

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

Every October for the last twenty years I have gone, with other clergy from the Diocese, to a Retreat in a Benedictine Abbey outside Bruges in Belgium. From Monday to Friday we spend time in silence, joining the monks in their worship, and just resting in prayer and contemplation.

As I write this, the Retreat is just two days away, and as with every Autumn, the call of the Abbey is felt in the turning colour of the leaves, and the drawing in of the daylight hours. Coupled to that, this time of the year always points towards November, the month of Remembrance.

Last Autumn I travelled to another part of Belgium, the now restored town of Ypres. There, at the Menin Gate, we gathered at dusk for the last post. Every evening at exactly 8.00p.m. the Last Post is sounded, as it has been every evening since 1928 (apart from the four years that Ypres was occupied by the Germans between 20th May 1940 and 6th September 1944) The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers killed near Ypres, whose graves remain unknown to this day.

Today, engraved on stone panels in the large Hall of Memory at the Menin Gate are the names of 54,896 soldiers who died, but whose bodies have never been identified and found. I have been reflecting on the links between Autumn with its melancholy beauty, the silence of Retreat in the Abbey, and the intensely moving ceremony of the Last Post at the Menin Gate.

All speak to me of a longing for the coming of God's Kingdom, with its message of peace, forgiveness, and healing.

May that coming of God's Kingdom be our heartfelt prayer in this month of November.

God bless you,
Harry Edwards.

Brandeston

Elders: Miss Eileen Leach 685298
Mrs Mary Baker 685807

Kettleburgh

Elders: Mrs Jackie Clark 723623
Mrs Valerie Upson 723078

Churchwardens: Mr John Bater 723532
Mrs Valerie Upson 723078

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2013		
Friday 1 st	10.30am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Saturday 2 nd	10am – 3 pm	<u>Suffolk Animal Rescue Christmas Fair</u> at Brandeston Village Hall - See below.
Thursday 7 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 8 th	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> –“Manon des Sources” at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 9 th	5.30pm	<u>Brandeston Bonfire Night</u> – see below
Friday 15 th	7.00pm for 7.30 start	<u>Kettleburgh Quiz Evening</u> see below.
Saturday 16 th	7.30pm	<u>Phoenix Singers Concert</u> at St Michael’s Church, Framlingham – see below
Saturday 23 rd	7.30pm	<u>Quiz Night</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Friday 29 th	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.

SUFFOLK ANIMAL RESCUE CHRISTMAS FAIR at Brandeston Village Hall.

Lots of fabulous Christmas presents for all the family (human & furry), bottle tombola, chocolate raffle, Christmas trees, baubles and other decorations, all things festive, bags and accessories, scrummy cakes and much more - all at bargain prices and in support of a great local cause.

For any donations, enquiries or to order bespoke hampers, please call Lucy Daykin on 01728 685632

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

8th November – a change to the advertised programme as The Railway Man has not been released yet. We will be showing **Manon Des Sources** which is a follow on from Jean de Florette which we showed some time ago. It is the story of Jean's now grown up beautiful free spirited daughter who seeks revenge for her father's death

13th December – Great Expectations – starring Ralph Fiennes, Helena Bonham Carter and Jason Flemyng. The 2012 production of Charles Dicken's much loved novel.

Sue Thurlow

BRANDESTON BONFIRE NIGHT

Saturday 9th November in the meadow behind the Old Vicarage by kind permission of Mr. And Mrs. John King. BBQ and mulled wine available. Starts at 5.30pm with the judging of the best guy competition. As usual a BIG FAT FIREWORK per family to Martin Churchhill on the morning of the event please.

Any village resident with large tree/bush prunings for the bonfire (no general weeding waste please or hedge clippings) contact Tim Owens – 684098 – who will be doing the rounds with the tractor on the Saturday morning.

Sue Thurlow

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: November 10th

The Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance this year will be held in Brandeston Church at 10.00am on 10th November, followed by a time at the War Memorial to share with the nation in remembrance at 11am with silence.

The preacher this year will be Bob Williams, known to many as he was formerly deputy Head at Brandeston Hall for many years. Wreaths will be laid from the two parishes and the names of the fallen read out from both memorials.

On the next day there will be recognition of the nation's two minutes silence as all members of the community are invited to join together around the Memorial and remember. Senior boys and girls from Brandeston Hall will join the village as they too, together with staff, lay their crosses at the Memorial.

We will remember them.

GV

Kettleburgh's Quiz

Children in Need Night

Friday 15th November

7.30pm prompt (doors open 7pm)

Kettleburgh Village Hall

(in aid of Children in Need and St Andrew's Church)

Hot Supper, Bar, Tables of Four, £7.50 per person

Contact Vickie Neilson 723226

BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL



SATURDAY 23RD

NOVEMBER

7.30 PM.

**TICKETS £7.50 PER
PERSON INCLUDING
SUPPER**

THE BIG BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE – Friday 29th November at 7.00pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

The next Whist Drive will take place in Brandeston Village Hall on Friday, 29 November 2013. Doors open at 6.30 to enable a prompt start to play at 7.00 p.m. All are welcome and a special welcome will be given to any newcomers wishing to learn Whist or those who may wish to start playing the game again. The cost is just £2.50 per person, which will include a wide selection of fine wines to sample and a great spread of good, locally-produced refreshments which will be available during the interval.

If you are interested in joining us for the evening please contact either Pam or Rick Reade on 685920. This advance notice helps us to plan the number of tables required and the approximate amount of food and drink necessary to ensure another great, social evening.

Pam and Rick Reade

DEREK HILL AND LAURIE GRIFFITHS

What a remarkable village Kettleburgh is! Look back a few years and remember the revival of the medieval Kettleburgh Fair, Craft exhibitions in Church where everything was made in the village, the formation of a tiny choir which grew to be a much larger consort, putting on concerts too big for the church. And the tradition continues. Not many villages of the size can still maintain a Horticultural Show or put on a pantomime. How can it possibly be done? Of course, it all comes down to people. They may be few in number, but they are prepared to use their talents for God's glory and for the good of the community.

Kettleburgh has lost two of the leaders in these ventures. Derek and Laurie represented the best traditions of village life - one born and bred in the district, the other an "in-comer" who enriched the life of his adopted home. Looking back, I see what an enormous part they played in my ministry. When I had outlandish ideas about fund-raising events, or themes for family worship, Derek was the one to keep my feet on the ground. When he saw the possibilities, however, he entered into the spirit with practicality and enthusiasm. Nine Lessons and Carols, now that we have a choir? "I'll make candlestands", he said, "so that it can be by candlelight." It became, and still is, I believe, part of the tradition of the village. Plant Sales? Derek would produce the vast majority of the items for sale. Stalls erected, tables to be extended, a flag-pole to be erected: Derek would see to them all. He did these things for more than forty years as Churchwarden. Underneath all this hard work and devoted service lay a quiet spirituality: nothing showy, but deeply held and lovingly expressed.

Laurie came from a different background. He shared that quiet, spiritual approach, but he liked to express it more in worship. Any of those slightly high-church introductions of mine, Laurie embraced with enthusiasm. More, he would write anthems, introits, descants to enrich our worship. He belonged to a musical background and training which produced harmonies and musical structures which were difficult, sometimes, to sing. But he was always so very patient. Laurie loved to get people singing or into the appreciation of music and emphasised the taking part as much as, even more than, the perfect performance. We even sang evensong in the cathedral at Bury, perhaps not perfectly, but who would dream of such a tiny place doing such a thing? Everybody loved him and responded to his gentleness. Who else could have persuaded so many singers and instrumentalists to come to perform in an obscure village? They came out of love.

These two men were so special and will never be replaced. And that is as it should be. You who still live in the village, or have come to live there, are different people, and each of you has your own gifts. Let Derek and Laurie inspire you to use them, so that Kettleburgh may continue to be such a remarkable place.
May they rest in peace, and may you be worthy of them.

Roger Dixon

PAST EVENTS

BRANDESTON CHURCH BIKE RIDE

Once again the Church Bike Ride was well supported. Between 60 – 70 people signed in at the Church and Chapel. The weather was quite good for cycling.

The Oswald family once again took part, Charles Frooman visited 24 churches and Chris McArthur and John Garratt visited over 20 churches.

Thanks to everyone who sat at the Church and Chapel, to everyone who sponsored them and also to the cyclists themselves. The amount raised will be in the December magazine.

Ruth Garratt

ROBIN'S RETIREMENT

The people of the seven churches of our benefice came together on Sunday 6th October to say thank you to the Revd Robin Alderson as he retired from his role as assistant priest for Brandeston, Kettleburgh and Easton. It was a reflection of the contribution that he has made to our villages that the church was full. It was a joyful service, with a few tears as well.

After the service the members of the congregation and a few more friends went down to Brandeston Hall for a "bring and share" lunch-there was plenty to share! John Bater thanked Robin and D on behalf of everyone and they were presented with gifts from the churches of the benefice, including a trug of flowers for D, garden gift tokens and a bench for their beautiful garden at Snape. We have already received a lovely letter of grateful thanks to all of you from Robin and D for their presents.

We are not saying goodbye to Robin and D. Although he is officially retiring, Robin will be coming back to take some services in the new year after a well-deserved break.

Mary Baker

KETTLEBURGH HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Sunday 13th October St Andrew's Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables for our annual service of thanksgiving to God for all the fruits of the earth.

The church was very nearly full as the choir led the congregation in the singing of favourite harvest hymns and produce of all kinds was laid on the altar. After the service many of the

congregation gathered in the village hall for a delicious supper of home made soup, jacket potatoes accompanied by various salads and followed by apple crumble and cream. Many thanks to everyone who prepared the supper and also those who decorated the church and brought gifts to be distributed to Mills Meadow in Framlingham and the Ormiston Family Centre in Ipswich.

Valerie Upson

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of the October draw are as follows:

1st prize Geraldine Kennedy-Brown

2nd prize David Harris.

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for October draw were

First Prize Kathleen Taylor

Second prize Sophie Piper Williams

November draw will be at the village hall on Thursday, 07 November.

Mark Hounsell

NOTICES

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE GREEN TRUST AWARDED BT PEOPLE AWARD GRANT

Local village charity, The Kettleburgh Green Trust has been awarded £200 by the BT People Awards scheme thanks to Caroline Wheeler-Rowe a BT volunteer. BT People Awards reward local community groups, charities and organisations where BT people volunteer their time.

The Kettleburgh Green Trust is one of hundreds of groups who applied for an award during this round of the scheme and impressed judges with how they would use their grant to make a difference to their group and benefit the local community.

The group plan to use its £200 award to contribute to the ongoing monthly costs of maintaining the beautiful green hidden away behind the houses in the heart of the village. Caroline, a Business Improvement Consultant for BT Global Services, who manages the fund raising committee for the Kettleburgh Green Trust said: "We are very pleased with our BT People Award. It costs over £2000 a year to keep the Green looking its best so that the community can get together to enjoy a communal space, play petanque, use the play equipment. Part of the Green is also managed as a haven for water or meadow loving wildlife. Fund raising in a small village is always difficult and with the fund raising team

currently depleted, the Award is a real help. It is very positive that a big local employer like BT recognises the voluntary work of its people and supports local communities in this way.”

BT people can apply for cash grants of up to £1000. For further details visit www.btpeopleawards.co.uk. For more information on The Kettleburgh Green Trust visit their website <http://kettleburgh.onesuffolk.net/kettleburgh-village-green> or email kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com

100 YEARS 100 TREASURES

A glossy, full-colour book to celebrate our magnificent churches and their treasures will be available from end of October to mark the centenary of this diocese.

Our Diocese was formed in March 1914 from parts of the dioceses of Norwich and Ely; the parish church of St James, Bury St Edmunds became our Cathedral.

The 120-page book *100 Years, 100 Treasures: A Celebration of Suffolk Churches*, costs just £5 a copy and is part of the 2014 Centenary celebrations that start in earnest next March when the Archbishop of Canterbury the Most Revd Justin Welby visits Bury St Edmunds. The book features ‘treasure’ from every period represented in the diocese from the Anglo Saxons and Normans through to Middle Ages and on to the Victorians – in fact right up to the present day.

The concept of pilgrims and visitors touring parishes to discover these remarkable treasures ties in neatly with the Centenary theme of ‘Pilgrims in Time’. They are of special significance to the churches who nominated them.

Generous sponsorship means that the book will retail for only £5; the normal retail price would otherwise have been significantly more. If you buy the book through your parish rep, then your Church is able to retain £2 of the cost price of £5. Please contact the following for details and to place your order(s): Valerie Upson, 723078 or valerie.upson@btinternet.com

PLAY BOWLS ROADSHOW

We have recently been in discussion with the Bowls Development Alliance (BDA) to roll out the ‘Play Bowls Roadshow’ across villages in Suffolk to give people the opportunity to try the game in local venues.

The roadshow comes equipped with:

- a 45 foot mat
- bowls
- banners
- tables
- chairs
- marquee

- marketing material

- **a BDA member who sets up all of the equipment and encourages people to try the game.**

Sessions run for two hours and give people the opportunity to try bowls in a relaxed, familiar and friendly environment. If the sessions are enjoyable and people would like to continue playing, there is plenty of scope for it to become a regular activity - with funding available through Sport England's Small Grants Fund (up to £10,000) to purchase new equipment.

For villages that already have clubs, the roadshow can also be used to recruit new members. The clubs assist with the running of the event and organise Play Bowls 4Fun sessions to run straight after the road show.

If your village might be interested in hosting a roadshow, please get in touch with me and we can arrange a date, either this year or in 2014.

Henry Tapp

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REMEMBER A LOVED ONE AT ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE'S LIGHT UP A LIFE EVENT

A series of special remembrance events will be held in East Suffolk and South Norfolk for people wanting to remember a loved one in the lead up to Christmas.

St Elizabeth Hospice is holding six Light up a Life events to bring together anyone, not just those touched by Hospice care, who wish to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones at this poignant time of year.

Each event includes Christmas carols, music and readings as well as a time for reflection. The Revd Jo Perry, chaplain at St Elizabeth Hospice, said: "Christmas is a time for giving and sharing, a moment for enjoying being with your family members and loved ones. But it is also a time for reflecting on the lives of loved ones we have lost, remembering these special people and the cherished memories that we hold dear to our heart.

"St Elizabeth Hospice's Light up a Life events are open to everyone and give us an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate the lives of those we love and remember those who are no longer with us."

Light up a Life Events are free to attend, no ticket is needed just turn up on the day. Your nearest Light up a Life event is being held on **Sunday 1st December, 4pm, at St Michael's Church, Framlingham.**

This year people are invited to personalise a Special Memories Card to bring along to the event.

You can pick up a form along with a special memories card from St Elizabeth Hospice shops and all St Elizabeth Hospice sites, or call 01473 723600.

You can also make a dedication to your loved one on our virtual Light up a Life Christmas Tree by visiting www.stelizabrthospice.org.uk/lightupalife

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As we all know, police do recover stolen items regularly, but often it is impossible to return them to the losers, because the stolen property was not marked or registered anywhere with the owners' details. There is a national website/database that can assist police return stolen or found items to their owners, and that is www.immobilise.com

Almost any item with a serial number can be registered on the website, for free (more valuable items such as antiques, jewellery etc can also be registered for a small fee).

It may be a long-winded task to register your items, but if you suffer a theft or loss, and they are recovered by ANY police force, at least there is a better chance you will get them back.

Derrick Neilson

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

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

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

Covers are particularly welcome!

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

3rd Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
10th Kelly Jeffery
17th Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
24th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget

Kettleburgh

Jackie Clark
Dinah Reed
Jane O'Leary
Fay Clarke

1st Dec Christine Matthew and Don Evans

Claire Norman

CHURCH FLOWERS

3rd Pippa Brown

Katie Harris

10th Ruth Garratt

Pat Peck

17th Jackie Hounsell

Pat Peck

24th Alison Molyneux

Valerie Upson

1st Dec

ADVENT

FROM THE EDITOR

Would anyone like to take over typing /editing the magazine for Brandeston and Kettleburgh? It takes approx 6 hrs a month, barring technology problems, and is quite an interesting job. I am now working full time, so it is becoming difficult to find time. If anyone is interested, please give me a ring on 724777.

Val Butcher
