

BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH MAY PARISH NEWS 2020

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From Reverend Graham

A poem for Holy Saturday, (the day between Good Friday and Easter Day) sums up the sense of limbo and uncertainty that we seem to be in at the moment.

Between Friday and Sunday,
is Saturday,
Between death and resurrection,
is mourning,
Between uncertainty and certainty,
is faith,
Between pain and celebration,
is hope,
Between loneliness and community,
is love.

(Graeme McMeekin of Tearfund Scotland).

There was life before the lock down, there will be life afterwards, and there is the present. It is probably doing us good to live in the present. We are learning to value the things that we have and to appreciate all those special things that we cannot enjoy at the moment. We have realigned our valuation of people, and roles in society. We have rediscovered a new sense of community.

For many it has been and continues to be a trying time. Many feel very isolated. A significant number of businesses are learning new ways of taking forward their work, whilst others wonder if there is a future for their business or job. As a group of churches, we have had to work in a new way. We are no longer a community that gathers for worship. Instead we are united in prayer, by praying our services at a common time (9.30am and 4.00pm) each day and joining together on Sunday via Zoom. It's not the same as being together but it is maintaining our unity in Christ. We continue to serve our communities alongside many other willing volunteers.

What we are experiencing is not forever. There is a future. Vincent Nichols, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster used a very telling phrase on Easter Day, 'We live with eternity on the horizon'. That is the Christian perspective. We live in the now but with the understanding and hope that beyond there is something greater than even now we are starting to realise and appreciate. The fullness of it awaits us. That is the message of Easter. That Jesus has overcome the evil, he has triumphed over death and brings those who trust him into a new and living way.

Our current experience during this pandemic is like living in a semi-permanent Easter Eve, but there is a future on the horizon.

Contactless Giving

As a Benefice we have become increasingly aware that fewer people carry cash in their pockets or purses and rely much more on cards to make purchases and payments either manually or on-line. In order that members of our congregations can use cards to make donations to the Church, we have purchased a machine designed to enable contactless giving. This machine is easy to use. Our Church Wardens and Elders can contact me to let me know when they need it for their own Churches.

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Daily services are published on line at

www.hachestonchurch.onesuffolk.net/services and if you wish you join in the Zoom service contact Graham Hedger and he will pass your name to the administrator who hosts the service.



Registers

26/3	John Oswald Dick	Burial of ashes	Kettleburgh
16/4	Jean Margaret Taylor	Funeral	Campsea Ashe
17/4	Anne Rosemary Hayward	Funeral	Brandeston

Anne Hayward

10/11/1946 – 7/4/2020



I lost my Anne to cancer unexpectedly on 7 April, her having entered hospital with what appeared to be a chest infection but which turned out to be a resurgence of the disease. She had an ongoing campaign with cancer since being diagnosed in 2012 with an ebb and flow of success and different chemo treatments, each with specific side-effects. Throughout she remained buoyant, positive, stoic and never once complained about her situation. I humbly salute her spirit.

Anne was born in the City of Bath and never lost her West Country undertone but objected to my reference to a 'Worzel', so the move to Suffolk in the 70's was a great contrast although she never wanted to return West, having fallen in love with Brandeston, the locals and the way of life. She had an extremely wide range of interests from her early days in the RN Naval Armament Department where she could converse knowledgeably and with authority on the 4.5" warship gun or small arms, to calligraphy, lace making, history, dancing, gardening, sailing, the kitchen and so the list could go on. Calligraphy became a fascination for her in the last 20 years because of its artistic and endless scope for expression; her illuminated initials using gold leaf are superb. Her gardening skills were natural, propagating cuttings like Monty Don and developing a collection of 100 fuchsias at one point. The garden was to be supportive of wildlife and native flowers and now is populated with Snakehead Fritillary and 4 types of orchid to mention but two. I could go on at length but Anne would not like the limelight.

Anne loved people and was intensely interested in their stories and circumstances and pleased to talk about any subject, and spent some time as a volunteer in the Cancer Information Centre in Ipswich Hospital to 'put something back' and help others.

We were married for almost 50 years and it was my privilege and honour; I learnt so much and owe her so much.

Anne would have been overwhelmed, as I am, by the cards, letters and messages of support that have been received in the last few weeks.

Thank you. Nick Hayward



DR DAN POULTER MP
Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

As I sit to write this month's article, we find ourselves living in incredibly challenging circumstances. Never in peacetime has a Prime Minister or his Government been faced with such difficult decisions. From the very beginning of this crisis, our Prime Minister and Government have been led by the advice of our world-leading scientists.

We all need to recognise that our NHS, like any other health service, has only a limited number of doctors, nurses and specialist equipment. So, the more people who become sick at any one time, the harder it is for the NHS to cope. This is why it is so important to delay the spread of the disease and reduce the number of people needing hospital treatment at any one time.

I really cannot stress enough the importance of our Prime Minister's message to Stay At Home, Protect Our NHS and Save Lives.

Here in Suffolk, we have a great track record of coming together to help those in need and to support each other and I'm pleased to be able to share details of a new Suffolk-based community service supporting those in need during the COVID-19 outbreak. Called "Home, but not alone," the service connects people who want to volunteer in their communities with neighbours who are most in need. Volunteers can sign up via a free app, Tribe Volunteer and the phone number for those in need of genuine help is **0800 876 6926**. Lines will be staffed from 9am to 5pm 7 days a week.

I would like to personally pay tribute to all our outstanding NHS staff working tirelessly around the clock, in incredibly challenging circumstances, caring for those not only affected by COVID 19, but also who are still needing care under normal circumstances. I would also like to put on record my thanks to our local council staff, our teachers and school workers, police, transport workers and everyone doing their bit in our communities to help and look out for each other. I am incredibly proud of everyone rising to the challenge and helping to support those in need in our communities.

These are unprecedented times in our generation and I also know that a great many of you will be worried about your jobs, our schools and money. I'm doing my very best to keep my website up to date with helpful and current information, so please do check there if you have any queries – www.drdanielpoulter.com

By the time this article goes to press and finds its way to you, matters may well have progressed further, but the best advice I can offer is stay at home, help to protect our NHS, help to stop the spread of COVID-19 and save lives.



James and I would like to introduce ourselves to the village as the new occupants of the Hamilton Bloodhounds Kennels. We are very pleased and excited to be starting our new life, and we very much hope that you can all be a part of it along the way. James has been one of the Joint Masters of the Hamilton Bloodhounds since they were first established last year. He previously worked in both arable and dairy farming, and he has followed hounds since he was 10 years old. He first developed his passion for bloodhounds whilst going out with the East Anglian Bloodhounds (where he was one of the whippers-in), which is where he and I met. We have both enjoyed bloodhounding ever since, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity of looking after and working with the Hamilton Bloodhounds. James' role is that of Master-Huntsman, so he will not only be looking after the hounds, and taking them out on meet days, parades etc., but he will also remain one of the Joint Masters as well. I will continue to work as a veterinary nurse.

We are very keen to make the Kennels as open and welcoming a place as we can. Please feel free to drop in and say hello, have a cup of something, and meet our wonderful hounds. Bloodhounds are very friendly: they love people, and they will certainly be pleased to see you! We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Framlingham Library

Framlingham Library is currently closed but we would love to be able to engage as widely as possible with our customers. We know that not everyone is able to go online and Suffolk Libraries is working to try and find ways to stay in touch with those customers.

For those who are able to go online, we are looking to try and extend what the staff at the library have been working on to include similar contributions from our customers.

For example- author/ book recommendations, spotlights on books/ authors, book reviews and suggestions.

We would also be interested in written pieces about any of the Suffolk Libraries apps such as 'Libby', 'Borrowbox', 'Press Reader', 'Freegal' and your customer experiences of these services.

If you think that you might be able to provide something upbeat and engaging to share with the Framlingham Library community then in the first instance, please get in touch via email- trisha.adkins@suffolklibraries.co.uk

Kind Regards
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Hollesley Bay

We hear quite a bit about the local prison in the local newspaper, especially when a prisoner goes missing, but not everyone knows its history. By 1886, Colonial College and Training Farms Ltd bought 1330 acres in the parish of Hollesly, hence it was known as "Hollesly Bay Colony".

The college was formed under the auspices of The Agents-General of the colonies, fruit cultivation for the advancement of young men looking for a career in ariculture in Her Majesty's lands overseas. They would study, stock rearing, shepherding, cereal growing, forestry, fruit cultivation, botany, geology, mineralogy, and mechanics. The Woodbridge periodical, 'Lambert's Almanac,' said that the college promoted good friendship and learning, which served them well for their work in the future, but it wasn't for free. The Fees were:

Under 17--£90 per annum, Under 20--£108 per annum, Seniors --£126 per annum.

The establishment flourished and produced a magazine which they called 'Colonia.' The need for such a training centre fizzled out and in 1905. It was transferred at a peppercorn rent to the London unemployed committee who termed it a Labour Colony and sent a large number of men from all classes to give them an insight into farming methods and encourage them to emigrate to Canada.

In 1938 it became a Borstal institution under the Prison Commissioners and remained so until late in the 20th century. Boys learned market gardening, farming and animal husbandry, and because of the abundance of cheap labour, it became one of the last large farms employing the Suffolk Punch in a full time capacity. Many lads became very fond of these lovely animals and I knew one who went on to a career at Newmarket. In their way they helped the breed survive and the Suffolk Punch is still bred at Hollesley by the Trust (Thank Goodness!)

Peter Driver

Editor's Note This slimmed down Parish Mag will be online until the Coronavirus Emergency is over. If your article is not in this month there may be room next month.

The Deadline for contributions for the June 2020 edition by May 25th 2020 to jan_baldwin123@hotmail.com or post to Priory Barn, Brandeston IP13 7AU. Thank you and Take Care.