

# **BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH PARISH NEWS**

**APRIL 2014**



**Happy Easter**

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

**From: Your Assistant Priest**

Dear Friends,

We are most fortunate in our seven parishes to have so many gifted, creative people , many of whom use skills to fill out complex forms to help the Parochial Church Councils get grants to maintain and improve our church buildings, then there are others who ring bells, making people aware from a distance that the Church is alive and well. While yet another group creates works of art from flowers to enhance the beauty already found in the building, plus others who sew and stitch new kneelers to improve the comfort of pews, and let's not forget the 'gardeners' who keep the churchyards immaculate.

But, I bet you don't know that we also have hymn writers too. Even in these modern times we may just be 'home' to a new Charles Wesley or Timothy Dudley-Smith or even a Graham Kendrick!!.. We have two people who collaborate together over words and music, who haven't just written a 'one off' but other seasonal offerings.

And if you wonder why we sing hymns, well there is a simple truth that those who sing pray twice. And it's also good for the soul, lifts the spirit which may be a reason why Songs of Praise is still on our TVs after 50 years. Singing hymns then allows you to offer words to almighty God that you could never begin to express for yourself, they can express in words and music sentiments that strike at the very heart of our human emotions. While at the same time being good for your health, making you breathe more deeply, which makes singing a good 'stress buster' as it distracts your mind because you can't sing and think about other things at the same time.

And so to close may I wish you all a Happy and blessed Easter, and hope to see many of you singing your hearts out at one of the many services on offer at this special time of year.

With love, in Christ

**Deirdre**

The Revd Dr Stephen Brian (Rural Dean) 01728 685308

Contact details if you need to contact a member of the Clergy:  
 The Revd Dr Stephen Brian  
 (Rural Dean) 01728 685308  
 or The Revd Deirdre West 01728 688340

Brandeston

Elders:	Miss Eileen Leach	685298
	Mrs Mary Baker	685807
Churchwardens:		Mrs Alison
Molyneux	685244	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 APRIL 2014**

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<u>Lent Course</u> at Hacheston Village Hall
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Annual Parochial Church Meeting</u> – see below
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm prompt	<u>Race Night</u> at the Chequers – see below
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	<u>Phoenix Singers Workshop</u> – see below
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7pm for prompt 7.30 start	<u>Quiz Evening</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Film Club – ‘Captain Phillips’</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Annual Church Meeting</u> in the Church – see below



**All Saints' Church, Brandeston  
Annual Parochial Church  
Meeting**

**Open meeting in the Church  
on Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014  
at 7.30pm**

New members of the PCC will be elected at the meeting. All those on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote and active churchgoers are entitled to stand for election.

Written nominations are welcomed, in advance of the meeting, for the 2 posts of Churchwarden.

For more information, please ring 685807  
The formal meeting will be followed by refreshments

**We look forward to seeing you.**

**Please see the village website for our annual report.**



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**RACE NIGHT at The Chequers**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Start time 7:30pm prompt**

**Race Cards only £5 - includes supper**

Proceeds to be split between Kettleburgh Green Trust & the funding of a new Pétanque Piste for the Village.

To book your place at this ever popular event please call Deborah or Richard on 01728 724743 or email [deborah@itechnologyuk.com](mailto:deborah@itechnologyuk.com)

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## Phoenixsingers

Join us for a singing workshop to raise funds for St Elizabeth Hospice

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014, 1pm until 5.30pm at Thomas Mills High School, Saxtead Road, Framlingham IP13 9HE

**Suggested minimum donation of £10 per person**

**Workshop will be followed by an informal concert for friends and family at 4.45pm**

**Further details contact Gill Clare 01728 723841 / [gill.clare@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gill.clare@tiscali.co.uk)**

**or Peter Moorhouse 01728 727465 / [peter.moorhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.moorhouse@btinternet.com)**

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**BRANDESTON FILM CLUB** Membership is £10 for the year.

<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>Stars:</b> Tom Hanks, Barkhad Abdi, Barkhad Abdirahman <b>Director:</b> Paul Greengrass
<b>May 9th</b>	<b>Railway Man</b>	A victim from World War II's "Death Railway" sets out to find those responsible for his torture. A true story. <b>Director:</b> Jonathan Teplitzky <b>Writers:</b> Frank Cottrell Boyce (screenplay), Eric Lomax (autobiography), <b>Stars:</b> Nicole Kidman, Stellan Skarsgård, Colin Firth
<b>June 13th</b>	<b>Summer in February</b>	A true tale of love, liberty and scandal amongst the Edwardian artists' colony in Cornwall <b>Director:</b> Christopher Menaul <b>Stars:</b> Dominic Cooper, Emily Browning, Dan Stevens

## Kettleburgh's Quiz

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2104  
7.30pm prompt**

**Kettleburgh Village Hall**

**Supper, Bar, Tables of Four, £7.50 per person  
Contact Vickie Neilson 723226**

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**CLAIREE WESTON  
IN RECITAL  
Accompanied by JOHN HUTCHINGS  
Saturday 19 April 2014  
7.00pm  
St. Michael's Church, Framlingham**

Having scaled the dizzy heights of the international operatic stage as principal soloist with the English National Opera, Claire Weston turned her back on the bright lights of London to make her home in Suffolk.

She now divides her time between teaching singing at Woodbridge School, being Music Director of Suffolk Singers and singing the music she loves to perform. This recital is a return visit to St. Michael's, Framlingham after her sell--out performance last year and the programme will include Brahms, Puccini, Quilter, Strauss, Verdi and Wolf. Claire's glorious mezzo—soprano voice is ideally suited to the rich acoustic of the church and, accompanied by John Hutchings, this is a programme that is certain to give full range to Claire's formidable talents and provide a memorable evening.

**TICKETS £10.00 (to include refreshments) 01473 625070 or on the door**

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#### **FINAL WHIST DRIVE OF THE SEASON – 25TH APRIL 2014**

If you have ever thought about joining us at the Brandeston Whist Drive but have never made it, then you will need to be decisive. The last Whist Drive of the 2013 – 2014 season takes place on Friday, 25th April 2014 in Brandeston Village Hall. Doors will open at 6.30 p.m. for a prompt start to play at 7.00 p.m. There will be the usual choice of fine wines or fruit juices available upon entry together with a feast of great, locally-produced refreshments which are served during the interval. Our all-inclusive cost is just £2.50 per head with any profits going towards the upkeep of the Village Hall and other locally-based

charities. The Whist Drive was very pleased to be able to contribute £100 recently towards the refurbishment costs of our lovely village sign which has now been beautifully restored and returned to its rightful place on the village green.

If you would like to attend, then please phone either Pam or Rick Reade on 685920 in advance of 25th April as this monthly event has become increasingly popular to the point where we are now finalising places on a first-come, first served basis. This prior notice also helps us to plan the number of tables required and assess catering requirements for the evening.

We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome to attend.

*Pam and Rick Reade*

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### **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KETTLEBURGH – ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

The Annual Church Meeting is to be held in the Church at 7.30pm on Monday 28th April 2014. The first meeting will be the Meeting of Parishioners at which the Churchwardens are to be elected. This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting to review the work of our Church in 2013 and to elect a new Parochial Church Council for 2014. Following this, the new PCC will meet to consider the work for the year ahead.

All parishioners on the Church's electoral roll are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

If you would like your name to be added to the Church's electoral roll, please contact Valerie Upson 01728 723078

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## ADVANCE NOTICES

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	<b>Eastern Angles - 'Palm Wine and Stout'</b> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Wed. 21 <sup>st</sup> May	8.00pm	<b>Brandeston Annual Parish Meeting – see below</b>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	10am-4pm	<b>Spring Plant Fair</b> at Helmingham Hall – 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
28 <sup>th</sup> August	9am	<b>Deanery Pilgrimage</b> to Ely Cathedral – see below.



### **Palm Wine & Stout**

by Segun Lee-French

Directed by Ivan Cutting

#### **Brandeston Village Hall**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.**

**For tickets ring: 01728 685807      Price of tickets: £8 (£7 for concessions)**

Eastern Angles are back on the road this spring with their latest show, *Palm Wine & Stout*. Written by acclaimed poet and playwright Segun Lee-French, this funny and emotional play is based on the writer's own visit back to a small Nigerian village in search of his father.

*The story, which focuses on Taiye, a young British man on a quest to find out more about his African heritage, draws some fascinating parallels with English village life. Along the way Taiye experiences both the vibrant bustle of modern Nigerian city life and the mysterious rituals of rural African villagers. With half-brother, Femi, as his guide, Taiye's journey becomes a challenging culture clash incorporating music, dance and a host of spiritual ancestors.*

Director Ivan Cutting said; "This is a fantastic play. We took the show out in 2010 when it got some great feedback from critics and audiences so now we want more people to experience this heart-warming piece of theatre. It's got some really great atmospheric music, some very funny moments and will certainly strike a chord with anyone familiar with the day-to-day eccentricities and petty politics of village life!"

Mary Baker

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## **BRANDESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Brandeston Parish Meeting will take place at the village hall on the evening of Wednesday, 21 May 2014 at 8.00 pm . All residents are encouraged to attend to hear explanations of the parish council's work on behalf of residents over the past twelve months . The council will also explain where the parish precept is spent and in particular how this is used to benefit projects it supports in the village .

The formal agenda will be publicised in early May in the Parish News, on the village website and by notice at the village hall notice board.

*Mark Hounsell*

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## **PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM** Helmingham Hall IP14 6EF

## **SPRING PLANT FAIR** **SUNDAY 25TH MAY 2014** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Adults: £6 (includes entry to gardens)**

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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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## **DEANERY PILGRIMAGE**

This year the Revd Jonathan Olanczuk has taken over from the Revd Deirdre West as organiser of the Deanery Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will take place on August 28<sup>th</sup> and will be to Ely Cathedral. The coach will leave Sweffling Church at 9.00am and will return by 5.30pm. Parking will be available in the village. The cost will be £20.00 per person. There will be a tour of the cathedral and the Bishop of Ely will preside at a service of Holy Communion during the visit. Please contact Sheila Tesh on 01728 663518 to reserve your place on the coach. If you have been on the previous pilgrimages you will know that it is a day not to be missed, so book early!

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## **PETER UNDERDOWN**

### **Peter John Underdown born 7 April 1936 in Becontree**

#### **Son of Jack & Elsie**

Peter had a loving happy childhood; he was born during the war years, the middle child of three children. Bringing up a young family in the middle of the London blitz was difficult. Peter's family were continually moving to avoid the worst of the bombing, but remained in London for the majority of the time. Peter, his mother and sisters would run to the nearby air-raid shelter and listen to the bombs exploding. Peter's father was away working, so his mother held the family together; she was an incredibly resourceful and hardworking woman. From a young age Peter took on the responsibility of supporting his mother, and looking out for his two sisters.

Peter's first job was with his father Jack, a fish monger at Billingsgate Fish Market, but he hated it. He quickly found himself another job, starting a 7 year apprenticeship as a trainee compositor, for a company based in Ilford, Essex.

Peter was a keen swimmer and cyclist. It was through friends at the cycling club that he first set eyes on June. They were married in Aldborough Hatch on the 8 June 1957, and have been utterly devoted to one another throughout their 57 years together. They settled into married life in Wiltshire whilst Peter carried out his National Service before returning to London where he was now a qualified compositor.

Angela was born in March 1961 at their first home. At this time Peter realised that a move into sales could be a wise one -he was a natural!!! After a move across the road to a bigger house with a very important garage, Allison was born, followed very quickly, one year later, by Michael; the family were complete.

Peter was in his element with his lovely young family, a gold coloured mark 1 Cortina with black vinyl roof, and a small printing press in the garage! That's where it all began. He was out selling during the day and printing in the garage through the night whilst still employed by Premier Press. Needless to say he soon got his marching orders. During this time he met his great friend and business partner Bob Cole and they decided to start out their own business, from a very run down shoe shop in Hackney East London. The business began to flourish, due to their hard work, effort, and determination. The children did not see much of their Dad during those early years; he was always at work. June played her part too; as well as bringing up the family, she was also the book keeper.

The London warehouse was beginning to have its limitations. In 1973 Peter and Bob became the owners of W E Harrison & Son (formally known as Ancient House) and ran both companies, but then came the three day week, putting enormous strain on the new organisation. Peter was determined to succeed, he was out selling and finding new business. The unions at this time were another challenge, but he was respected amongst the various union representatives, and even the most militant representatives came to enjoy their verbal contests.

During 1975 Peter and June moved the family to Sudbury. It was about this time Peter and Bob got into sailing and bought a boat; many fun days were had sailing along the coast, both families on board, but unfortunately most trips generally ended by being stuck in the mud, with Peter or Bob wading through waist deep mud to find help! This did not deter them, they decided to buy a larger boat from a Marina on the South coast, and the plan was to sail the new boat up to Wolverstone. A nervous June was reassured that all would be fine. All was well, until their rudder broke, followed by the engine failing, an off-shore storm started to build with the boat taking on water. Down to their last flare, things were getting desperate; fortunately that last flare caught the attention of the Frinton Life Boat. Peter was eternally grateful to the RNLI.

Peter and the business were now solely based in Ipswich. The East Anglian business began to flourish. By the early 80s Ancient House Press and sister company Monarch Origination were among the leading colour commercial printers in the country.

Family life was good too with lovely friends, exotic holidays, and the first family dog, Cassie. The family unit was extremely important to Peter, he was a great promoter of the FAMILY, a legacy that will surely live on through his grandchildren. Angela had become a qualified nurse, Allison had gone off to work in a London bank, and Michael was away at school when the move to Brandeston took place. Peter loved Brandeston; he loved the drive

down into Brandeston from Crettingham, often stopping the car to take in the view across the valley.

This move to Brandeston inspired him yet further, the largest move was yet to come. In 1985 he moved the entire production facility across Ipswich to the Hadleigh Road Industrial Estate. His mantra was "If we stand still we go backwards".

Family life was beginning to change. There were three weddings, all in Brandeston church, and seven grandchildren, all of whom were very much loved and cherished by Peter. He has, and will continue to have, a huge influence in their future lives.

Peter began to take life a little easier, enjoying walking the footpaths of Brandeston with his golden retrievers, taking on various projects around the home, and garden, but always keeping a watchful eye over the business. He had many interests, fishing, sailing, horse racing. He also decided to learn horse riding in his 60s, took up piano lessons, and even had a go at tap dancing! Peter enjoyed travelling, and has been fortunate to visit many exotic locations. He particularly enjoyed his many trips away with his close friends. It became a standing joke that Peter would move hotel rooms several times over the course of a two week break. He could be quite difficult to please!

But as time went on he would often say the best place on earth was Brandeston, evenings in the Queen's Head, gin & tonic in hand, chatting with his many friends in the village, Sunday roasts with all the family, spending time with his grandchildren, pottering in the garden, and being with the love of his life, June.

Peter will be greatly missed, he was a brilliant business man who has inspired many, a great socialiser and friend, a very loving father and grandfather, and a loyal devoted husband.

*From the Underdown family*

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## PAST EVENTS

### THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who came to the Nansambo coffee morning on Saturday. It raised between £250 and £300 which will go a very long way in Malawi.

*Mary Baker*

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## NEWS FROM BRANDESTON HALL

Good news for Christian Aid. Congratulations to Brandeston hall who have raised and sent to Christian Aid the sum of £377.50, which was collected at their Carol Service in December. This is tremendous – well done!

Christian Aid in their reply have said “Christian Aid believes in strengthening people to find their own solutions to the problems they face.”

20 years ago, Orestes and Alcinda Ribeiro were living with their three children in a makeshift black plastic tent, with no services or sanitary facilities and were cooking over a campfire, in the southernmost region of Rio Grande do Sul. Today, as members of Landless Peoples Movement (MST) Orestes and Alcinda have their own home and their own farm. They are now members of the cooperative that is Brazil's largest producer of rice. Alcinda reflects on what would have happened to her family had they not joined MST: “We would be working for survival, not for betterment.”

What better way to promote the Christian Gospel?

Thank you everyone involved, a good gift for Christmas.

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## ALADDIN

It could not have been a worse week weather-wise to stage a pantomime. With the highest winds of the winter and in pouring rain a marquee for the cast was erected outside and anchored to surrounding trees. Dressing up ankle deep in water and with instructions not to drop their clothes in the wet the cast of the Kettleburgh Players battled on with Aladdin, another brilliant pantomime. We were treated to the lovely voice of Chloe as Wishy Washy, the sometimes unscripted but always humorous acting of Ray as Widow Twanky, Richard as Abanazer, Aladdin and the Genie, together with all the children producing a superb performance. Not only do we thank them all but also all the back room boys who work tirelessly for weeks beforehand producing costumes, music, scenery, sound and lighting etc. This year we were glad to welcome onto the team the scenery artistic talents of both Charlotte Butcher and Heidi Finbow and the equally valuable backstage input from Chris Finbow during the performances. But most of all we are ever grateful to Liz and Robert for their expertise and enthusiasm in producing the pantomime.

Next year it will be . . . . . !

*Anne Bater*

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## KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The following are the results of the March Lottery draw:

1st Prize      Val Butcher  
2nd Prize      Ray Pike

*Trevor Jessop*

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### **BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

The March draw for the 100+ Club took place at the village hall on Thursday 6th,

The winners were;

1st prize, The Duffy family, Grove House, Riggle Street, Brandeston.

2nd " Mrs. V. Harvey, 8, Pond Piece, Brandeston.

This was the last draw of the year. Members are reminded that application forms to renew membership should be submitted as soon as possible in order to qualify for the next draw which will be held on 3rd April. Many thanks for your support, all funds raised helps towards cost of maintaining and running the village hall.

*Don Evans*

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### **NOTICES**

#### **MESSAGE FROM CHURCH TREASURER**

A message from Paul Baker, treasurer for Brandeston and Kettleburgh PCCS to those using gift aid envelopes at the churches. Please can you ensure that you include the first two lines of your address and your postcode on the envelopes. This information is now required for the church to claim back the tax from your donations. Thank you very much.

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#### **TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT OUR REFURBISHED BRANDESTON VILLAGE SIGN !!**

Do not miss an opportunity to inspect our beautifully-restored village sign at close quarters. It is well worth it ! Thanks to the herculean efforts of David Risk, Barry Saxton, Richard Martin, John Penny and Brian Smerdon the sign stands proudly on the village green once more. The excellent restoration work with new oak post was carried out by Terry Pearce of Bredfield and Nick Ashwell of Ashwell Signs, Earl Soham. They really have done a marvellous job. This will ensure that the sign remains free of any need for further maintenance for many years to come. David Risk and his team deserve a huge vote of

thanks for their skill and persistence in restoring the completed artwork to its rightful place in the village.

Our village sign was originally commissioned and erected to mark the Queen's Jubilee in June 1977. It was created by Hector and Mary Moore at The Forge in Brandeston. Some of you may remember that it was originally unveiled in June 1977 by Mrs Minnie Ellis who was then the village's oldest resident.

The cost of the sign's refurbishment is in excess of £1,500 and this expense will be met by the Parish Council. The Brandeston Whist Drive has been able to donate £100 towards the overall cost. Any other donations would be very gratefully received and should be directed to Mark Hounsell, Parish Clerk.

*Pam and Rick Reade*

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

### Fund raising events

At the time of writing, the KGT members are preparing for the weekend's Village Breakfast held in the Village Hall. The breakfast provides a chance for villagers and friends to meet up, have a lovely cooked breakfast and help the Village Green at the same time. If the event is a profitable success then we shall consider running them more often.

Our next event is a **Race Night** being held at the Chequers pub on **April 4<sup>th</sup>**. The money raised will be split between the KGT and a new petanque piste.

Once the breakfast is over, we shall be sitting down and planning our fund raising activities for the coming year where we can showcase our lovely village green, raise money and have some fun at the same time.

### Other news

The Kettleburgh Green Trust is now registered with **easyfundraising.org.uk**. This is a great way to raise money for charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups and other good causes just by shopping online. You don't pay anything extra. So far, £5million has been raised for causes throughout the UK.

### How it works...

If you want to buy a book from Amazon or another retailer who takes part, go to [easyfunding.org.uk](http://easyfunding.org.uk) first or use the easyfunding toolbar (requires installation). Click through to the retailer of choice to make your purchase. The price is exactly the same but a percentage of the price paid is donated by the retailer to the good cause.

If you are not already supporting a good cause this way, please sign up to support the KGT without having to do anything – IT'S FREE MONEY!!!

We have delivered money boxes to all homes in the village for you to put all that annoying loose change in. We'll collect it and make good use of it. If you want more boxes or a ready made box, please contact me (details below). So far, we've collected over £30 in pennies alone!

We are also registered with BT's MyDonate so you can donate larger sums directly from your bank account.

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

#### Lottery

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 or download the application form from our website.  
<http://kettleburgh.onesuffolk.net/KGT>

#### Keeping in touch

There are plenty of ways to keep in touch with what's happening on the green or to provide input or ideas.

Our website - [kettleburgh.onesuffolk.net/KGT](http://kettleburgh.onesuffolk.net/KGT)

Facebook - [facebook.com/Kettleburghvillagegreen](https://www.facebook.com/Kettleburghvillagegreen)

Twitter - @kgtchair

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

Caroline Wheeler-Rowe  
Chair  
Kettleburgh Green Trust  
[kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com](mailto:kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com)

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#### **MESSAGE FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### **Procurement of local bus services 113 / 114 / 115 / 116 / 118 / 119**

Suffolk County Council, Passenger Transport is obliged to assess the need for local sponsored bus services . There are three route corridors contracts that are due to expire in August 2014, which is the end of the permissible period . Therefore, we are at the early stages of the tender process . The following services may have revised timetables:

- Contract 114 covers services 113 and 114 between Ipswich , Debenham, Thorndon, Eye and Diss currently operated by Simonds of Diss . The 114 contract is extremely expensive to operate and in common with all current procurement the amount of subsidy is being scrutinised and challenged by officers to secure better value for money . We will soon be reviewing several options for the continued provision of the service in the future .

- Contract 116 covers services 115 and 116 between Ipswich, Henley, Coddenham and Debenham currently operated by Galloway .

- Contract 118 covers services 118 and 119 between Ipswich, Framsden, Framlingham, Otley and Stradbroke currently operated by Galloway .

We would ask that these contents are forwarded to as many residents as possible . In addition, we would welcome any feedback and suggestions .

We will keep you informed in due course of further developments with the tender process and timetables .

There will be a separate e-mail issued regarding the sponsored bus service 482 between Framlingham, Stradbroke, Eye and Diss which is also due to be re-tendered for August 2014 .

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### **SHOW OFF YOUR GARDEN THIS SUMMER FOR THE HOSPICE**

Are you proud of your garden? Then why not show it off this summer in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

The local charity is looking for green-fingered supporters to open their garden to the public between May and September this year.

Whether your garden is traditional or tropical, cosy or large, by opening it for one morning or afternoon and charging an entrance fee you can make a difference and help St Elizabeth Hospice provide local Hospice care for local people.

Fiona Ginn, St Elizabeth Hospice's Community Partnerships Fundraiser, said: "Last year around 15 gardens opened to the public across Suffolk raising money for the Hospice and this year we're hoping for more.

"If you think your whole village is full of pretty gardens, why not get together with your neighbours and open numerous gardens across the village?"

To find out more, please call 01473 723600 or email  
[fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

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### **TRY YOUR HAND AT BOWLS**

Easton Bowls Club invites those that wish to have a go at bowls to their 'Roll Up' on alternate Saturdays starting on the **3<sup>rd</sup> May**. The only requirements are an inquisitiveness about bowls and footwear that is absolutely flat soled. Sorry no footwear heels of any description. Woods and a helping hand are provided.

The 'Roll Ups' start at 2:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Turn up any time during the three hours for a go. The Green is at the top of Cemetery Lane and there is a clear sign on The Street '**Bowls Club**' pointing up the Lane.

If you have any questions or just require more information try Charles Pollock on 01728 747343.

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### **SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE**

We got the forms today, Mar 15<sup>th</sup>, to fill in to say that our church would be open on the day and how many sponsor forms would we like.

So now is the time to think about cycling or walking. Book the date – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 9am to 5pm.

The forms will be out in June so you can get an early start asking friends, neighbours and family to sponsor you. If they can gift aid it, so much the better as the taxman gives us 25p for every £1 we raise.

Ruth in Brandeston 685233

Pat in Kettleburgh 621144

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### **SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL 10<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014**

Now in its seventh year, the Suffolk Walking Festival is bigger and better than ever before, with nearly 80 guided walks planned, covering the whole of the county. We have a lovely mix of short strolls around medieval villages and market towns and longer rambles through the gentle landscapes of Suffolk , through Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and along the glorious Suffolk coast.

The Discover Suffolk Challenge Walk this year follows The Angles Way , which meanders for 90 miles along the Suffolk/Norfolk border, through the picturesque Waveney Valley and the sandy landscape of The Brecks. Do one day, two days or all six, the choice is yours, but as always, there will be treats and prizes for those completing the whole route.

Our themed, guided walks throughout the three week festival have some wonderful titles such as: 'Across the Marshes to the Castle', 'A Point to my Ramblings', 'Tiptoe Through the Heather' and 'Prickles' Story Walk'. You can Walk the Burma Road, learn about the Maritime Heritage of the Ipswich Waterfront, walk through Rolling Fields and a Cutting Garden and even try a free taster session of Nordic Walking.

More information and the full programme of walks can be found the festival website:  
<http://suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk>

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### **CAN YOU HELP THE RED CROSS THIS SPRING?**

Floods report

Steve Mayhew, a resident of Harleston near Stowmarket has been volunteering as part of the Red Cross Emergency response team at the floods in the Thames Valley. Steve is a qualified volunteer ambulance crew member. Emergency response volunteers like Steve have been providing 24 hour ambulance support working with the South Coast Ambulance Hazardous Area Response Team:

“The HART team will get the person from the hazardous area and hand them over to a Red Cross crew who are manning front line equipped 4x4 ambulances. We were needed to not only crew the ambulances but to staff the control centres and work in rest centres.”

“The British Red Cross is known for responding to international crises all around the world but I am proud to say I have been part of a major emergency response right here in the UK.”  
(Steve Mayhew)

### **Appeal**

Following the enormous rescue effort for people affected by flooding in the UK the Red Cross urgently need to raise funds. All funds raised in Suffolk will be spent on Red Cross services in Suffolk, and means we free funds up for the on-going flood crisis.

Red Cross Week is in the first week of May and we would really appreciate it if you could do something to help this spring and summer: Please hold a coffee morning, host a quiz, have a stall at a local fete...

### **Some Red Cross history:**

This year we are commemorating 100 years since the opening of the first temporary hospitals to help wounded soldiers returning from abroad. The hospitals were initiated by the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St John of Jerusalem in 1914. There were 33 hospitals in Suffolk (listed below). The buildings varied widely, ranging from town halls and schools to large and small private houses. The most suitable ones were established as auxiliary hospitals.

Auxiliary hospitals were attached to central military hospitals, which looked after patients who remained under military control. In all, there were over 3,000 auxiliary hospitals administered by Red Cross county directors. They were usually staffed by:

- a commandant, who was in charge of the hospital (except for medical and nursing services)
- a quartermaster, who was responsible for the receipt, custody and issue of articles in the provision store
- a matron, who directed the work of the nursing staff
- members of the local voluntary aid detachment, who were trained in first aid and home nursing.

In many cases, women in the neighbourhood volunteered on a part-time basis, although the hospitals often needed to supplement voluntary staff with paid labour, such as cooks.

Medical attendance was provided locally and voluntarily, despite the extra strain that the medical profession was already under at that time.

The patients at these hospitals were generally less seriously wounded than at other hospitals and needed convalescence. The servicemen preferred the auxiliary hospitals to military hospitals because they were not so strict. Also, auxiliary hospitals were less crowded and the surroundings more homely.

### **List of Suffolk Red Cross Hospitals WWI**

1. Ampton Hall, Bury St. Edmunds
2. Broadwater, Belstead Road, Ipswich
3. Henham Hall Hospital
4. Red Cross Hospital, Aldeburgh
5. Red Cross Hospital, Beccles
6. Brettenham Park Hospital, Brettenham
7. Red Cross Hospital, Northgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds
8. Campsea Ashe High Horse
9. Easton Park Hospital
10. Red Cross Hospital, Finborough Hall, Stowmarket
11. Hengrave Hall Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds
12. Red Cross Hospital, Foxboro' Hall, Melton
13. Rous Hospital, Newmarket
14. Red Cross Hospital, Sussex Lodge, Newmarket
15. Severals House Hospital, Newmarket
16. Shrubland Park Hospital, Coddendenham, Ipswich
17. Maryland, Sroughton, Ipswich
18. Red Cross Hospital, Sudbury
19. Red Cross Hospital, Woolverstone, Ipswich
20. Drinkstone Park, Bury St. Edmunds
21. Elvenden Hall, Suffolk
22. Red Cross Hospital, Ixworth
23. Gunton Old Hospital, Lowestoft
24. Orwell Park Hospital, Suffolk
25. Plumton House Hospital, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds
26. VAD Hospital, Saxmundham
27. Sudbourne Hospital, Orford
28. Tostock Place, Bury St. Edmunds
29. Wherstead Park Hospital, Ipswich
30. Woolpit Rectory, Bury St. Edmunds
31. Red Cross Hospital, Corton
32. VAD Hospital, Gippeswyke Hall, Ipswich
33. Red Cross Hospital, Fairfield, London Road, Lowestoft

### **Useful contact numbers:**

Mobility aid loans (wheelchairs etc) 01284 727252

Support at home (Short-term support for vulnerable people) 01473 702485

Support in emergencies 01603 426361

If you would like me to talk to your local group about the work of the Red Cross (or for anything else) contact Jane Dow on 01284 727247.

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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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**Covers are particularly welcome!**

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## **CHURCH CLEANING**

### **Brandeston**

6<sup>th</sup> Christine Matthew and Don Evans  
13<sup>th</sup> Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper  
20<sup>th</sup> Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker  
27<sup>th</sup> Kelly Jeffery  
4<sup>th</sup> May Marian Hutson and Julia Elson

### **Kettleburgh**

Jane O'Leary  
Fay Clarke  
Claire Norman  
Anne Bater  
Pat Peck

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

20<sup>th</sup> EASTER DAY DECORATIONS  
20<sup>th</sup>  
27<sup>th</sup> Eve Crane  
4<sup>th</sup> May Pippa Brown

Anne Bater  
Anne Bater  
Jackie Clark