

## THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

### Dear Friends

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people of good will.”

This was the message received, two thousand years ago, by some shepherds on the hills near Bethlehem. Not surprisingly they were amazed.

Perhaps they were amazed because the message was in such marked contrast to the world they knew. It was a world in which “authority” meted out violence against anyone who stepped out of line, power was asserted through political, religious and economic repression, and poverty, disease and abuse were endemic among the weak and the exploited.

Perhaps they were amazed that anyone should give them any sort of message at all. In the divided society of their day, the status of shepherds counted for nothing, so they would never have expected anyone to go out of their way to tell them anything at all.

Perhaps they were amazed because the message was delivered by what seemed to be an “extra-terrestrial”!

Today, if such a message were delivered to us, would we be amazed?

Amazed because today, violence and terror still stalk the earth, repression continues and there are still millions of people who are weak and exploited? Or, amazed that a message of comfort and reassurance had actually reached us through the torrent of “spam” information that pours over us from goodness knows where? Or, amazed simply because we’ve never seen an angel before?

Of course, there are all sorts of reasons for us to be amazed. Amazed that God still has a message for us. And, amazed that his intent for the world remains unchanged. And, amazed that peace is still God’s way, even when mankind has done all that we have done in over two thousand years to prove that peace can be overwhelmed by the force of power, and that people of good will have never achieved very much.

Even though it amazes me, I still think that that message, that the angels gave the shepherds all those years ago that that particular baby had been born in Bethlehem, is the most wonderful antidote to cynicism and corruption, is the most eloquent answer to arrogance and abuse, and is the best possible basis for hope for people living today; and that God’s way should involve something so joyful, so simple and so profound as the birth of a baby . . . well, glory to God, that’s amazing too!

I hope you enjoy a simply wonderful Christmas.

With very best wishes

Robin

**PLEASE NOTE: From January 2010, the monthly “letter” in the Parish Magazine will be written in turn by Canon Harry Edwards, the Rev Robin Alderson and other members of the “Ministry Team” in the Benefice.**

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**Cover:** Thank you to Charlotte for drawing a lovely festive cover for this month’s magazine.

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<b>DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2009</b>		
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	<u>Wine Club</u> at Brandeston Village Hall. Book your place with Martin Churchill – 685303. The theme will be Christmas wines with food.
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Brandeston Church Christmas Fair</u> in Brandeston Village Hall
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	<u>Christingle service</u> at Brandeston Church
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	From 4pm	<u>Light up a Life</u> in Framlingham – see below.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>		<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 2009.

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “A Christmas Carol” at Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am – 2.00pm	<u>Christmas Fair</u> in Easton Village Hall
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<u>Trip to Southwold</u> leaving Queen’s Head at 9.30. Tickets from Pat Morgan 685378 - £10 each.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	From 5pm	<u>Kettleburgh Countdown to Christmas</u> at Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<u>Christingle service</u> at Easton Church
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	<u>Christingle and gift service</u> at Kettleburgh Church – see below.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	<u>Carol Singing</u> at Easton – meet on the green.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 – 8.00pm	<u>Carol Singing</u> in Brandeston Queen’s Head
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	<u>Phoenix Concert</u> St. Michael's Church, Framlingham - Music and Readings for Christmas.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9am-1pm	<u>Christmas Farmers Market</u> at Easton Farm Park – see below.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Old Chapel Candlelit Evening</u> - see below
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<u>Carol service</u> at the crib at Brandeston Church (Please bring gifts)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	<u>Carol Service</u> at Easton Church
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	<u>Carol Singing</u> in Kettleburgh – meet at Village Hall
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)	10.00am	<u>COSMIC Club Nativity Play Crib</u> at Easton Church
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	<u>Service of 9 Lessons and Carols</u> at Kettleburgh Church
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	<u>Midnight Holy Communion</u> for Christmas at Brandeston Church
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)	10.00am	<u>Family service of Holy Communion for Christmas</u> at Easton Church
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<u>Informal Christmas Day Service</u> , Carols, Crackers and Holy Communion at Kettleburgh Church

### **REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THIS CHRISTMAS**

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

St Elizabeth Hospice's Light up a Life appeal invites everyone, not just those touched by hospice care.

A special event in Framlingham will bring together people who are missing a loved one at this often difficult time of year.

There will be Christmas carols, music and readings as well as a time for reflection.

It takes place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, from 4pm as part of the Christmas Market on Market Hill.

For more information regarding Light up a Life please contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600, email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

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### **BRANDESTON FILM CLUB**

The film club is always held on the second Friday of the month in the village hall. New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free.

**11<sup>th</sup> December** – A Christmas Carol - the 1938 version of Dicken's great classic Christmas story – in colour!

**8<sup>th</sup> January** – The Edge of Love. The life story of Dylan Thomas featuring two feisty, free-spirited women who are connected by the brilliant, charismatic poet who loves them both.

**12<sup>th</sup> February** – Slum Dog Millionaire – the recent acclaimed film about a boy from the slums of Mumbai. *Sue Thurlow*

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### **KETTLEBURGH COUNTS DOWN TO CHRISTMAS**

Come along to Kettleburgh Village Hall on **Saturday 12th December** for the Kettleburgh Countdown to Christmas. The Village Hall Committee is providing mulled wine and mince pies and the Christmas tree outside the hall. There will be Christmas music and time to catch up with friends before the Christmas rush begins. The hall will be open from 5:00p.m and at 5:30 we will start the countdown to turning on the Christmas tree lights. Come and sing a carol or two around the tree. Look out for posters around the village and put the date in your diary.

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**Kettleburgh Christingle and Gift Service**  
**11:00a.m. Sunday 13 December**  
**St Andrew's Church**

Bring along a wrapped gift to be given to  
a child cared for by  
The Ormiston Trust in Ipswich.

Receive a Christingle and  
learn what this special symbol means.

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**EASTON FARM PARK FARMERS MARKET**

Every month local producers bring an amazing array of their delicious foods including organic meats, sausages, vegetables, fish, cheeses, preserves, juices, bread, cakes etc, also various crafts including jewellery. This takes place on the fourth Saturday, 9am-1pm, admission free – normal activities included.

Please note the December market, which will include special Christmas activities, will be on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Sylvia Keene*

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**BRANDESTON OLD CHAPEL CANDLELIT EVENING** – Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £5 - available from the Brandeston Thursday Coffee Morning or from Sue Thurlow 685673 from early December. Also available on the door but, to aid catering, it would be good to know approx. numbers beforehand.

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.

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**CAROL SINGING IN KETTLEBURGH** – Tuesday 22 December

As usual, we meet outside the Village Hall at 6:00p.m, and then make our way round the village to sing carols and bring the Christmas message to your doors. We will be collecting for the Children's Society. We will finish by singing in the Chequers at around 7.45pm. Come and join us to sing – you will be most welcome.

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**ADVANCED NOTICES**

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> January & Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<b>Whist Drives</b> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
18 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30pm	<b>Mardle</b> at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall – see below
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>Kettleburgh Pantomime</b> – see below

**CALLING ALL CARD PLAYERS .....**

We are opening 2010 with two Whist Drives in January on the 2nd and 29<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 6.30pm. ready for a prompt start to play at 7.00pm on both occasions. All those who enjoy playing cards are most welcome to attend. You are guaranteed an enjoyable evening in convivial company with great refreshments in the interval. All this for just £2.50 per person. Previous experience of Whist is not essential. If you wish to take part, please phone Pam or Rick Reade on 685920 so that we can approximate the number of tables required for each evening. Payment can be made at the door on the night.

Will regular players please note that there will be no Whist Drive in December as the last Friday in that month falls on Christmas Day and Santa Claus requires your presence at home with your families.

*Pam and Rick Reade*

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**MARDLE – “NUTRITION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC”**

**OR “COCONUTS, CORAL AND CANNIBALS”**

Jane Pollock of Easton will be our first speaker in the New Year: she has a degree in agriculture, and after gaining a certificate in Education, she became an agricultural officer in the colonial service in Uganda. This was followed by a post in the South Pacific Health Service, promoting good nutrition in many different developing countries. This will be an exceptionally interesting talk.

7.30pm in Easton and Letheringham Village Hall. Admission £6 which includes a drink and canapés. Everyone welcome. *Sylvia Keene*

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**KETTLEBURGH PANTOMIME**

Tickets for Jack and the Beanstalk are on sale now! Phone the Box Office - 01728 723623 to get your tickets. Performance dates are: February 4th, 5th and 6th at 7.30 pm. with a matinee on Saturday 6th at 2.30 pm.

Come along and see all your favourite characters - the Dame, the beautiful Princess, the handsome Hero, the Cow with attitude, the really nasty Villain and his master, the Giant, the all singing, all dancing chorus - what more could you possibly want? Laugh with them, sing with them - just be there. You'll enjoy it. Oh, yes, you will!

*Liz Marzetti*

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**PAST EVENTS**

**“MORE MELODEON MAGIC”**

The follow-up to “Melodeon Magic” of 2007 was an even greater success, if possible. Arranged by Valerie and Trevor Follows and Mary Moore, a line up of 12 entertainers provided a splendid performance of traditional music and songs, Suffolk humour, jig-dolls and - especially captivating for the capacity audience – step dancing by two talented children (aged 7 and 9), dressed in period style.

Proceeds were in aid of Mid Suffolk Carriage Driving for the Disabled, whose members provided delicious refreshments, which were greatly appreciated by entertainers and audience alike. Thanks to everyone’s generosity (none of our contributors claimed expenses), we had the pleasure of handing over the grand total of £930 to this very worthy cause; surely the crowning touch to a happy and successful evening. Our grateful thanks to all who supported our event in any way.

*Mary Moore*

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**AUTOJUMBLE**

A combination of great organisation and the usual amazing advertising resulted in yet another very successful "Kettle Boiling" autojumble. The kettle WAS boiling in the refreshment tent for many hundreds of people on Sunday when we were blessed with a warm sunny day. They came from as far as Northampton, Bedford and south Essex bringing money into the village from outside. Without the help from so many Kettleburgh folk we could not cope with the parking of vehicles and the provision of food from the BBQ and the tea marquee, and we thank all those who very happily gave their time. After the July event we realised that the marquee is looking the worse for wear and some of the money from this autojumble will provide a new marquee....hence the one off second event this year. The remainder of the money raised will go to St. Elizabeth Hospice. Again, thank you to everyone.

*Barbara and Derek Holt, Anne and John*

*Bater*

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### **BONFIRE NIGHT**

With a fine night, a huge bonfire and lots of donated fireworks Guy Fawkes night went with a swing. Sausages and burgers were on sale from the BBQ and the mulled wine, with a 'special' secret ingredient, was a great success.

Many thanks indeed to Martin Churchill and his team for organising the fireworks and to Tim Owens and those who helped collect the 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 which raised £130 for village hall funds. This event was held in the field behind the Old Vicarage by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. John King.

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### **SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA 2009**

Thank you to everyone who filled a shoeboxes for the Link Romania charity this year. In total, eighteen boxes were sent from Kettleburgh. They were taken on the first leg of their journey to a garage in Wickham Market. From there, they are packed into large boxes and taken to Worthing, where they are transferred to container lorries ready for the trip across Europe to Romania. All the items included in the boxes are things that we can buy easily and take for granted. We hope they will make Christmas a little bit more special for the families who receive them.

*Jackie Clark*

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### **KETTLEBURGH QUIZ**

Many thanks to everyone who helped with or attended the Quiz evening on 21<sup>st</sup> November, which was very entertaining and raised £571.50 for St. Andrew's Church funds.

### **MARDLE**

Last month, at the October Mardle, John Sculpher gave us an eloquent dissertation, accompanied by slides, on the advantages of rail over air travel, reminding us of, as well as lesser known prototypes, the demise of concorde.

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**BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

Please note latest result for November 2009 :-

1<sup>st</sup> prize – Richard Martin  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Brenda Martin  
Yes, really !!

December draw will be held at the Christmas Fair at the village hall

*Hounsell*

*Mark*

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**KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY**

Draw - November 2009

1st Prize E. Davies  
2nd Prize J. Clark

*Trevor Jessop*

**NOTICES**



**HAVING A PRE-CHRISTMAS CLEAR OUT? THEN WHY NOT HELP THE HOSPICE**

If you are thinking of updating your evening wear or replacing furniture – you could help St Elizabeth Hospice.

The Hospice is looking for donations of good quality furniture to sell in some of their shops in East Suffolk and they will even collect them from your home.

The funds raised through the shops enable St Elizabeth Hospice, which marked its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary last month, to continue to make a real difference to the lives of their patients and families, friends and carers.

This month donations of evening wear are also needed as the party season gets under way.

The Hospice is asking people to donate any formal evening wear or party dresses that they do not want anymore during an Evening Wear Amnesty. They would also like menswear, dinner jackets, ties and accessories such as bags, shoes and shawls. You may even find inspiration that week for an outfit to buy for a party this Christmas or New Year. Christmas cards, wrapping paper and diaries are available to buy from the shop in Thoroughfare, Woodbridge, and you can also pop in for ideas for festive gifts. **If you have any furniture that you would like to donate, please contact our Meredith Road shop, 3 - 5 Meredith Road, Ipswich, IP1 6ED on 01473 744080 Monday – Saturday 9.00am – 4.00pm**

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### **LEATHERINGHAM VILLAGE SIGN**

Passers by will have seen that our new village 'sign' is now in place. The following is a history of its conception and execution.

The Millstone was dug up from the grounds of Letheringham Mill where it was being used as a garden plinth. Hillary Allen kindly gave the millstone to the village so that it could be used for a village sign.

The Millstone is made from segments of French Burr stone, a form of quartzite. This type of stone was imported from outside Paris to England for the milling of fine, white, flour from about the mid 1700's onward.

The blocks of stone came over to England by boat from one quarry at La Ferte sous Jouarre (just east of Paris) and were made up at the various millwrights yards, many of which were in Dover Street, London.

Our millstone is estimated by experts at Nottingham University to be about 200 years old. It takes approximately 60 years of continuous use for a stone to wear down to the point where it has to be discarded.

A number of local artists, traditional craftsmen and villagers all helped to create the village sign. These were:

John Tiplady, a wheelwright from Martlesham, who re-banded the millstone using a metal tyre from a very large and old cartwheel.

Ian Melton's team at East Suffolk Welding constructed the frame which holds the cartwheel at an angle of 60 degrees.

Laurence Edwards, the renowned local sculptor, cast the bronze lettering which incorporates organic material and are symbolic of the landscape in and around Letheringham. For example, the E incorporates moss and wild cherries taken from St Mary's Church yard and the T incorporates material collected from the site of the original Augustinian priory.

The bronze letters were made by Marion Brown, Polly Fitch, Maurice Finch, Jean Barer, Terence Carlin, Roger and Sylvia Keene.

Brian Ansell, a Master Mason, helped restore the millstone and also fixed the bronze lettering to the face of the millstone. Brian was recently in the news as he has carved a replica stone sceptre at Sutton Hoo for the National Trust. Finally, John Bates and Maurice Finch were instrumental in constructing the circular flint plinth, which is exactly 4ft in diameter so as to match the millstone. The frame is inscribed with a series of numbers that give the exact longitude and latitude of the location so as to help any lost souls that may need to find their way! The sign was funded by Letheringham Parish Council with a kind contribution from the Easton Festival Fund.

*Sylvia Keene*

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### **SUFFOLK SAFEKEY**

What would happen if an incident occurred at your property, and you couldn't be contacted?

Suffolk SAFEKey, Suffolk Constabulary's keyholder service, gives you the opportunity to register nominated keyholders for your property.

A keyholder is someone you trust such as a friend who lives near your property and has access to your premises in your absence. Having a nominated keyholder helps ensure that should an incident happen at your property, the Police are able to contact a person nominated by yourself, helping to ensure greater peace of mind that an incident can be dealt with as swiftly as possible by Suffolk Constabulary.

Benefits of registering with Suffolk SAFEKey are:

- Storage to a maximum of 4 keyholders for business premises and 2 for a residential property;
- Contact details for property owners GP;
- Storage of information relating to hazardous materials or other potential dangers;
- Details of a preferred plumber, window boarder/glazier;
- Secure and encrypted online management of your registration via a dedicated website 24 hours a day;
- Noise pollution from a false alarm may more readily be reduced through speedier notification to Local Authority, Environmental Health Officers; and
- Dedicated customer support team open during office hours.

As Suffolk SAFEKey is an additional service offered by Suffolk Constabulary, there is an annual fee. As a member of Police Direct an introductory fee of £6 for a residential property is available to you (normal registration fee is £12).

To register your property visit:

[www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk](http://www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk) or contact the registration hotline on 08444 121 802 (when registering online select Police Direct on the final screen to get your discounted rate).

Funding generated by Suffolk SAFEKey registrations will support Suffolk Constabulary's charity, the Safer Suffolk Foundation. The Safer Suffolk Foundation aims to support projects and organisations that are looking to address policing, community safety and quality of life issues for those people living and working in Suffolk.

To find out more visit the Safer Suffolk Foundation website.

Although registration is not mandatory, this service is highly recommended by Suffolk Constabulary

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### **NUCLEAR POWER STATION CONSULTATION**

The Government is consulting on its draft Nuclear National Policy Statement and list of sites, including Sizewell, around the country that might be suitable for new nuclear power stations.

We would like to hear your views. The draft Nuclear National Policy Statement explains how sites are assessed, why we need new nuclear power and the Government's policy on managing radioactive waste safely. It will set the framework for planning decisions on new nuclear power stations. A local exhibition giving information about the draft nuclear National Policy Statement and the assessment of Sizewell will be held at: Sizewell Sports and Social Club from 3rd - 4th December 2009 and at Leiston Community Centre on 5th December 2009. A public discussion will also be held on the morning of Saturday 5th December at Sizewell Sports and Social Club. Please visit [www.nuclear-nps-events.info](http://www.nuclear-nps-events.info) for further information on location and timings and to register for the public session. Alternatively if you wish to register for the public session by telephone please contact 0845 004 8841. How do I take part in consultation? Visit the local exhibition and record your comments. Take part in this public discussion. Respond to the consultation online, by post or at events. Read the documents at [www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk](http://www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk). This is your opportunity to make your voice heard. We look forward to your comments.

With kind regards,

The team at the Office for Nuclear Development  
Department for Energy and Climate Change

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### **VILLAGE WEBSITES**

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

[www.brandeston.net](http://www.brandeston.net)

[www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk)

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### **MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

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

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## TIMES PAST

Looking at the old money ledger 1924-1949 used by the Kettleburgh Parish Room, now the Village Hall, Committee is an interesting experience. It dates back to the spring of 1924 when the building work commenced. Five shilling shares were sold to finance the project which cost £250, interest being paid on these.

The new, wooden Parish Room was opened by Lady Huntingfield, an American from New York on July 31<sup>st</sup> 1924. Lord Huntingfield, a member of the Vanneck family was the 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet. He had bought twenty shares at the beginning of May for the price of £5.0.0, a lot of money in those days. The Vannecks lived at Heveningham Hall.

It is also instructive to see how money was accumulated by the Committee then. The July drawing or ploughing matches were a regular source of profit during the 1930's; the jubilee of George V and Coronation of George VI were also helpful.

When the war started in September 1939 the Hall was sometimes hired by the Red Cross or the Cadet Corps. There were events such as 'Wings for Victory', 'Salute the Soldier', and the issue of ration books by the Blyth Rural District Council. Dances, Dart Matches, and Whist Drives were held, all of these under the light of oil lamps, electric light was far in the future.

All this ties in with the announcement in November's magazine that the old hinged side benches have been brought back into use.

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## CHURCH CLEANING

### Brandeston

6<sup>th</sup> Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper  
13<sup>th</sup> Peter and Trish Smyth  
20<sup>th</sup> Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker  
27<sup>th</sup> Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Marian Hutson and Julia Elson

### Kettleburgh

Val Butcher  
Margaret Meadows  
Sue Scott  
Alison Gibson  
Persephone Booth