

the Brandeston

Guidelines set out for new free horkey supper

As revealed in *the Brandeston*, this year's horkey harvest supper will be free. The aim, as explained by hall chairman Darryl Morgan, is to make the horkey a significant annual event once more.

But to avoid spurious bookings and so help in catering, the guidelines (also available on the web) are as follows:

Guests will be required to buy a ticket before the event, costing £5. Then the price of the ticket will be *refunded* on arrival at the event.

So anybody who books but doesn't attend will still have paid £5.

All Brandies and regular supporters of events in the village will be eligible to buy tickets.

'Regular supporters' are non-Brandeston people who have generously supported village events over the years.

Brandies will still be able to invite guests, as usual, though unless they are among the regular supporters their £5 tickets will not be refunded.

Those attending the horkey are asked not to bring their own alcohol or soft drinks. A bar will be available as usual.

Around 80 tickets will be available, governed by catering limits, on a first come, first served basis from 18 September. Buy them from Darryl Morgan (685378), Sue Thurlow (685673) or the coffee morning.

The Brandeston Awards are all set. Get your nominations in soon!

Brandeston's prestigious answer to the Oscars is all set.

For the first time, those at the harvest horkey supper will have the opportunity to vote for their friends and neighbours, in recognition of all they have done for the village.

After much discussion (and regrettably the rejection of the

'grumpy old git' category), the hall committee have decided on the following six categories:

Best neighbour of the year. A way of saying thank you to those living nearby.

Best individual contribution to village life. To highlight those who have made a real difference to village life more widely.

Best garden. It doesn't have to be *Ideal Homes* stuff—the garden that gives you most pleasure as you walk by.

Young achiever of the year. Specially for those 16 and under.

Most popular honorary Brandy. Somebody from all those from outside the village who so consistently support us over the years.

Most popular social activity. The pub? The church? The village lunch? The coffee morning? You'll have your own ideas.

Together with this edition of *the Brandeston* you will find a separate sheet on which to nominate those you feel deserve to be recognized.

The sheet also includes instructions on what to do with it (now now!) and how the winners will be chosen.

The nomination form with your proposed names should be submitted to Peter Thurlow.

Further information from Peter Thurlow (685673) or Darryl Morgan (685378).



Well fancy that! The village held a surprise party for parish chairman David Risk, to mark his 50 years' service to Brandeston. Among the guests was his brother Peter, from Australia.

Parish council to reject plan for dog mess bin?

It might be assumed that one story on dog mess would be enough, (*see last edition*).

But no. In a shock move, Suffolk Coastal council bosses suddenly proposed installing a dog mess bin at the top of Ford Lane.

As a result, environmental health officer Mike Porter met village representatives on site last week, to search for doggy substances.

Those present were David Risk, Sue Thurlow and Mark

Hounsell from the parish council, Lord and Lady Cunliffe as landowners and Ricke Reade (footpaths warden).

But after discussions, the plans met with unanimous disapproval.

The move comes after Suffolk Coastal declared in a letter to Mark Hounsell that the issue is clearly 'causing feelings to run high locally'.

The basis of this concern, however, seems to be only two en-

quiries. One was from a protester against dog mess, the other from one who questioned the legitimacy of warning signs.

This latter was presumably your correspondent, who in the best spirit of Fleet Street investigative journalism quizzed council bosses on the issue for the story in the last edition.

Now, the parish council are to discuss the issue of dog mess formally at their next meeting on 28 September, and make their proposal accordingly.

Poster competition launched to advertise fete

The village hall committee has announced an exciting new competition as part of the publicity for next year's village fete.

The idea is to encourage villagers to design their own posters.

According to hall chairman Darryl Morgan: 'The poster can be a painting or a drawing or whatever.

'All posters will be laminated and put up in the Street in the run up to the fete.

'There are three age groups – under 11, 12 to 18, and adult. There will be a prize in each category.

'Enter as many times as you like. So if the children are bored in what's left of the summer hols, this is an opportunity that can't be missed.'

The deadline is 1 October.

News soon on film grant for 'The Brandeston Year'

The Lottery is considering an application for equipment to make an annual film of The Brandeston Year, to be shown at the horkey supper.

If successful we could also make other films, to be shown at the village lunch, for example.

The application to the Lottery declares: 'We want to record births, deaths, newcomers, success stories, historical finds, debates over village issues, problems and their solutions, exhibitions and concerts in the village hall—all the life, the colour, the culture and the dynamics of a changing Brandeston over the coming years.'

Gradually we can build up a film archive of the village. It's also hoped to produce CDs of the film so Brandies can send copies to their families elsewhere.

News of the grant application should be known by the time of this year's horkey.

Harvest supper tops hall schedule for early autumn

The hall schedule is once more full for the aftermath of the summer, with one or two of the old favourites returning after their summer break.

Table tennis and the whist drive begin their weekly schedule, whilst the coffee morning, community lunch, cinema club and wine society have continued throughout the summer.

Two new regular dance classes begin, adult ballet and ballroom, and both led by Liz Shah.

The main event however is probably the horkey harvest supper, now free to villagers (see story on front page).

Later in the autumn and during winter there will be dances, at least one quiz, a Christmas party, perhaps a murder mystery and we hope a start to filming the village.

Dates for your diary

8 Sep (& every Wed) —Ballet (see story)

10 Sep—Cinema club: *Changeling*

14 Sep & every 2nd Tuesday)—Community lunch

17 Sep—Wine society

20 Sep—Talk by Dr Daniel Poulter MP: *'My first 120 days in Parliament'*, 7.30, £2

22 Sep—Table tennis begins (weekly), 7.30

24 Sep (& every last Friday)—Whist drive, 7.30, all welcome

26 Sep—Harvest tea by the parochial church council, 4pm. Contact John Garratt (685233)

8 Oct—Ballroom dancing (see story)

9 Oct—Harvest horkey supper

Guy Fawkes bonfire and firework party at a date to be arranged

The coffee morning is held every Thursday morning, 10–12

A very warm welcome to our new neighbours

A big welcome to Lucy Lea and Aaron Nobbs, who have moved into what was Ruby Peck's house in the street.



character in a strong community.

Clearly, Lucy and Aaron have taste.

Aaron is the nephew of the legendary Ollie

They haven't come far, only from Easton. Lucy says they have spent three years looking for an affordable house with

Nobbs, for a long time regular drinker at the Queen and about whom they still probably sing folk songs.

Ballroom joins ballet this autumn

Last month it was revealed that this September would see adult ballet classes beginning in the village.

The idea is to promote movement and fitness rather than to encourage third age prima donnas.

The move comes from professional choreographer Liz Shah.

Now, Liz announces a new

season of ballroom dancing classes, starting on 8 October, 8-9pm at Brandeston Hall school.

Again they are for adults only and they are aimed particularly at absolute beginners. You can learn to jive, waltz, tango, foxtrot, salsa and many more.

Liz can be contacted on 07884267430.

Parish pump... what's hot and what's not at the coffee morning and elsewhere

The banner picture of the kite overleaf features the star turn of the recent kites event on the playing field. Performance in general might be described as mediocre, but among participants was Markie 'Two Strings' Hounsell—a self-confessed wizard of the wind. So successful was he that his kite escaped and, pursued by the indomitable Two Strings, fetched up in a large tree, where it continued to fly all by itself for the rest of the afternoon. It was so high that it was continually buzzed by irate seagulls...

Sadly, June and Peter Underdown are leaving the village after well over 30 years as our neighbours. They are moving to a flat in Woodbridge. They will be greatly missed for their fun and kindness, and we hope they return to visit us often...

And as they leave, the Underdowns have made a gift to the hall of an electric piano and a sun dial, which will shortly be mounted on the hall terrace...

The problem of maintaining hall security should now have been

overcome with the installation of a key safe for the use of hirers...

The Treehouse Appeal by the East Anglian Children's Hospices organization is looking for village volunteers to co-ordinate fundraising locally. If you're interested, ring Lindsey Newton on 01223 205183...

Messrs Churchill and Thurlow have extravagant plans for a village zeppelin, capable of taking large parties for weekends away and with room for tea dances as they go...



Richard Martin doesn't look remotely concerned that the Brandeston won't appear again till November