School—6.30pm start.

School Fun Run

The final figure collected was £730. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored us and to the children for taking part

Children in Need

Thank you for your support, we managed to raise £124.24 for the charity.

ESA

Once again the quiz night was a great success with 10 teams participating. We raised £260 from the event which is a fantastic achievement.

Reminder about maths / literacy courses

We have had lots of interest in running a maths course in particular. This course would give you a qualification equivalent to GCSE Grade A-C and is absolutely FREE. It will be running from January—ask at the office for a form.

Chris Hutson Resignation

A sad farewell to Chris Hutson as our Vice-Chair of Governors. Chris has served on the Governing Body for a number of years and has been extremely supportive and active in moving the school forward. He has taken a keen interest in the education and learning of our pupils and was a huge success as a group leader on our residential trip to the Peak District earlier this year. Chris was our designated Local Authority appointed Governor and we are now awaiting to hear from the LA with regard to his replacement. I am sure you would like to join the staff at Easton in thanking Chris for all his hard work and wishing him all the best for the future.

Cheryl Singleton

CONGRATULATIONS TO LORD CUNLIFFE

Lord Roger Cunliffe has recently been awarded an Honorary Doctorate at the University of Suffolk as part of the University's first graduation; his was one of six such awards. The awarding of Honorary Doctorates played a significant role in the first university

award ceremonies. “The Honorary Graduates were chosen for their contribution to life in Suffolk and further afield...”

Lord Roger Cunliffe, who has lived for many years at The Broadhurst in Brandeston, was educated at Eton, Trinity College Cambridge and the Open University. Formerly an architect, he worked for RMJM (architects for the new UCS building), designed university buildings in the USA, and was the Director of the Architectural Association and of its continuing education centre. He has served on the governing bodies of Lancing College, Goldsmith’s College, and the College of Estate Management. In the crafts he has been Patron of Skillbuild (national competitions in the construction crafts), Chairman of the Suffolk Craft Society, and Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths’ Company (where he remains on the governing body).

We thank Lord and Lady Cunliffe for their help and interest in community life and hope that they will continue to find fulfilment in public life. Congratulations again!

GV

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CARDS IN BRANDESTON

It has been suggested that instead of sending Christmas cards to friends & neighbours in Brandeston, a collection be set up where you can add your name and give a donation to the East Anglia's Children's Hospices. Alan Randall is happy for this to be set up at the Queen's Head, so look out for it at the beginning of December.'

Anne Hayward

SAVE YOUR STAMPS!

Please save your stamps from all your Christmas post, as they can be used to raise funds for St Elizabeth Hospice. Stamps can be delivered to Pat Bishop, at “Good Years”, Kettleburgh (the old post office), or brought to the Kettleburgh Coffee Mornings on the first Friday of each month.

CHILDREN’S SOCIETY BOXES

I will be emptying your boxes early in January so now is the time to give them a shake to see how full they are!

Pat Peck

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

I am the Group Leader for the Cubs, Scouts and Beavers who meet in Kettleburgh Village Hall. Since we started meeting here, about 2 years ago now, we have reached the point where we have almost 50 young members of the movement using the hall. With

this success comes the need for more Leaders and Helpers and are now on the look out for new volunteers.

It occurs to me that there may be people who live in the village who would like to help at our pack, colony or troop meetings. I am sending this to you to canvas your support by volunteering or passing this on to someone you think may be interested in helping. We are having a meeting at 7pm on Fri 21/11/08 at my house, Bridge Cottage, Kettleburgh Road, Framlingham IP13 9SD to review how we use our current leaders and helpers to best manage the sections. Anyone interested in helping would be very welcome to come along to the meeting to find out more.

There is lots of information about scouting at www.scouts.org.uk and if anyone would like to talk to me about this at any time then please call me or Steve on 723712 or mob. 07919 852239.

Mrs Julie Lovett

FdSc.

CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR MAGAZINE?

I am looking for help in producing our monthly magazine. If you have a little spare time, would you be prepared to help with either of the following roles?

- taking on some of the typing - either cover for when I have other commitments (occasional), or sharing the job on a rota
- liaison/coordinator, organising magazine covers and articles from each village on main events

If you can help, please give me a call on 01728 724777 (after 6.30pm Mon-Thur or anytime Fri-Sun). Thank you.

Val

Butcher

BRANDESTON PARISH PLAN

At the Brandeston Parish Council meeting on 12 November 2008, the Council were delighted to formally receive the Brandeston Parish Plan prepared by the Steering Group. The Council thanked the Group for their efforts in producing a superb document and were pleased to pass on the complimentary remarks of our District and County Councillors.

The Council has carried out a preliminary assessment of the document from which it is clear that the wish most strongly expressed by residents for the future is that Brandeston should remain unchanged. This will be the primary initial focus of the Council's response to the Plan. In particular, the Council will take full account of these views when responding to the Suffolk Coastal District Council Local Development Framework

Core Strategy Document which will be published shortly. This latter document includes proposals for future housing developments in the Suffolk Coastal District.

However, the Council intend to react to all possible areas, within their remit and responsibilities, set out in the Plan. In view of the very considerable number of these and their very widespread coverage, the Council is seeking volunteers to assist. This is an opportunity for residents to play a significant role in keeping Brandeston the desirable place to live that the Plan shows is your overwhelming view. You can contact me on 01728-685357 or email : mark@fairfields.plus.com

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 21 January 2009 at 8.00 pm at the village hall. All residents are encouraged to attend.

*Mark Hounsell
Clerk to Brandeston Parish Council*

CANCER CAMPAIGN IN SUFFOLK

We would like the help of all your parishioners. We are the Cancer Campaign in Suffolk your local cancer charity we are not part of any large national charity and every penny raised, is spent in Suffolk for the benefit of local people. The charity was formed in 1998, the aims being to improve access to high quality information, prevention, education and support services to cancer patients, their families and carer's in Suffolk. In 2004 the Cancer Campaign in Suffolk's first major project was the John LeVay Cancer Information Centre in the north end of Ipswich Hospital. The centre offers expert advice and information on all aspects of cancer and its treatment. We have recently extended our input into the centre by employing a 2nd specialist cancer nurse and 5 complementary therapists who offer free treatments to cancer patients, as well as continuing to provide the centre's running costs.

We would like to involve your local community in our charity by becoming members of our community fund raising team. We would also like the support of your community groups, organizations and clubs to consider raising funds for us in their fundraising activities. To get involved call our campaign's office 0845 602 6607 or email:karen@cancercampaigninsuffolk.co.uk

We have some very exciting future plans one of which is to provide a mobile unit that will make cancer information, prevention, education and support available in your local area. Our ambitions are huge but that's because we feel that Suffolk deserves the best so our mobile unit will be state of the art and with a professional medical team on board. We estimate the cost will be approx £1.5million (including 3 years running costs) and we hope it will offer services that Suffolk has never had available before.

If you would like to know more about the Cancer Campaign in Suffolk call our campaign's office on: tel/fax 0845 602 6607 (all calls are at a local rate call charge) or visit our website www.cancercampaigninsuffolk.co.uk.

Thank you.

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Putting Suffolk Coastal on Screen!

With over 3,000 enquiries a year filming thrives in the East of England so how can Suffolk Coastal's residents and businesses benefit?

With *Quantum of Solace* flying onto the big screen on 31 October, the East of England once again landed a piece of the Bond action with Daniel Craig undergoing months of training at Bodyflight in Bedfordshire, learning how to body fly for a special effects sequence. Bedfordshire also had a starring role in the recent BBC's Dickens adaptation of *Little Dorrit*. So how can Suffolk Coastal's residents and businesses get involved?

The Suffolk Coastal district has recently welcomed filming for BBC's *Top Gear* and *Dog Borstal* to Bentwaters Park and has also provided a backdrop for commercials and television serials such as *Britain from Above*, *A Picture of Britain*, *Coastal Kitchen*, *The Inspector Lynley Mysteries* and *The Secret of Eel Island*. The county of Suffolk has starred in a number of feature films such as Golden Globe nominees *Tomorrow Never Dies* (1997) and *Eyes Wide Shut* (1999) and the Oscar winning *Iris* (2001). Interestingly the director of *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe* (2005), also an Oscar winner, digitally surveyed Kentwell Hall to recreate it as the Professor's house!

Screen East, the government funded regional screen agency, receives over 3,000 enquiries a year from productions looking for locations, crew and services. During

2007/08 an estimated £22.9 million was spent in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. However, only £825,500 was actually spent in Suffolk. Suffolk Coastal, the County Council and Ipswich Borough Council have therefore formed partnerships with Screen East through service level agreements. By working collectively, the aim is to support Screen East in sourcing new locations and service providers to attract more productions to film on location in Suffolk. Whilst productions are often based at a studio, many seek locations ranging from houses or flats, to barns, warehouses, shops, churches, schools, farms, retail parks, hotels and B&Bs – the lists go on!

Location filming can provide a valuable boost to the local economy through location fees and the purchase of local services, but if a film or television drama proves popular, it can encourage tourism. More and more viewers are visiting locations open to the public which appear on screen. For example, Stephen Fry's *Kingdom* which is shot almost entirely on location in Norfolk and supported by Screen East and Norfolk County Council, is actively bringing visitors to the county.

If your community would like to benefit, Screen East is seeking new locations of all types and conditions. They are particularly interested in large, period or ultra contemporary houses, vacant or derelict industrial buildings and replicas of London or northern streets, but if you think you have, or know of, a location that might be worthy of the big or small screen contact Screen East. They'd also like to hear from companies that can supply services to a film crew such as dry cleaners, florists, wood suppliers and cleaning companies. To register FREE call 01923 495051, e-mail locations@screeeast.co.uk or visit www.screeeast.co.uk.

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

TIMES PAST

The Hearth Tax was levied from the Spring of 1662 until the Spring of 1689. In other words from the 14th year of the reign of Charles II, through the 4 years reign of James II, being abolished in the 1st year of the reign of William and Mary. It was a most unpopular demand for money.

In Suffolk we still have the returns for 1674, the 26th reign year of Charles II. These records are important to local historians as they provide an indication of the size of each assessed house at the time.

The tax, paid by the occupier not the landlord, was two shillings for each fire hearth or stove, which was collected at Lady Day, March 25th and Michaelmas, September 29th. Exempt from payment were those in receipt of poor relief, those inhabiting houses worth less than 20 shillings per annum, or charitable institutions, such as almshouses or schools. Blacksmiths and bakers were liable to pay.

Brandeston had to pay for a total of 97 hearths in the houses of 30 parishioners. These included 9 belonging to Henry Stebbinge, gentleman which would be the Priory and 4 in the Vicarage, now the Broadhurst where the Reverend Nicholas Candler lived. There were 16 at Brandeston Hall in the occupation of William Knights. No mention is made of the Revett family who owned the property at that time. During the period round 1674 three marriages of Revetts took place in Brandeston but all these were recorded as living at Dennington. The only reference to Knights in the registers is the baptism in 1673 of Rose to William and Joan Knights. If only we knew more!

Nine exempt poor were named with 10 hearths between them, while the 'alms houses' with 5 hearts were also free from liability.

Kettleburgh had a total of 62 hearths in the houses of 22 parishioners. The largest number of 6 were in the residence of Francis, the surname being unreadable through the age of the document. 5 hearths were in the occupation of John Dawson. He and his wife Sarah Dawson had three children baptised in Kettleburgh during the 1670's, so they were resident for some time in the village but that is all that has been discovered about them. The Reverend Jacob Chilton who lived at the Rectory, now Holly House, had 4 hearths.

'John Jennings' forge is recorded. This must be the John Jennings who, with Alice his wife, had two children baptised in 1669 and 1674. Later in 1679, as a blacksmith, he made a will while he still lived in Kettleburgh.

Twelve villagers with a total of 16 hearths had a 'Certificate of Poverty'. There was no almshouse. However, it all makes interesting reading and helps to give some idea of life in the two parishes 334 years ago.

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Brandeston

7th

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28th

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7th

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Val Butcher

14th

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Margaret Meadows

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Christine Matthews and Don Evans

Sue Scott

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Helen Fletcher and Karen Piper

Alison Gibson

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