

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH  
PARISH NEWS  
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## THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

### *A letter from the Rural Dean*

Dear friends

I was just about to start typing this on the computer when - once again - the power went off. I guess we're getting used to it, but it's still a nuisance. It's far worse, of course, for those whose livelihood depends on chill-cabinets, freezers and the like. One just hopes that the hospitals have their own generators in good working order - but I guess they still have to do some serious prioritising.

How much there is that we take for granted and miss when it is suddenly taken from us - albeit temporarily. But perhaps it might make us redirect our thoughts for a moment towards those who would be grateful for any warmth at all - let alone an electric heater; or any food at all - let alone a hot meal. As I stare out through my study window at the trees bending in the wind and the rain spattering the glass, I am grateful for the brick walls and double-glazing separating me from the elements - a good fortune not shared by those who huddle together in refugee camps or shop doorways.

We may have no simple answers to such huge problems, but Christian folk should never let their consciences be dulled by distraction or quelled by some kind of 'justification'. The Jesus to be found in the Gospels constantly challenges our complacency, and I don't think he would have much sympathy for our petty inconveniences.

So - having written this with a pencil and paper - I shall light a candle, check on the tropical fish and have a think about a sermon, before hopefully the lights come back on!

With best wishes  
Stephen Brian

Note from Deirdre: All readers who attend Church will know who Stephen is, but for those who don't, he is Rector of the Earl Soham large group of parishes, and also our Rural Dean. Part of his duties in this role is to have oversight of parishes that are vacant, that is without a Stipendary Incumbent. And this means that he is legally 'in charge' of our 7 parishes while we wait for Harry's replacement, and he will be writing other occasional letters for our magazines during the year.

Priest in Charge:

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 FEBRUARY 2014**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	4 – 6pm	<u>Frostfest</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see poster
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm daily and 2.30pm on Saturday	<u>Aladdin</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Film Club “Quartet”</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.

**KETTLEBURGH PANTOMIME**

With Christmas now a distant memory and the New Year celebrations done and dusted, what else is there to look forward to? What can enliven your evenings, bring a smile to your face and put a spring in your step? Yes, yes, I can think of several things, too, but that's not it. The real answer is the amazing production of Aladdin which the Kettleburgh Players are performing on the 13th, 14th and 15th of February in the Village Hall. Tickets are on sale now - £5.00 or £2.50 for under-twelves. Just call 01728 724017 or go to

[susanebrooks@btinternet.com](mailto:susanebrooks@btinternet.com) Performances start at 7.30 pm each evening and at 2.30pm on Saturday afternoon. This is a traditional, feel-good, sing-along pantomime - just what you need. Oh, yes, it is!

*Liz Marzetti*

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**BRANDESTON FILM CLUB**

Membership is £10 for the year.

<b>Feb. 14th</b>	<b>Quartet</b>	At a home for retired musicians, the annual concert to celebrate Verdi's birthday is disrupted by the arrival of Jean, an eternal diva and the former wife of one of the residents. <b>Director:</b> Dustin Hoffman <b>Writer:</b> Ronald Harwood (play) <b>Stars:</b> Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Billy Connolly
<b>March 14th</b>	<b>Flight</b>	An airline pilot saves almost all his passengers on his malfunctioning airliner which eventually crashed, but an investigation into the accident reveals something troubling. <b>Director:</b> Robert Zemeckis <b>Writer:</b> John Gatins <b>Stars:</b> Denzel Washington, Nadine Velazquez, Don Cheadle
<b>April 11th</b>	<b>Captain Phillips</b>	The true story of Captain Richard Phillips and the 2009 hijacking by Somali pirates of the US-flagged MV Maersk Alabama, the first American cargo ship to be hijacked in two hundred years. <b>Writers:</b> Billy Ray (screenplay), Richard Phillips (based upon the book "A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs, <b>Director:</b> Paul Greengrass <b>Stars:</b> Tom Hanks, Barkhad Abdi, Barkhad Abdirahman

**BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE – FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 2014**

A very warm welcome and a happy evening playing whist in jovial company awaits you at Brandeston Village Hall on the last day of February, 2014. Doors will open at 6.30 p.m. to enable a prompt start to play at 7.00 p.m. The cost of the evening remains at just £2.50 per person and includes a choice of fine wines plus a great selection of locally-produced refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

Please call Pam or Rick on 685920 to book your place. The increased popularity of this event means that we now have to reserve places on a strictly 'First come, First served' basis. This advance notice also helps us to ascertain how many playing tables we need. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Pam and Rick Reade*



## **GERARD TREVOR HOLLEBONE**

Sadly we record the death of Gerry Hollebone, aged 101 years, who died at Foxearth Lodge Nursing Home, Saxtead, on November 27<sup>th</sup> 2013. A funeral service and celebration of his life was held at Seven Hills Crematorium on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> followed by a reception at the home of his daughter Cara; Grover House, Riggle Street. His grandchildren, Daniel, Connor and Rebecca, all took part in the service.

The life of Gerry Hollebone:

Gerry, known affectionately to his grandchildren as “Panka” was born in Claygate, Surrey on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 1912. He attended Charterhouse Public School and from there on to University at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he studied Economics and History. It was here that his excellence in sports gained him a ‘blue’, that being the highest honour that may be bestowed on a Cambridge sportsman or sportswoman.

Gerry then headed for the City where he started working for the stockbrokers Scrimgeours. Inevitably this led him to following in his father’s footsteps and gaining qualifications as a stockbroker; a career which he followed until eventual retirement.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War he served as a Captain in the Royal Artillery and for a short time was based at a Divisional HQ at Brandeston Hall, then owned by the Austin family. It was here that he met one of the family, Bea (Eileen), fell in love and they married at Brandeston Church in 1940.

Both during and after the war Gerry had a number of overseas assignments, to India initially with the military and subsequently following his career as a stockbroker before settling down in Chelsea where their only child, Cara, was born and brought up. Eventually they moved to Wenhaston, near Halesworth, where Gerry took up golf and gardening. Sadly in 1996 Bea passed away. Following this he moved to Larks Rise in Halesworth where he remained until moving to Brandeston in 2005 to join his daughter and family. He received his message from the Queen on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and celebrated this event at Brandeston Village Hall with his family, friends and in particular his lifelong friend Ann Kemp – Gee. About 2 years ago it was necessary for Gerry to have some nursing care and for a period of about 18 months he was excellently cared for by Laura Meadows whom he loved dearly. However at his own suggestion he moved to Foxearth Lodge nursing home in January this year, where he received splendid care until his death.

He is survived by his daughter Cara, her husband Kevin and grandchildren Daniel, Connor and Becky.

We give thanks to God for his life. May he rest in peace.

Lastly values of life - he would always carefully share with the grandchildren their life; they enjoyed that, learned from it and always thank him for that.

Gerry was a man of honour who spent his whole life in the city with J. and A. Scrimgeour, stockbrokers. A colleague wrote about him “those were the days when my word really was my bond” – Gerry was the epitome of it.

Several people in the village knew him; his special friend was the late Dr. Anthony Fletcher, they went to the same school, Charterhouse; they could be seen each with a half pint at the Brandeston Queen.

Let me share a few more personal thoughts and memories of Gerry. Father and grandfather as most of us think of him as; but friend and colleague too. At home always available for his grandchildren; they could go and get advice from him, share a problem, confess. He was quite capable of telling them when he'd had enough, and they should leave him.

Gerry taught Daniel to play chess – he has happy memories of this. He did crosswords from the paper. He would phone his friend Ann in London for help and question Laura Meadows, his devoted general helper. He was desperately keen on birds around the garden and the seaside, when he could drive, and football – a keen Chelsea supporter and would go up to Craven Cottage to see them in his younger days.

We send our love any sympathy to cara and her children; our prayer is that they may know God's love and peace.

*Graham Vellacott*

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### **ADVANCE NOTICES**

11 March		<b>Start of Lent Course</b> – see below
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.30am	<b>Cats' Protection Coffee Morning</b> – see below
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>Brandeston Fete</b> – see below

### **LENT COURSE 2014**

There will be a Lent course as usual this year, for everyone from the seven parishes starting on Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Mar. It is called 'A journey to the Cross' and is based on art work produced by the Benedictine Sisters of Turvey Abbey.

We will be looking at two or three pieces of their art in each session, all of which are accompanied by prayerful meditations on each of the images, plus scripture readings and music. Think of Stations of the Cross, only we will be sitting in front of a TV or other means of projection.!

I have booked the meeting room at Hacheston, for 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April but this course would work equally well if someone had a large screen TV and DVD player, plus a sitting room large enough for people to gather around it.

So any offers would be appreciated, and that way we would not be limited to Tuesday evenings, which has been chosen as it is the only night the hall is available. If you can help in any way please call me

*The Revd Deirdre West*

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### **CATS PROTECTION**

A Coffee Morning will be held at Manly, Kettleburgh from 10.30a.m. - noon on Tuesday 3rd June in aid of the above charity (no. 2063644). Guest: Mr Rob Dunger from BBC Radio Suffolk. Mr Bill Clark will provide entertainment once again on his street organ, which was much enjoyed last year. There will be stalls and a draw.

*Kathleen Lusted*

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## **BRANDESTON VILLAGE FETE**

Because our village fete in mid June has been affected by poor weather over the last few years it has been decided to move the date to Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June i.e. 2 weeks later. It will be held in the grounds of the Queen's Head pub as in previous years.

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## **PAST EVENTS**

### **Suffolk Historic Churches' Trust: Bike Ride Results for 2013**

This report is rather late because I was waiting for the total to reach £140,000 which it just now has. It is a fall since last year's £155,000, but still a good effort given the current financial climate and huge competition these days from other sponsored bike rides. We started this form of fundraising 32 years ago and it has not gone unnoticed-flattering, but not without cost to us. Our area, or Deanery, of Loes, has had a fantastic result: £12,633, the highest by far in the county. Well done all of you. We also have the most churches open, 32. Our parishes have more than held their own, with many increasing their score. Particular congratulations to our big hitters, Brandeston, Parham, and Rendham who all made four figures and Kettleburgh, Framlingham, Wickham Market and Helmingham, who consistently score highly year after year. It is all down to your hard work, the enthusiasm of the riders and the generosity of their sponsors.

*Patrick Grieve (Area Organiser)*

Area	Total for 2013	No of churches
Beccles	£5649	17
Bosmere	£3889	20
Clare	£5279	19
Colneys	£10990	25
Hadleigh	£6298	22
Halesworth	£7982	24
Hartismere	£3807	16
Hoxne	£7890	18
Ipswich	£4725	20
Ixworth	£7042	28
Lavenham	£5680	18
<b>Loes</b>	<b>£12533</b>	<b>32</b>
Lothingland	£5635	23
Mildenhall	£3072	9
Samford	£6926	21
Saxmundham	£6608	22
Stowmarket	£8598	21
Sudbury	£5538	23
Thingoe	£10256	27
Woodbridge	£6186	25
<b>Approximate Totals</b>	<b>£140000</b>	

Loes Deanery		
Church	Total for 2013	Total for 2012
Ashfield	£35	
Badingham	£280	£304
<b>Brandeston</b>	<b>£1006</b>	<b>£968</b>
Bruisyard	£256	£179
Campsea	£258	£95
Ashe		
Charsfield	£104	£142
Cransford	£418	£535
Cretingham	£255	£100
Dallingoo	£100	£290
Debenham	£275	£429
Earl Soham	£235	£245
Framlingham	£750	£712
Framsden	£20	£85
Hacheston	£220	£148
Helmingham	£920	£708
Hoo	£310	£392
Kenton	£325	£432
<b>Kettleburgh</b>	<b>£742</b>	<b>£571</b>
Letheringham	£55	£20
Marlesford	£173	£120
Parham	£1361	£315
Pettaugh	£163	£245
Pettistree	£500	£480
Rendham	£1557	£1000
Saxtead	£35	£182
Sweffling	£130	£85
Wickham	£898	£765
Market		
Winston	£200	£200

## **KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY**

The following are the results of the January 2014 Lottery draw:

1st Prize: Peter Moorhouse

2nd Prize: Mandy Garland

*Trevor Jessop*

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## **BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

Winners for January 2014 were –

1<sup>st</sup> prize Colin Matthews

2nd prize Fred Muggleston

Next draw will be at the village hall on Thursday, 06 February 2014

*Mark Hounsell*

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## **NOTICES**

### **AN UPDATE FROM THE KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST**

The Trust committee met in December for a festive get together to plan the year ahead. We had a very useful brainstorming session for fundraising ideas and strategies for getting the money needed to maintain the Green every year. There were some excellent new ideas which we hope to implement in 2014. You don't need to be a member of the Trust to submit your thoughts or ideas about the Village Green. Just email the Chair at [kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com](mailto:kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com). Minutes from the meeting are available on the KGT section of the village website.

With funds depleted due to fundraising activities having to be cancelled, the Trust members were very happy to receive a welcome donation via BT's MyDonate service from a local donor. This sizeable amount will go a long way to keeping the Green looking its best in 2014 but we still need more. It's very easy to help the Green if you don't have the time to volunteer. You can donate via MyDonate, and if you're a taxpayer, the Trust, as a registered charity, can benefit from Gift Aid.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/kettleburghgreentrust>

The Trust is always keen to encourage community involvement in the day to day management and future of the Green. We are updating our Constitution and Trustee job

description so you can see what's involved in becoming a trustee or member of the Trust. These will be available on the KGT section of the village website.

<http://kettleburgh.onesuffolk.net/kettleburgh-village-green>

The KGT Lottery is an easy way of helping raise funds for the Green and there is a chance you could win a cash prize in the monthly draw. You just pay £12 for a number (or more) for the year (starting April) and that's it! For more details, or to join, email the Chair at [kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com](mailto:kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com).

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2014

Caroline Wheeler-Rowe

Chair

Kettleburgh Green Trust

[kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com](mailto:kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com)

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### **STEP OUT FOR ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE'S WALK OF THOUGHTS**

Join St Elizabeth Hospice for a peaceful and reflective walk around Fynn Valley, Ipswich, to remember a loved one or to simply enjoy the countryside.

The eighth annual Walk of Thoughts will take place on Sunday 16th March and walkers can take a three or five mile circular walk, starting from YM RUFC Rugby Club in Rushmere St Andrew.

Beforehand, there will be an informal remembrance service at 10.15am, giving walkers, not just those touched by Hospice care, time to reflect and remember loved ones.

Walkers will be invited to write the name of their loved one on a pebble, provided by the Hospice, which they can keep. Participants will also receive a bookmark containing seeds which they can take home and plant in their loved one's memory.

The event attracts keen walkers, as well as those remembering loved ones, and participants are encouraged to raise sponsorship.

St Elizabeth Hospice's Events Fundraiser, Leanne Carhart, said: "The Walk of Thoughts is an opportunity to remember a loved one or friend or to simply enjoy a walk and stunning scenery.

"We encourage walkers to raise sponsorship and if a walker raises £52 that could help fund a visit to a patient's home for an hour by our Hospice at Home nurses. All money raised goes towards enabling us to provide local Hospice care for local people."

The walk is open to people of all ages and dogs are welcome, providing they are kept on leads. The route is not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.

Walkers can register in advance or on the day from 9.30am, ready to set off for the walk at 10.30am. Registration fees are £12.50 in advance or £15 on the day, and is free for under

16s.

For more information or to register online, please visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600 or email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

It costs £9.1m a year to run St Elizabeth Hospice, and the money raised will go towards helping provide services free of charge to people in East Suffolk and South East Norfolk living with a progressive illness and supporting their families.

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### **ANGLIAN WATER**

At a recent public meeting with Anglian Water in Brandeston, the subject was drainage and sewage discharge, Riparian ownership of watercourses was mentioned by AW staff. For those who may have such ownership, the following notes may be helpful

#### **Riparian roles and responsibilities:**

An ordinary watercourse is deemed to be all rivers and streams and all ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dikes, sluices, sewers (other than public sewers within the meaning of the Water Industry Act 1991) and passages, through which water flows that is not recorded as Main River by the Environment Agency.

#### **Riparian Owners**

If you own the land adjacent to an ordinary watercourse, it is presumed that you are the riparian owner for this stretch of the watercourse, unless it is known that the ownership is in another person(s) name.

All riparian owners have rights and responsibilities and these are highlighted below;

#### **Rights as a riparian owner:**

- Ownership of the land to the centre of the ditch; unless it is known to be in another person's ownership;
- To receive water from upstream, without interference to its quality or quantity;
- To protect your property from flooding and erosion. However, this will most likely need prior consent from your Local Authority and/or the Environment Agency (please check before works start).
- To fish within your boundaries of the watercourse, subject to Environment Agency rod licensing.
- To abstract up to 20 cubic metres of water per day for domestic or agricultural use. Anything over and above this will require prior consent from the Environment Agency.

### **Responsibilities as a riparian owner:**

- To pass on flow without interference to its quality or quantity.
- To accept flood flows through your land, even if it is caused by inadequate drainage capacity onwards of your property.
- To maintain the beds and banks of the watercourse in its natural state. (This includes trees and shrubs that may be growing on the banks).
- To keep the channel clear and free of all debris, even if the debris did not originate on your land.
- Not to cause any obstruction to the passage of fish.
- To maintain any structures that you own such as culverts, trash screens, weirs, or mill gates etc.
- To take responsibility for protecting your property from seepage through natural or man-made banks.
- You may have flood defences such as walls and embankments on your property, which are vital for the protection of yourself and others. This should be discussed prior to works commencing.

*Mark Hounsell,  
Brandeston Parish Council*

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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, IP13 7LF

or e-mail [valerie.butcher@talk21.com](mailto:valerie.butcher@talk21.com), tel: 724777.

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

**Covers are particularly welcome!**

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### **CHURCH CLEANING**

#### **Brandeston**

2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly Jeffery

#### **Kettleburgh**

Fay Clarke

9<sup>th</sup> Marian Hutson and Julia Elson  
16<sup>th</sup> Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget  
23<sup>rd</sup> Christine Matthew and Don Evans  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mar Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper

Anne Bater  
Claire Norman  
Pat Peck  
Val Butcher

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Jackie Hounsell  
5<sup>th</sup> Jan Alison Molyneux  
12<sup>th</sup> Marian Kirton  
19<sup>th</sup> Helen Saxton  
26<sup>th</sup> Nancy Demetriadi

Claire Norman  
Dinah Reed  
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Valerie Upson  
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