

The parish magazine

....is still coming out online so thank you to the people who've been printing off the important sections for neighbours. Last month we did a short version to make printing easier so please let me know if you would like that. Thank you for sharing this with your neighbours. Mary Baker Tel: 01728 685807.

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If you have an article for the Parish magazine, **The Deadline** for contributions for the June 2021 edition to be received by May 25th please. Send by email to: janebaldwin325@gmail.com or by post to Jan Baldwin, Priory Barn, Brandeston, Brandeston Road, IP13 7AU. Thank you.



**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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Meeting up

From the Reverend Graham

Whenever someone dies it is always interesting to hear the hidden story of their lives. Whether someone was in the public eye or not there is often a story or stories that illustrate their contribution to society. In recent days we have all become even more aware of the immense contribution that the Duke of Edinburgh made to so many aspects of society. In addition to being the loyal and faithful consort to Her Majesty the Queen he was involved in so many initiatives and organisations. Most people would have known about the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and the impact it made on young people but perhaps less aware of his intellectual abilities and desire to bring together people from different backgrounds to encourage the interplay of ideas, much of which took place out of the limelight. Although retired from public life his contribution continued to be felt throughout society. As we acknowledge his passing and give thanks for his life, so we continue to pray for the royal family as they cope with their loss.

One of the repeated questions these days seems to be, 'Have you had your jab yet?' In the UK, for a significant number of us the answer is 'yes', and for many it's closely followed by, 'I've had both jabs.' What a stark difference between the privileged west and many countries in the world where the numbers vaccinated are measured in very low percentages. For us there is a steady road map out of the lockdown. We can look forward to an element of normality later this year.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

THE BRANDESTON PLANT, PRESERVES AND CAKE SALE

Saturday 22nd May 2021 from 10am until 4pm

Brandeston Parish Council, All Saint's Church and Brandeston Village Hall will be holding a plant, preserves and cake stall hosted by kind permission of the Queen in their garden. This is in aid of the Village Hall and All Saints Church.

The usual mix of perennial and annual plants will be on sale including a good variety of geraniums.

Preserves and cakes will be of the renowned Brandeston quality.

If you have any plants to offer please contact Mary Mitson-Woods on 684026 to arrange collection/delivery. For cakes and preserves please contact Sue Thurlow on 685673.

Although restrictions will be eased by then Covid safety will remain a priority. For this reason card payments preferred please.

Continued from Dan Poulter

At this stage, we don't yet know if people will require a booster vaccination every year, a little like the annual 'flu jab, but we do know that the very elderly and those with suppressed immune systems may need boosters in any case as the vaccines may be slightly less effective in this group. For anyone considering potentially not having the vaccine, please remember that we all have a responsibility to protect our friends, family and neighbours who may be more vulnerable than we are.

In encouraging people to have their vaccination, it is vitally important to dispel some of the dangerous myths and falsehoods which are currently circulating around vaccine safety.

All of the current evidence suggests that the Covid vaccines are safe. I understand that some of the information which is currently found on social media can be worrying, but I would advise everyone to check on the NHS website for the real facts, before perhaps inadvertently passing on or relying on information that might not be true. Vaccines are the best way to protect yourself and those around you from COVID-19. The vaccine can save lives.

With warmer weather ahead we know that transmission outdoors is reduced, and I remain cautiously optimistic that if we continue to stick with it and follow the guidance, we can all look forward to much happier times ahead.

Continued from the Reverend Graham

The rapid development of the vaccines has been the result of immense co-operation between the private sector in many countries and governments, a sign that at times we can all work together. Many aid and development agencies are raising funds for their work with partners in less favoured countries to enable education and vaccination to take place. Perhaps as a mark of our gratitude for our vaccination we could consider a donation to one of these organisations.

During April and May we have the round of annual parochial church meetings, which always gives me an opportunity to thank the many people who undertake a wide range of tasks which enable all of our village churches to continue to flourish. Each year the task gets a little bit harder and often the labourers become fewer, so I am immensely grateful for all of those who provide support to enable our village churches to continue.

As the spring sun begins to warm us and we venture out of our homes, may we all be thankful for all of those who have worked throughout the pandemic to enable us to live in freedom, comfort and safety.

Graham



Registers

Wedding

17 April Timothy Leach and Whitney Simpson, Hacheston

Burial of ashes

15 April Harry Malcolm MacNicol, rham

23 April John Wardley, Campsea Ash

Funerals

22 April Joyce Lilian Doy, Hacheston

ST ANDREWS CHURCH, KETTLEBURGH ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Our Annual Church Meetings will be held this year on Tuesday 18th May at 3pm in church. The first meeting will be to elect churchwarden(s) and is open to anyone on the Kettleburgh civil electoral roll. At the second meeting, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, we will receive reports about the life and activities of the church in Kettleburgh and will elect officers to carry out the business of the church for the next year.

Come along and find out more. You will be most welcome.



I'm sure many of us have very much enjoyed being able to see family, friends and loved ones over the Easter weekend – in some cases, for the first time in many months, as some of the restrictions began to lift on 29th March. From 12th April non-essential retail can open, pubs and hospitality venues can serve food and drink outdoors, outdoor attractions will be open to visitors and overnight stays at self-catering accommodation can also resume.

We have come such a long way in the fight against coronavirus and there is now most definitely light at the end of the tunnel, but for now we must continue to follow the rules as we tentatively start to emerge from lockdown. It only takes three or four weeks, particularly with some of the more virulent strains that have emerged, for things to get out of hand.

Vaccinations are the only way out of this pandemic. Our vaccination effort here in Suffolk is outstanding, with the county consistently being rated top for its role in vaccinating Suffolk residents. However, some people remain hesitant to have their vaccine - if people are not vaccinated, a reservoir of Covid may remain in the wider population and this potentially increases the chances of the virus mutating. In this case, if the virus mutates, there is a chance that vaccines will become less effective. Getting vaccinated is everybody's business and responsibility and I would therefore urge everyone to get vaccinated as soon as is practicably possible.

All Saints: The support network is still helping people with medicine and grocery deliveries. If you need help getting to your vaccination appointment or any other medical appointment please let us know.

The coordinators for each area of the village are:

Riggle Street	Alison Molyneux	685244
Mill Lane	Helen Saxton	685739
Friday Street	Paddy/Sarah	685518
Low Street	Sue Thurlow	685673
The Street	Eve Crane	685893
Mutton Lane	Marion Kirton	684405
Mutton Lane	Mary Mitson-Woods	684026

There are lots of other people who help them so please don't be worried about asking.

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KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting for Kettleburgh Village Hall will be held on Wednesday 19th May at 7.30pm. This year it will take place by Zoom. This meeting is open to all residents, so if you are interested in what has been happening in the Hall, and plans for the future, please contact Jackie Clark - jwc51@btinternet.com - 723623 - for a Zoom link.

Services for May 2021

May	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd PENTECOST	30 th
	9.30 morning worship	9.30 morning worship	9.30 morning worship	9.30 morning worship	9.30 morning worship
Zoom	11 HC		8.00 HC (BCP)		
B		11 HC			
			11 HC		
CA				6.30pm EP (BCP)	
		6.30pm EP (BCP)		11 HC	
E		11 Matins (BCP)			11 HC

EP – Evening Prayer

HC – Holy Communion

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Wednesday 5th May, 10 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Hacheston