

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH  
PARISH NEWS  
NOVEMBER 2016***

## PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

We often talk in Church about the ‘good news ‘of the gospel (though maybe not as often as we ought!), the good news of the life and works of Jesus, and his death on the cross for our redemption. Being a follower of Christ, a Christian, places demands upon us, some we enjoy; our friends within the family of the Church; and the many and varied aspects of church life, but others maybe less so, the constant fund raising struggle and the annual balancing of the books – or not!

So what does it mean in practice ‘to take up your cross’, or to ‘lose your lives for Christ’s sake’. Well above all it means **giving** - willingly and joyfully “giving our **time**, our **skills** our **treasure**” where and when it is needed. And there are many, many people across all our seven parishes already doing this, but more help is needed, even from those who may not want to come to the services on offer, more love, support and generosity is needed.

So, in this my penultimate letter of 2016 (yes really!) can I ask you to think about that however much you give, whether money, or your time or in skills, as they can never compare to the enormous generosity of the God who created us, and who in Christ laid down his life for us.

Will you use the waiting time of Advent to consider if there is anything you can do for your Church, or if there is something more that you can do, by asking yourself if what you are already giving or doing adequately reflects the love that God has for humanity and for **you**. Any new offer of help, or an increase in an existing financial donation no matter how small or seemingly insignificant will be an enormous encouragement to your parish Church and the small number of people that are striving to do their best to keep it open, as a loving, worshipping presence in your community, available to all.

With love in Christ

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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

Churchwardens: Mr John Bater 723532

**DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2016**  
**(for further details of each event see below diary)**

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7 – 9pm	<u>Kettleburgh Craft Club</u> at the village hall
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 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “Brooklyn”
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8 ‘til late	<u>Retro Disco</u> at Brandeston Village Hall
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Quiz Evening</u> at the village hall
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11am – 4.30pm	<u>Open Day at Bridge Farm, Brandeston</u>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Doors open 6.30pm	<u>Wickham Market Flower Club “Open meeting”</u> at WM Village Hall
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Coach Trip to Bury St Edmunds Christmas Market</u> Contact Pat Morgan on 685378 for more information

**KETTLEBURGH MONTHLY CRAFT CLUB****First Tuesday of the month; 7pm to 9pm - Kettleburgh village hall**

Keen on scrapbooking, knitting, painting, card making etc but don't seem to get time to do any? Come along to our new monthly craft club at Kettleburgh village hall.

A great way of meeting people over a nice cup of tea and the opportunity to swap ideas and perhaps finally finish all those craft projects that you have started! We have had a

great turnout so far and really enjoyed seeing what range of different crafts people enjoy so why not pop along? It would be lovely to see you!

All you need to do is bring £2 to cover the cost of hall hire and whatever crafts you are working on (if you don't have any let me know and I am sure I have something going spare!) And if you are not sure about coming as you have no one to come with don't be shy give me a call - everyone welcome!

Please call me on the number below to find out more or to book your place. I look forward to hearing from you!

Angela 01728 621447 or email me [angela.wright17@btinternet.com](mailto:angela.wright17@btinternet.com)

(Future dates; 1<sup>st</sup> November & 6<sup>th</sup> December)

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**BRANDESTON FILM CLUB** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month starting at 7.30pm at the village hall. Membership is £10 for the year

November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Brooklyn</b>	An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn, where she quickly falls into a romance with a local. When her past catches up with her, however, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within. <b>Director:</b> John Crowley <b>Stars:</b> Saoirse Ronan, Emory Cohen, Domhnall Gleeson
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dark Horse</b>	This true story tells how a barmaid in a former mining village in South Wales bred a racehorse on her allotment that went on to become a champion.

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**BRANDESTON RETRO DISCO**

Come and strut your stuff to sounds of the eighties, nineties and noughties at the

**Brandeston Retro Disco**

Saturday 12th November

8pm til late

Brandeston Village Hall

BYO Booze, Hot dogs at 10pm

Tickets £10, available in advance from:

Wendy Grimwood (684000) or Kathy Churchill (685303).

Please feel free to call either of us, drop in to see Wendy at Brook Cottage or email Kathy at [kathy.churchill@keme.co.uk](mailto:kathy.churchill@keme.co.uk)

See you on the dance floor!

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**KETTLEBURGH QUIZ EVENING – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Come and join in a fun evening of quizzing at Kettleburgh Village Hall, in aid of Children in Need and St Andrew's Church. Tables of up to 4. Licensed bar & raffle. Tickets £8.50 per person, inc supper, from Jackie Clark 01728 723623.

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**BRIDGE FARM OPEN DAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 11.00 AM – 4.30PM**

An invitation to everyone to come along to our Open Day at Bridge Farm this year. Our workshops will be welcoming you to come and see what is going on .. we have woodworking, stonemasonry, glass art, sea glass jewellery, art, furniture, honey and more. We also have delicious curry pies, and Henrietta Inman's gorgeous cakes and pastries in our pop up cafe. Do come along to this friendly event .. it will be lovely to see you.

Further information Sally and Steve Western 01728 685320

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**WICKHAM MARKET FLOWER CLUB**

Our November meeting is on Thursday 24th November and is an "Open Meeting". This is one of our very special meetings held twice a year in addition to our normal monthly meetings. It is a ticket only meeting and these are priced at £7 for members and £10 for guests. Tickets can be booked by contacting Geraldine Thompson on 01728 746697 or by e-mailing gerrythompson@btinternet.com. The demonstrator will be Jacqui Arnold and the topic will be "Jingle all the Way". Its at Wickham Market Village Hall and doors open at 6.30pm. There will be a Raffle and the usual Christmas Sales table and £1 gift stall. Book early to avoid disappointment. These are great nights so bring a friend. This is our last meeting of 2016 as we do not meet in December.

*Mandy Pryke*

**ADVANCE NOTICES**

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December		<b>Brandeston Christmas Fair</b>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30pm	<b>Phoenix Singers Concert</b> at St Michael's Church, Framlingham – see below
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		Turning on of the <b>Brandeston Christmas Tree Lights</b> followed by a traditional evening of <b>Carols in the Queen's Head</b>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		<b>Candlelit Evening</b> in the Old Chapel, Brandeston
9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2017		<b>Kettleburgh Panto</b> at the village hall

## Brandeston Village Events for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2016

Month	Date	Event	Organised by
Nov.	12 <sup>th</sup>	Disco	Village Hall
Dec.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Fair	Church
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Wine Tasting	Wine Society
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert	Village Hall
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Candlelit Evening	Friends of the old chapel

**Next concert: Saturday 10th December 2016,  
7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Framlingham**

# Phoenix Singers

**English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble**

**The Firebird Boys' Chorus**



Tickets: £12.00 (£6.00 for  
under 18s) available from  
Hall Farm Butchers, 25,  
Market Hill, Framlingham,  
William Glasse

[william@glasse.org.uk](mailto:william@glasse.org.uk),  
07802 597071, choir  
members, and at the door.  
charity no. 1076549

# Monteverdi VESPERS

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## KETTLEBURGH PANTO

The Kettleburgh Players are delighted to announce that rehearsals for their next production are already under way.

This year the pantomime is going to be 'Beauty and the Beast', so you can expect lots of growling, a spoilt prince charming and his faithful side-kick, some naughty fairies, a pair of idiotic clerks, the kindly squire and his lovely daughters and the occasional guest appearance from some well-known characters.

It promises to be lots of fun with plenty of audience participation so make sure you put the date in your diary.

Performances 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February, Kettleburgh Village Hall.

## PAST EVENTS

## **SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TUST BIKE RIDE & STRIDE, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

No set route, no set starting point, and no set time; just a long list of Suffolk churches that would be open as destinations. What a perfect opportunity to set my own agenda, explore the more remote corners of the countryside, visit as many (or as few) churches as I liked, and eat biscuits. No guilt feelings about my long-suffering husband trailing round after me while I savoured that lovely musty odour of old church, admired the old architecture, and wondered about the people behind the inscriptions on the ancient tombs.

The weather forecast was for rain, breaking the long period of hot, dry weather. The cooler temperature was welcome, but the prospect of getting wet on a bike wasn't so great. The morning was dry, though, and I set off in good weather and high hopes.

In the case of some of the most interesting churches, the associated village had shrunk away from its spiritual centre, leaving the church in the middle of nowhere. The most effective access to such churches was sometimes by footpath rather than road, and on more than one occasion I was sent on my way across fields and, at one point, through a copse. (Unfortunately, this led to my getting a thorn in my front tyre, and so the second half of the ride was punctuated by increasingly frequent reinflation stops.)

At each of the churches, there was a warm welcome from the volunteers who had given up some of their weekend to check people in, offer refreshments (in addition to the aforementioned biscuits, there were some lovely fresh apricots at Bedfield, and yummy cream teas at Framsdon Baptist church) and generally to chat and offer information about their church and the surrounding area. In several churches, the volunteers were using the opportunity to have a tidy up, or to prepare for their harvest festival. Some had taken along their dogs, which competed with their owners to give the warmest welcome.

Having such a long list of churches to choose from meant that for the first half of my ride, I caught only infrequent glimpses of fellow church riders or striders. It wasn't until the afternoon, when I reached Monewden, that they suddenly seemed to emerge.

In all, I visited 16 churches and cycled about 33 miles. I discovered some lovely parts of the county, and confirmed that Suffolk has plenty of hills. And the forecast was right: it did rain, but only for about five minutes. I'm already looking forward to next year, when I will explore another small corner of this beautiful county.

*Rowena*

*Edmonson*

Just a little more about the Bike Ride. It was a lovely day after a dismal forecast.

Charles Freeman, Chris and Caroline Oswald and John Garratt cycled for Brandeston, starting at All Saint's. They all met Persephone and Rob Booth at Kettleburgh. Susannah Roberts sat at the Church and then cycled to 9 churches – well done everyone.

There will be more about the bike ride in the December magazine – money collected etc.

*Ruth Garratt*

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## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

One of the loveliest festivals for decorating the church is harvest festival. It was good to see the cubs in church and of course our friends from Wickham Market. Rather than

heading to winter October is hanging on to summer and our church looked lovely with floral decorations, fruits and berries . . . for which we thank the flower ladies. The service of four hymns included a short 'play' on the theme of 'The House that Jack Built' indicating the connection between the people who grow and produce our food but the unfair way in which it is distributed world wide.

The service was followed as usual by supper in the village hall and we thank everyone who contributed to the salads and delicious apple crumbles.

*Anne Bater*

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### **KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY**

The results of October KGT Lottery draw are as follows:

1st prize: E Davies

2nd prize: Peter Dring

*Trevor Jessop*

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### **BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

Results of October 100+ club draw:

1st £25            No 30 Roy O'Brien

2nd £10           No 78 Wendy & Nick Grimwood

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## **NOTICES**

### **KETTLEBURGH PARISH COUNCIL HAVE SECURED AN AED**

After several months of discussions and research we are pleased to confirm that Kettleburgh Parish Council have secured funding for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

The Council received confirmation in early August that Robin Vickery, our local County Councillor, had awarded us full funding for the purchase of the AED and cabinet through his Locality Budget. Our thanks go to him and Suffolk County Council for all of their assistance. The AED has been installed by the entrance doors of Kettleburgh Village Hall and can be accessed via a code obtained when contacting 999.

What is an AED?

An **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is a very safe and easy to use portable electronic device, designed to be used by a layperson. It automatically reads the heart rhythm of someone who may have suffered a cardiac arrest and identifies whether an electrical shock is required to restore a normal heart rhythm. If it is required, an AED will safely deliver a controlled electrical shock to the heart.

Simple to Use:

AEDs are simple and safe. The machine gives clear spoken instructions. The units are portable and can be taken to the person in need. Once in position, the defibrillator detects



the heart's rhythm. It won't deliver a shock unless one is needed. They are designed to be stored for long periods without use and require very little routine maintenance.

We encourage anyone that wishes to find out more to come along to our next **Parish Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November** or alternatively, please contact any member of the council, who will be able to direct you to further information.

*Heidi Finbow*

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## **ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE**

### **Go wacky in wool for the hospice this Christmas**

St Elizabeth Hospice is urging friends, colleagues and classmates to go wacky in wool this December, as part of their Woolly Pully Week.

Following from last year's success, the local charity is holding this year's event on the week between 12 – 16 December, and is appealing for local businesses, schools and groups to don their craziest knit and do their bit for their local hospice.

Organisations choose a day during the Woolly Pully Week and on their nominated day, everyone has to wear their silliest sweater and donate £2 to St Elizabeth Hospice.

Felicity Rook, St Elizabeth Hospice's head of fundraising, said: "Christmas jumpers have become such a popular phenomenon in recent years, nearly everybody has a festive top, and Woolly Pully Week is a great excuse to get yours out and wear it to work, school or wherever.

"Holding a jumper day is sure to get you in the festive spirit in the run up to Christmas and is an easy and fun way to raise vital funds for your local hospice and help ensure nobody has to face their illness alone this Christmas."

To find out more or to request your Woolly Pully Week festive fundraising pack, visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/woollypully](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/woollypully) or call 01473 723600 or email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

### **Midnight Walk 2017**

St Elizabeth Hospice is asking supporters to save the date for their biggest fundraising event of the year.

The hugely popular Midnight Walk will be taking place on Saturday 20 May 2017 on the streets of Ipswich, with all new routes.

Catherine Sheppard, events and challenges fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice said: "We are very excited to launch next year's Midnight Walk. It's the biggest event on the hospice calendar, and we have made a few alterations including new routes and a new venue for 2017, and I'm sure that people are going to be thrilled with the changes."

Full details about the Midnight Walk 2017 will be released in early November, and those who register before 31 January 2017 will save £5 with the early bird offer.

Keep up to date with St Elizabeth Hospice news and the Midnight Walk at [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

## **Take a Dip with a Difference**

Are you brave enough to take a dip in the cold North Sea on Christmas morning for your local hospice?

Join hundreds of other supporters as they take a dip in the icy water on Christmas morning to raise vital funds for **St Elizabeth Hospice**.

Catherine Sheppard, St Elizabeth Hospice's events and challenges fundraiser, said: "The Christmas Day Dip is in its 13<sup>th</sup> year and it's still such a popular event, with around 400 people lining the beach each Christmas morning ready to take the icy plunge!

"There's always such a great atmosphere at the event, not only with the hundreds of people taking part, but with the thousands who turn out to watch. A lot of people do it in memory of their loved ones who were cared for by the hospice, and all the sponsorship money raised from the event goes towards improving life for local people living with a progressive illness."

You can save £5 if you sign up with the early bird offer before 5pm on 31 October 2016, after this registration will be £10.

Be part of the festive fun and sign up now at [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/dip](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/dip)

St Elizabeth Hospice provides vital care and support to more than 2,000 patients and their families every year.

It costs millions of pounds a year to run the hospice and they rely on fundraising events, donations and the income generated from its shops to meet the majority of these costs.

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## **KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST NEWS**

### **Online shopping??**

Did you know that whenever you shop online, be it for a hat or a holiday, packed lunches or pencil cases, you could be raising a free donation for Kettleburgh Green Trust at no extra cost to you?

Simply sign up for free at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) - it's as easy as 1, 2, 3! All you have to do is:

1. **Go to** <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kgt>
2. **Sign up** for free
3. **Get shopping** - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Kettleburgh Green Trust. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Kettleburgh Green Trust will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Keep in touch with us by liking us on Facebook, following us on Twitter @kgtchair.

Caroline Wheeler-Rowe  
Treasurer and Fundraising Committee Chair  
Kettleburgh Green Trust  
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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, or jpg for pictures/scans.

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### **Covers**

Thank you very much to **Janet Weston** who is providing regular drawings for our magazine cover.

If anyone else would like to draw a cover sometime, you are very welcome too.

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## HISTORY CORNER

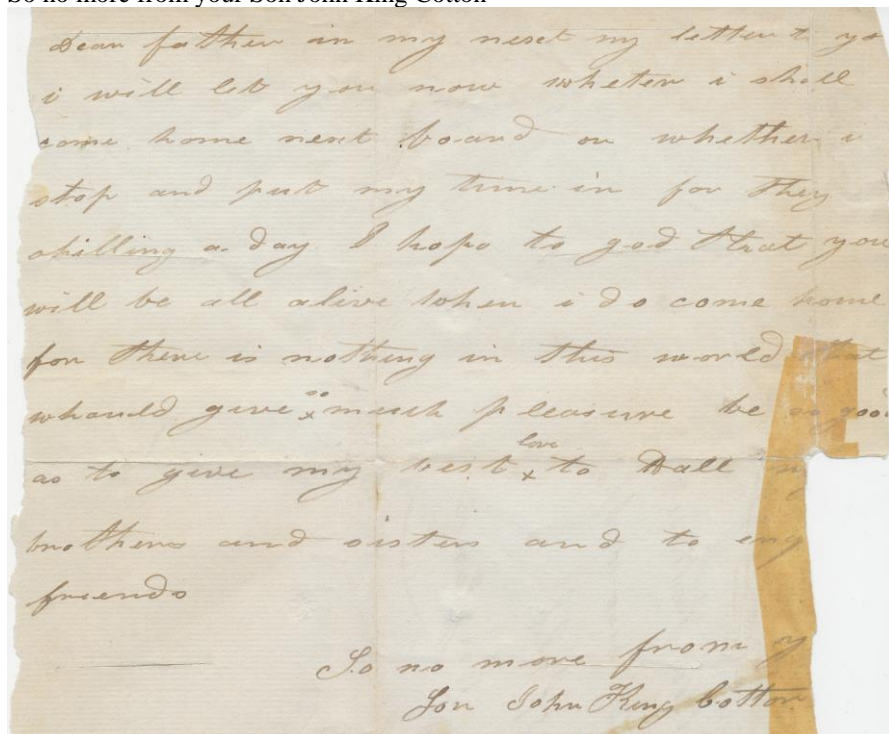
### THE POSTMAN COMETH

It was a lovely summer day in July 1840 at the cottage of an agricultural labourer in Riggle Street on the west side of Brandeston. Excitement – a letter brought by the Letter Carrier – the labouring poor rarely received a letter. Addressed to “Allen Cotton, Brandiston near Wickham, Suffolk, England”, it had travelled from Aden by ship up the Red Sea to Suez, across to Alexandria and on another ship to Falmouth, thence via London to Wickham Market for delivery to Riggle Street. Who could be writing to Allen Cotton?

On the front – A Soldier’s letter, From Private John King, 6<sup>th</sup> Company, European Regiment Infantry. Paid all the way with a manuscript “1” for a 1d and authorised by Captain Thomas Tapp, Captain in Charge. Still a mystery – then the letter.

“Dear father in my next my letter to you I will let you now whether I shall come home next board or whether I stop and put my time in for they shilling a day. I hope to god that you will be all alive when I do come home for there is nothing in this world would give so much pleasure be so good as to give my best love to Hall my brothers and sisters and to my friends

So no more from your Son John King Cotton

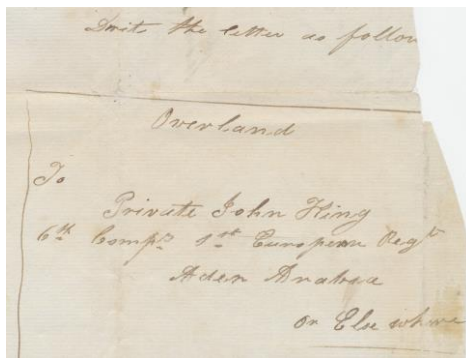


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as to give my best <sup>love</sup> to Hall  
brothers and sisters and to my  
friends

So no more from your  
Son John King Cotton

(return address) the letter as follows

Overland  
To Private John King  
6<sup>th</sup> Company 1<sup>st</sup> European Regiment  
Aden Arabia  
or Elsewhere”



Although the address on the letter does not mention Riggle Street, the 1841 census was taken a few months later. It has good detail of the location of village residents, in this case listing “Hill Farm” (now West Hill [Farm]) separately, followed by “Riggle Street” for which there are eight households. From this it can be extrapolated that Allen Cotton, as head of the first household listed on Riggle Street, lived in the house at the end of the road nearest to West Hill, which is now called The Lodge. This is a Victorian structure so the house of Allen Cotton would have been a previous cottage on the same site.

In 1841, the census shows that Allen Cotton is aged 65 and he is an agricultural labourer. He is living with his wife Ann aged 60, his son Samuel aged 27 and wife Emma aged 23 with their children, Charles aged 2 and William 5 months. In addition, there is a lodger, 15 year old Henry Taylor. Both Samuel and Henry are also agricultural labourers.

The location of the Cotton family can be further confirmed by the last entry for Riggle Street. This is Samuel Gall, a farmer with family and two servants who would have been living in the more substantial dwelling on the corner of Riggle Street as it joins the main road, the west end of The Street. That was Grove Farm (now Grove House) which rented 40 acres from the Revett family at the Hall, the land mainly between Mill Lane and Riggle Street.

In the 1851 census, Allen and Ann are still living in Brandsdon with son Samuel and grandson William, probably in Riggle Street although that census does not record the location. Allen and Samuel are still agricultural labourers, but that description for Allen has been struck through with the annotation “pauper”. On the night of that census, Emma and Charles are not at home but Emma is recorded in the 1861 census with Samuel indicating that the whole of the family were together in 1851. Even though the current generation has concerns about “retirement age”, it is plain that Allen Cotton never had that opportunity and the family struggled in the 1850s.

But, what about soldier John? Having shown concern for his family in 1840, no doubt he would have been pleased and impressed by his parents longevity. His regiment returned to Bombay later in 1841. Maybe he had the shorter life. If casualties from military action against the locals were not high, the mortality rate from disease in the Middle East and India was more considerable.

This is well evidenced from the paranoia of such disease, even from correspondence, as this letter has disinfection slits – that is razor cuts through the letter – so that it could be treated prior to entry into Britain. Typically, treatment was fumigation with “flowers of sulphur” (known to every farmer) or immersion in vinegar. This was done at an offshore location – in this case probably Malta which had been under British control since 1800. As John is not recorded in a Brandeston census, we may never know his story. Nor do we know why the Cotton family kept this letter for many years until it became a record of military and social history.

Ian Harvey, Grove Farm, Riggle Street  
September 2016

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### **CHURCH CLEANING**

#### **Brandeston**

6<sup>th</sup> Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker  
13<sup>th</sup> Christine and Colin Matthews  
20<sup>th</sup> Julia Elson and Kelly Jeffery  
27<sup>th</sup> Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper

#### **Kettleburgh**

Val Butcher  
Margaret Meadows  
Alison Gibson  
Jackie Clark  
Jane O’Leary

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

6<sup>th</sup> Helen Saxton  
13<sup>th</sup> Ruth Garratt  
20<sup>th</sup> Jackie Hounsell  
27<sup>th</sup>

Claire Norman  
Katie Harris  
Katie Harris

ADVENT – No Flowers

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