

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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SEPTEMBER 2012**



THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

I write this letter in August on a hot sunny day – two days before going on holiday! And here I am attempting to write the letter for the September magazine, part of me not wanting to project that far forward. So, a compromise. Looking at the list of saints in the September diary, I came across ‘John Chrysostom’.....’Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith’. His feast day is September 13th –long enough away to make the date seem manageable and far enough ahead for you to book the date in your diary with impunity!

John was born in Antioch in about 347. He was a brilliant preacher which earned him in the sixth century the surname ‘Chrysostom’, literally ‘golden-mouthed’. He is honoured as one of the four Greek Doctors of the Church.

Against his wish he was made Patriarch of Constantinople in 397. He set about reforming the Church and exposing corruption amongst the clergy and in the Imperial administration. ‘Mules bear fortunes and Christ dies of hunger at your gate’ he is alleged to have cried out. He fell foul of the Empress Eudoxia and, in spite of the support of Pope Innocent 1 of Rome, was sent into exile twice, finally dying of exhaustion and starvation in September 407, with the words ‘Glory be to God for everything’ on his lips.

You may well recognize the prayer of St.Chrysostom at the end of Morning and Evening Prayer, which include those lovely words ‘Almighty God...who dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests...

What a wonderful prayer of assurance to us clergy!

I am off shortly to the beach to swim and sunbathe and hopefully to catch some brown shrimps as a seasonable bonus!

See you in September –

With love,
Harry Edwards.

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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Saturday 1 st	2.30 pm	<u>Kettleburgh Flower and Produce Show</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 2 nd		<u>Hospice Bike Ride</u> – see below
Thursday 6 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Thursday 6 th	6.30pm	<u>Auditions for Kettleburgh Pantomime</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below
Friday 7 th	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 7 th	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> “The Phantom of the Opera” at Brandeston Village Hall
Saturday 8 th		<u>The Church Bike Ride</u> – see below
Thursday 13 th	6.30pm	<u>Auditions for Kettleburgh Pantomime</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below
Friday 14 th	7.30pm	<u>Music at Michaelmas</u> A lively concert of traditional-style music, songs and humour at Brandeston Village Hall. Some familiar faces, some new. Wine, refreshments, raffle. Proceeds for Mid Suffolk Carriage Driving for the Disabled. Tickets £10. Phone Mary Moore: 01728 685354.

Sunday 16 th	10.30am – 4pm	<u>Autumn Plant Fair</u> at Helmingham Hall – see below
Monday 17 th	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> “The history of the Suffolk Punch and other horses” by Chris Miller, at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall – see below
Tuesday 18 th	7.30pm	<u>Benefice Bible Study</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
Friday 21 st	10am – 4pm	<u>Polly and Tessa Newcomb’s painting day</u> – see below
Saturday 22 nd	9am – 1pm	<u>Farmers’ Market</u> at Easton Farm Park
Tuesday 25 th	7.30pm	<u>Easton WI</u> talk by well-known local weather man Steve Weston, at Easton Village Hall. This is an open evening when partners and visitors are invited too. The WI new year commences in October when the year’s subscription is due. Enquiries to Ann Parkinson on 01728 746879.
Wednesday 26 th	7.45pm	<u>Table Tennis</u> resumes at Brandeston Village Hall – all welcome.
Friday 28 th	6.30pm for 7pm start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.

KETTLEBURGH FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW – Sat. 1st September

This year’s show will take place on Saturday 1st September with classes for vegetables, flowers, fruit, cookery, and photography. Come and view the entries from 2.30 pm. There will be refreshments, a raffle and a chance to chat. Surplus and donated produce is sold at 4.30 pm. Schedules available from Peter Arbon, 1 The Oaks, Brandeston (685304) or Claire Norman, 2 Redroofs, Kettleburgh (724372). The photography classes are as below:-

- Photographs: 1. The Best of British
2. Summertime

If you are able to help with the preparations on Friday or on the day itself please let Claire Norman or Jackie Clark know. Remember you don’t need to be an expert to enter and if you’d like advice on how to stage something we’re all willing to help.

Claire

Norman

GET ON YOUR BIKE IN FRAMLINGHAM FOR ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Cyclists are asked to get into gear for a fundraising ride called On Your Bike! in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

Whether you are a serious cyclist or want a family ride out, you will be welcome to take part in the event on Sunday 2nd September starting from Framlingham College.

There are four distances to choose from all starting from: 75 mile, 50 mile, 15 mile or a family three mile ride.

Cyclists are asked to raise sponsorship and all proceeds will help the Hospice, an independent charity which costs £8.7m a year to run, provide services free of charge for patients in Suffolk and Norfolk as well as support for their relatives and carers.

Entry fees in advance are £15 for the longer rides and £7 for the 15 mile circuit. The family three mile ride is £4 per person or £20 for a family ticket (max two adults and three children). Rides start between 9am and 10.30am.

To register online for On Your Bike! visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk.

Please note that the family ticket is not available for online registration. Please contact the Hospice for a registration form on 01473 723600.

KETTLEBURGH PANTOMIME

The next production by the world famous Kettleburgh Players will be 'Red Riding Hood'. Auditions will be held on Thursday 6th September and Thursday 13th September, in Kettleburgh Village Hall, starting at 6.30 pm.

Rehearsals are held on Thursdays and we try to start at 6.30 and finish at 8.30 pm. It is a school night!

We welcome anyone who is 8 years or over or at Key Stage 2.

So, if you want to try for a part - speaking or non-speaking, or put your name down as a helper in any way at all, please come along.

We usually have a break for half-term and Christmas and the production dates will be the week before half-term in February 2013

Do come along and give it a try - it's fun! Oh, yes, it is!

If you need further information, my number is 01473 737 123 or

lizmarzetti@btinternet.com

Looking forward to seeing all the old hands and some new ones, I hope.

Liz Marzetti

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

September 7th – Phantom of the Opera starring Gerard Butler , Emmy Rossum and Patrick Wilson. A disfigured musical genius, hidden away in the Paris Opera House, terrorizes the opera company for the unwitting benefit of a young protégée whom he trains and loves.

October 12th – The Debt starring Helen Mirren, Tom Wilkinson and Ciaran Hinds.

An espionage thriller involving Mossad secret agents who track down a Nazi war criminal
With suspense, starting action and surprising revelations.

November 16th – The Help starring Emma Stone, Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer. A story about a book written by a African-American maid and the experiences of hardship of daily life.

December 14th – We Bought a Zoo – starring Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson and Thomas Haden Church. Set in southern California, a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo. A feel-good family film.

Sue Thurlow

THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE

Saturday 8th September 2012

It will be a wonderful way to enjoy a bike ride and also make some money for our two churches (Brandeston and Kettleburgh).

Sponsor forms and lists of churches open are available from

Pat Peck – Kettleburgh 621144

Ruth Garratt – Brandeston 685233

Ruth Garratt

FIRST MARDLE OF THE SEASON – The History of the Suffolk Punch and other heavy horses.

Monday 17th September, Easton Village Hall, 730pm - £6 donation includes a drink and canapés.

We are very fortunate in having Chris Miller, author and historian, to start our Mardle season. He has been involved with the Suffolk Punch Trust at Hollesley since its inception in 2002, and will take us right back to country life in East Anglia before full-scale mechanisation replaced the heavy horses as the power on the land: illustrated by slides from as far back as the late nineteenth century to the present day.

This presentation is really not to be missed!

Roger and Sylvia Keene

PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM

AUTUMN PLANT FAIR

Sunday 16 September 2012

10.30-4.00

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THE BENEFICE BIBLE STUDY

The monthly Benefice Bible Study, this year on the **THIRD** Tuesday of the month, is starting in September. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday 18 September at 7.30pm in the Kettleburgh (to be confirmed) Village Hall.

This Autumn we are going to look at the whole Bible – a sort of over-view. We will look at the whole range of the Books of the Bible to find out when and why they were written, and why they are included in the Bible and what is the point of us reading them today.

Do please bring your own Bible – it doesn't matter which translation it is!

These evenings are entirely open and free. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. Everyone and anyone who wishes to come is invited and will be warmly welcomed. The aim of the evening is for each of us to discover more about the Bible, so that we understand more when we read it either by ourselves or when we hear passages read in Church. A cup of coffee or tea is a welcome feature of the evening.

We hope these Bible Studies are both interesting AND enjoyable. Once again, we will be interested to hear what you have to say about them so that we can make these sessions as helpful and as entertaining as possible.

RA



“Whatever were Christians doing bothering about old bones?”

Come and find out at an illustrated talk by Charles Freeman in Brandeston Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday September 20th.

Tickets costing £7.50 including cheese and wine are available from the Brandeston coffee morning, on the door or ring 685807.

Proceeds to All Saints' Church Funds



POLLY AND TESSA NEWCOMB'S PAINTING DAY – Friday 21st Sept.

Come and join them at Polly's house and lovely riverside garden from 10am to 4pm; Tessa will be on hand to give tuition if needed. Beginners and experienced artists in any medium are welcome. The cost will be £25 including morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. Please phone Polly ffitich on 01728 747449 to reserve a place.

Roger and Sylvia Keene

THE BIG BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE IS BACK – Friday 28th Sept

No Gold Medals, no Flags, no Bells just one Silver Whistle - the Big Brandeston Whist Drive is back ! Pam and Rick Reade would love to see you participating at Brandeston Village Hall on Friday, 28th September, 2012. Doors will open at 6.30 p.m. for a prompt start to play at 7.00 p.m. A great selection of fine wines and choice of delicious, locally-produced refreshments will be available during the evening. The cost of entry remains the same as always - just £2.50 per person inclusive of wine and refreshments. All are welcome - even those who are new to the game of Whist but would like to learn. If you turn up once you'll be hooked on it for the whole season.

If you would like to attend please telephone Rick or Pam on 685920 to book your place. Giving us this advance notice really helps us to plan the number of tables we require.

Rick and Pam

Reade

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 6 th Oct.	7.30pm	Brandeston Village Horkey – see below.
Saturday 6 th Oct.		Day trip to Cambridge – it will be an opportunity to shop, sight-see and attend evensong. Cost will be £20 per person. It is important to ring Marion Brown (01728 746246) if you are interested in going on this trip as the coach is beginning to fill up.
Saturday 3 rd Nov.		Brandeston Bonfire Night in the meadow behind the Old Vicarage by kind permission of Mr. And Mrs. John King. Hot Dogs and mulled wine available. As usual a BIG FAT FIREWORK per family please to Martin Churchill on the morning of the event.

BRANDESTON VILLAGE HORKEY – Saturday, 6th October at 7.30 p.m.

This year's horkey harvest supper will follow the same tried and tested successful format of a 3-course meal followed by live entertainment. It will again be **free** but to avoid waste and help with catering the procedure will be the same as 2010.

Guests will be required to buy a ticket beforehand costing £5 - then the price of the ticket will be *refunded* on arrival at the event. All Brandeston residents and regular supporters of events in the village will be eligible to buy tickets.

Around 80 tickets will be available (governed by catering limits) on a first come, first served basis from 20th September - available from Darryl Morgan (685378) or the Thursday coffee morning. Last ticket sales on Thursday 4th October.

Sue Thurlow

FROM THE REGISTERS

PEGGY DENISE MEADOWS

Sadly we record the death of Peggy Meadows, aged 85 years, who died at Rendlesham Care Centre on 10th July 2012. A service of Celebration for her life was held on Friday 20th July followed by interment in the churchyard into her husband Wilf's grave. The church was full for the service, taken by Rev. Graham Vellacott, and there was reading by her grandchildren, Sophie and Edward. Following the service there was a reception at Brandeston Queen's Head.

Peggy Denise Meadows

Peggy Denise Dean (later nicknamed Peggy two knees), was born in the East end of London in May 1927, the penultimate child of Harry and Hettie Dean. Hettie was around 40 and Harry 60+ at the time - there then followed one more child, Tony.

Life was very hard for them all. Harry was a shoemaker by trade and Hettie had many jobs including delivery of the the local babies, taking in washing, and even had lodgers to boost the income.

Peggy's younger brother Tony, 15 months younger, seemed to bear the brunt if his older sisters' tormenting, and Peggy often recalled how her and her sister liked nothing better than to nip him under the table, and they would even go as far as bashing his head on the skirting board!

Peggy would recall, with great fondness, memories of her siblings, particularly her sister Joyce, who married a GI and lived in many places over the years, but often managed to get tours of duty back in the UK. Her older brother Mick was much like a young father to her, and they would all get together whenever they could.

After War was declared, Peggy was evacuated to Wing, where she spent several very happy years with her evacuee parents. It didn't seem to occur to her that she would have to return home, wherever that was going to be, until she was sent the royal command to return home, as she was to be a bridesmaid. Sadly this was not the truth, and in fact Hettie had secured a job for her in their new home town of Ipswich. She would often recall, with much sadness, that she was duped into this return, but had to bite the bullet and take the job at Ransomes and Rapiers.

When she was 19 she joined the Land Army, and was posted to Easton, where she met Wilf, a local lad, and the youngest of a large family also, on the farm where she was stationed. She was given the job of looking after the dairy herd, and would think nothing of cycling from Easton to Ipswich, around 18 miles, on her day off.

Peggy and Wilf became engaged and married in 1949, in her local church in Ipswich. Harry, by then 82, was very ill, but still managed to give his daughter away. Peggy always spoke of him as being a gentle man, and despite her mother's often hard and cold ways, they had a solid relationship. During Peggy's first pregnancy with her son Tony, Harry sadly died, never to meet his grandson. Peggy and Wilf settled into life in their tiny farm workers cottage, and she recalls this as being one of the happiest times of her life. They had no electricity/water/sewage, just a black range and tilly lamps.

Gillian arrived 2½ years later, and shortly after this, much to Wilf's dismay, they were landed with their second home, Uplands, passed on from Hettie, another one of her "good ideas" which had gone wrong. Uplands required a lifetime's work and dedication to haul it into the 20th century, and Wilf at that time was working 7 days a week on the farm, and then coming home to renovate the house. Hard times indeed.

Peggy had several jobs over the years, her longest being the school cook at Easton. She carried on working after Wilf retired, and then nursed him with cancer until he died in 1996. In 1997 Peggy moved to Framlingham, into the sort of modern house which Wilf would have hated, and started to embark on a life which in many ways had been denied her whilst living in a remote area outside Easton. She had never driven, and seldom saw her old friends, but seemed to somehow make the most of a simple lifestyle.

In Framlingham she joined all the clubs, and made many friends, and was often seen out in one of the local hostelrys having Sunday lunch with her new-found friends.

She was very independent, and happy, her little dog Lady keeping her company on her daily walks. Her friends Beryl, Anna and Nettie all lived close by, and they were often referred to as the "Musketees" by those who knew them.

Sadly Peggy contracted dementia, around 2005, and although she continued to live independently, following a minor op her condition worsened quite quickly. Gillian managed to help her stay at home for 2 years, but then her deterioration necessitated a move to a more secure environment.

Peggy moved into the new Rendlesham Care centre in 2009, and never seemed to question it was no longer her own home, and for a while she was able to integrate into a different way of life. Sadly her condition worsened and for the last 2 years of her life she was unable to walk or feed herself, and life became very different.

Her passing has left a big gap in her family's life and she will be very much missed by not only her family, but friends and colleagues alike. We thank God for Peggy's life. May she rest in peace.

We send our love and sympathy to Gill, Mike, Tony, Sophie, Edward and Tristan and our prayers that they may know God's comfort. GV

PAST EVENTS

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of August's draw are as follows:

1st prize Ray Pike

2nd Prize Sam and Harriet Parmentor

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for August were :-

First Patience Scott Douglas

Second Frank Eyles

September draw will take place at the village hall on Thursday 7th September

Mark

Hounsell

NOTICES

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

Mill Lane, Kettleburgh and School Lane, Hoo (either side of Kettleburgh Bridge) will be closed to traffic from 1st to 26th October, for bridge strengthening work. There will be no access for any users across the bridge during the closure. Diversion via Brandeston (past Brandeston School) or Easton (past Easton Farm Park) for vehicles. There will be a signed and marked diversion for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists – for further details see Kettleburgh Noticeboard.

KETTLEBURGH TOWN ESTATE CHARITY

This parish charity is, at the discretion of the trustees, able to make small grants to first year students in higher education who live in Kettleburgh. Any resident who will be starting a course at college or university this autumn is invited to make application in writing before 31st October to the secretary Valerie Upson, Fieldings Kettleburgh.

LINK ROMANIA SHOEBOX APPEAL 2012



Many people now contribute to this charity each year, and this is just a reminder to start thinking about items for box(es) this year. Leaflets to attach to the shoeboxes will be available at Kettleburgh coffee mornings, at the back of Kettleburgh Church and at Kettleburgh Harvest Supper. If

you would like to know more about the appeal, contact Jackie Clark (723623) or take a look at the website:

www.linkromania.co.uk/shoebbox-appeal There is a link on the Kettleburgh website (Church page). This is the 21st year of this charity. Apart from shoeboxes for Christmas (which now include shoeboxes for the elderly), current projects include: supporting children's prisons and schools in Bulgaria and the Ukraine; working parties in Moldova; a church built in the shanty town of Dallas, Iasi. Last year out of a total of 41,877 boxes delivered to families in Romania, Moldova, Albania, Bulgaria and Ukraine, 19 were sent from Kettleburgh. JC

FRAMLINGHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE - FLU SATURDAY

We will be holding our Annual Flu Clinic on *Saturday 13th October*, 9.30am to 12.30pm. The Department of Health recommends that all patients who are over 65 have a flu vaccination, as well as all those who are under 65 who have:

People with a serious medical condition:

- long term chest conditions such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchitis or emphysema;
- heart conditions such as heart failure, angina or atrial fibrillation
- kidney disease;
- liver disease such as cirrhosis or hepatitis;
- chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone disease;
- diabetes;
- a weakened immune system due to: a disease such as HIV; or treatment for some conditions such as cancer; or people taking special medicines for diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis or psoriasis.

All pregnant women

People who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer

If you are in one of these groups, it is recommended that you have a 'Flu vaccination. If you have got any questions about your eligibility, please telephone the surgery and ask to speak to one of our Practice Nurses.

We will be holding special Flu clinics which will be starting in September, but put the date in your diary for the Flu Day – Saturday 13 October 2012.

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Rise and Shine and join St Elizabeth Hospice for an early morning fundraising event

Join St Elizabeth Hospice for an early morning Rise and Shine walk or run and take in the beautiful surroundings of Fritton Lake in between Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth.

The brand new event on Sunday 16th September provides something for everyone, whether you want the challenge of a five mile run or walk or a more relaxed two mile walk with the family and even the dog. Runners who really want to exert themselves can do two laps, making it a ten mile run.

Registration for the five mile route starts from 6.30am and for the two mile from 8.30am, but you can still participate if you can't make the start time. Registration is £10 for all participants, under 13s are free.

Walkers are asked to raise sponsorship for the Hospice, which relies on the generosity of the local community to raise the majority of its running costs and to continue to provide services free of charge.

Online registration is now open or people can sign up by requesting a registration form. For more information please email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

HOME START SUFFOLK COASTAL

There is no rule book for raising a family and sometimes it can seem overwhelming, particularly if you are going through a difficult time.



Home-Start is for families living in the Suffolk Coastal District, who have at least one child under 5 years of age. Families may need support for many reasons; coping with postnatal illness, a child's disability, family breakdown, or bereavement, or maybe feeling isolated and unable to connect with the local community. Whatever the reason Home-Start provides non-judgemental practical and emotional support and helps build confidence and ability to cope.

Our parent volunteers visit weekly for 2-3 hours. Generally we say that volunteers are not 'cooks, cleaners or babysitters', what they can do is be an extra pair of hands, or listening ears, they may accompany families to appointments, groups, or even the supermarket! But first of all they'll be a friend.

Home-Start also runs Family Groups in Leiston, Felixstowe, and Woodbridge. Family groups provide parents in need of support with a safe, stimulating environment where they feel accepted, included and encouraged to play with their children and make new friends.

Family groups are much smaller than mother & toddler groups, with up to eight families attending a session.

If you are interested in supporting a local family our next preparation course will be starting soon, or If you are interested in receiving support from the scheme (Suffolk Coastal only) please give us a call on 01394 389402, email office@homestartcoastal.co.uk or visit www.home-startsuffolkcoastal.btck.co.uk for volunteer application form or referral form

REVISED BUS SERVICES ACROSS SUFFOLK

These services will change throughout September 2012. We will also be printing revised Area Timetable Booklets that will be distributed to all stockists throughout September. Downloadable PDF timetables for these services can be found on our website by clicking on the appropriate month at

http://www.suffolkonboard.com/timetables_leaflets/passenger_transport_service_changes or by contacting us on 0845 606 6171. Please note that these pages are frequently being updated to include new timetables and service change summaries so we would advise that you check this page regularly.

Roadside publicity is currently being updated.

Should you require any further timetable information or to discuss the changes please contact us on 0845 606 6171 or email Transport.Service@suffolk.gov.uk.

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15th of each month to:

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

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

Please send e-mails in Microsoft Word format (97), PDF or jpg for pictures/scans.

Covers are always welcome too!

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

2nd Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
9th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
16th Christine Matthews and Don Evans
23rd Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
30th Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery
7th Oct Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker

Kettleburgh

Pat Peck
Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows
Sue Scott
Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark

CHURCH FLOWERS

2nd Alison Molyneux
9th Sue Rainbird
16th Nancy Demetriadi
23rd HARVEST
30th Bel Goldie-Morrison
7th Oct Pippa Brown

Alison Gibson
Irene Dick
Irene Dick
Lucy Howell
Lucy Howell
HARVEST – Anne Bater

TIMES PAST

In 2004 we looked at some of the buildings that had disappeared from our two villages since 1904. However some vanished before this time. One of these was 'Rectory Lodge', Kettleburgh. It was a double dweller, probably thatched which stood at the right of the entrance to the Old Rectory in Rectory Road.

By 1841 when the first Census naming residents was taken it was beginning to deteriorate. The worst half, of three rooms, was then occupied by two separate tenants. One was Jane Haddock aged 70, a widow whose husband George, an agricultural labourer had died in 1833 at the age of 64. Jane continued to live there until some time after 1851 but no more is known about her.

The other tenant was Samuel Hart, 35, a journeyman shoemaker and seller of blacking. He was also a poet whose rhymes were mainly used on local tombstones. For example that of William Turner, son of Samuel and Maria Turner, who died in 1833, aged 18:-

‘Short was my life yet long my rest may be
Cut off in youth, as you may plainly see
Nursed up with care, and parents dear had I,
They loved me well and grieved to see me die.’

By 1861 Isaac Crawfoot, a farmer's ploughman and his wife and daughter had moved into this half of the double dweller, they remained there until some time after 1871 when the cottage became uninhabitable.

Meanwhile the other 3 roomed half of the double dweller became the home of James and Emma Friend and their family. James had been employed as coachman by the Rector since about 1841 and was married at Kettleburgh in 1849. Both he and his wife were unable to read or write.

For some reason 1850 and 1851 found them living at the Chequers where James held the position of licensee. Perhaps lack of literacy made it too difficult but, for whatever reason, 1861 found them back at Rectory Lodge where James continued his employment as coachman. James Friend, Junior, aged 10 was described as a scholar so his parents realised that reading and writing were necessary; the school in Kettleburgh was not opened until 1878, therefore any instruction before that date required payment.

The Friends continued their tenancy at Rectory Lodge. However in November 1880 a local lad of 13 threw stones at one of the windows which was seen by Mrs Friend. A case was brought against him at Framlingham in which the fine and costs amounted to 13 shillings and 6 pence. His father refusing to pay, the boy was sent to prison for a fortnight.

By 1891 James had retired but he and his wife remained at rectory Lodge until his death, at the age of 81, in 1892. By this time the building must have worsened because by 1901 it was no longer in existence.

WMW

