

## THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

### Dear Friends

Christians throughout the world celebrate Easter this Month.

This celebration of Jesus' amazing resurrection represents the culmination of our Holy Week commemoration of his agonising death by crucifixion, and it is the destination towards which Lent has been leading us.

In breaking open the sealed tomb, the Easter promise inundates with joy and light those who had thought that the cross was the end. Easter demonstrates that the new *life* which shines from the risen Jesus cannot be confined or contained, for the outcome of Easter is a cross that spells victory, a tomb that is empty, and a Lord who is *alive*.

Chocolate Easter Eggs are so widely marketed and their manufacturers' skill in selling has made them so pervasive that they are scarcely an Easter treat, so the image of the egg as a reminder of the new life of Easter is sadly spoilt. But, as you peel away the silver paper, try for a moment to recapture the mystery, the amazement, the joy of encountering *life* where you had least expected it; and celebrate with delight!

And talking of life . . . everyone living in the parish is invited to come to the Church's annual meeting. This will take place, in Kettleburgh on the 20<sup>th</sup>, in Brandeston on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and in Easton on the 28<sup>th</sup> April; details of times can be found elsewhere in this magazine. I very much hope that many of you who rarely come to Church can be persuaded to come to our annual meeting.

This invitation is not a veiled attempt to seek financial support for Diocesan funds nor to ask for donations towards the repair of our beautiful church buildings; I don't need to do that because so many of you are already incredibly generous in the way you support our Church fund-raising activities. No, this is a blatant attempt to ask you to take an interest in the *life* of your Church . . . that is in the doings and concerns of part of, or an aspect of your community. For many people, an encounter with church *life* may come through a baby's baptism, or a wedding or funeral of a relation or friend. These can be emotional moments that can surprise, can leave you puzzled or bemused. I'm suggesting that a more mundane encounter with your Church's *life* at the annual meeting might leave you surprised . . . perhaps even interested. And that might lead to something more. And that is the thing about life – it always leads to something more.

May I wish you great joy for Easter.

With best wishes  
Robin Alderson

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<b>DIARY FOR APRIL 2009</b>		
Wednesday 1st	10.30 & 7.30	<u>Lent Groups</u> – see below
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> at Village Hall
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm	<u>Illustrated Talk by Mark Sargeantson</u> – “46 days on the GR10 Trail Through the Pyrenees”
Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	<u>Phoenix Singers Concert</u> at St Michael’s Church, Framlingham – see below
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 & 7.30	<u>Lent Groups</u> – see below
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “Boy in Striped Pyjamas” at village hall – see below.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	<u>Brandeston Fete Meeting</u> at Queen’s Head All helpers and interested parties welcome to discuss the arrangements for the village fete to be held on Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Annual Church Meeting</u>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Mardle</u> – Lawrence Edwards, Sculptor at Easton Village Hall. Tickets £6 on door
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Annual Church Meeting</u>

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7pm for 7.30 start	<u>Whist Drive at Brandeston Village Hall</u>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2 – 5pm	<u>Jumble Sale at Brandeston Village Hall, organised by Bertie Pearce and Helmingham Primary School, in aid of the Air Ambulance</u>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Easton Annual Church Meeting</u>

### **LENT GROUPS IN 2009**

Two groups have been meeting to discuss the impact of the Christian gospel on our lives in 21<sup>st</sup> century Suffolk.

A series of postcards showing local people and places provide a starting place for our conversations and these are giving a new focus to our understanding of the Bible reading from the previous Sunday's service. Some of these have been strangely relevant to aspects of our lives and our concerns for our Churches.

The two groups will continue to meet on the first two Wednesdays in April. Each meeting lasts about 1½ hours; one in Easton starts at 10.30 am and the other in Kettleburgh or Brandeston starts at 7.30 pm.

You would be very welcome to come along and join in whether or not you have ever been to any such meetings before. The last two meetings of the course will take place as follows

Date	10.30am	7.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Ivy Cottage, Easton	Windy Ridge, Kettleburgh
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Almond Tree Cottage, Easton	Rose Farm, Brandeston

### **ILLUSTRATED TALK BY MARK SARGEANTSON - 46 days on the GR10 Trail through the Pyrenees**

#### **7 pm - Saturday 4 April, Kettleburgh Village Hall**

Mark Sargeantson from Kettleburgh is going to give an illustrated talk about a very long walk which he completed last summer. Over 46 days he walked the entire GR10 Trail through the Pyrenees from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean . This is a distance of about 560 miles and involves climbing and descending the equivalent of Mount Snowdon every day or five times the height of Everest !

Mark raised nearly £17,000 for Cancer Campaign in Suffolk and dedicated his walk to the late Dr John LeVay from Charsfield who founded this charity.

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## **Phoenixsingers**

**MOZART: *Solemn Vespers, Exsultate Jubilate***  
**SCHUBERT: *Mass in G***

**St Michael's Church Framlingham.**

**Saturday 4 April 7.30pm**

Tickets £12, £6 (*children under 12 half price*)

from Aldeburgh Music Box Office, Framlingham Stationers, choir members or at door.

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**BRANDESTON FILM CLUB**

Here is the programme for the next 3 months. The film club is always held on the second Friday of the month in the village hall. New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free.

**10<sup>th</sup> April – *Boy in Striped Pyjamas*** – Set during World War II, a story seen through the innocent eyes of Bruno, the 8 year old son of the commandant at a concentration camp. His forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence has startling and unexpected consequences.

**8<sup>th</sup> May – *Bridge to Terabithia*** - A magical tale for the young at heart of children who create a fantasy world to help them cope with life's difficulties.

**12<sup>th</sup> June – *The Other Boleyn Girl*** starring Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson & Eric Ban – the story of the two Boleyn sisters who competed for the attention of King Henry VIII.

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**FINAL BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE OF THE SEASON - FRIDAY 24 APRIL**

The final Whist Drive of the current season will take place at Brandeston Village Hall on Friday 24 April 2009. Doors will open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Refreshments will be provided together with an unlimited supply of laughter and good company. If you are new to the game of Whist but feel that you would like to come for the first time you will be made most welcome. You will find that you just cannot help coming back for more - once the new season starts in September. The price of this great evening of fun and laughter is just £2.50 per person payable on the door.

To book your place on 24 April 2009 ,or to learn more, phone either Pam or Rick Reade on Brandeston 685920.

*Pam and Rick Reade*

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**ADVANCED NOTICES**

Sun. 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Heritage Coast Run/Walk – see below.</b>
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Sat. 9 <sup>th</sup> May	8am – 12 noon	<b>Plant Sale and Coffee Morning</b> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Tues. 12 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	<b>Eastern Angles “Return to Akenfield”</b> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Sun. 17 <sup>th</sup> May		<b>Beating the Bounds of Brandeston</b> The old tradition of walking the boundary of the parish. More details in next month’s magazine.
Mon. 18 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	<b>Mardle – Treking in South America</b> at Easton Village Hall
Wed. 20 <sup>th</sup> May	8.00pm	<b>Brandeston Annual Parish Meeting</b> – see below.
Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup> May (change of date)		<b>Easton May Fair</b>
Sun. 31 <sup>st</sup> May	2.30pm	<b>"Strutt your Mutt" - Fun Dog Show</b> Kettleburgh Village Green 10 Fun Classes....including fancy dress (dog or owner) Agility demonstration by Emma Smith Agility have-a-go for beginners with Emma Smith and other attractions. Refreshments available Come and join in or sit and watch <i>Kettleburgh Green Trust</i>
Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> June	4pm	<b>Kettleburgh Fete</b>
Sun. 14 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>Easton Open Gardens</b>
Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>Brandeston Village Fete</b> in the gardens of The Queen’s Head.
Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>Strawberry Tea</b> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Thurs. 16 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am - noon	<b>Coffee Morning in aid of Cats Protection</b> at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest: Private Secretary to the Rt. Hon. Ann Widdecombe M.P. Last years guest Innis Cloete, Esq, BVSc, MRCVS hopes to pop in.

**SAXMUNDHAM ROTARY CLUB – HERITAGE COAST RUN/WALK**

Here’s a wonderful opportunity for you to enjoy a great day out, and raise money for charities, both local and national, at the same time. The Rotary Heritage Coast Run/Walk is now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year and takes place along the coast between the Suffolk villages of

Thorpeness and Walberswick. The routes, starting from Thorpeness Playing Fields, take you through some beautiful coastal countryside, and pass through private land not normally accessible to the public. The event is organised by the Rotary Club of Saxmundham and District, and in previous years we have raised well in excess of £350,000 for many national and local charities (last year £4,300 for East Anglia's Childrens' Hospices).

The good news is that we have now nominated the charity 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People' as the main beneficiary for the 2009 event, which will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, during the Spring Bank Holiday weekend.

If you are a runner, or simply enjoy a walk through the woods on a Spring morning, there is something for you. The routes are well marked with stewards on hand; for the serious runner there is a full Marathon course, but perhaps 13 miles or 6 miles (walked if you like) might suit you better.

This is also a Fun Day, with a barbeque (organised by the Inner Wheel), ice cream and fancy dress competitions for both grown-ups and children; and even if you don't win the fancy dress competition you can be sure of a medal if you complete one of the routes.

Funds for the charities will come from several sources – entrants will donate to us a large proportion of the funds they receive, and our aim is to get as many people as possible to take part, so raising additional sponsorship money. We have also secured generous support from the Ipswich Building Society, Flick and Son, Mr. Richard Pilgrim, Sizewell Power Station, Cable Accessories, O & C Butcher of Aldeburgh and Wendy Kersey, amongst other local businesses.

Now is the time to put the date in your diary and to register your interest by writing to The Registration Officer, The Steading, Dennington IP13 8AN Suffolk, 01728 724878, or by e mail to - [registrationofficer2009@suffolkonline.net](mailto:registrationofficer2009@suffolkonline.net) for full details. Already entries for the three routes are well up on this time last year.

A great run and lots of fun – or simply walk and talk!  
For info, contact  
Roger Keene 748337, or [rogerkeene@suffolkonline.net](mailto:rogerkeene@suffolkonline.net)

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#### **KETTLBURGH PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING**

Don't miss our annual plant sale on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 8.00 am to 12.00 noon. The village hall will be full of the usual array of flower and vegetable plants. Derek Hill is again growing over 40 varieties of tomato plus aubergines, peppers, cucumbers, courgettes, squash and other vegetables. He tells me his greenhouse is under attack from

the squirrels so contributions from other keen gardeners would be most welcome. If you are growing seeds, potting up or dividing your herbaceous please put aside a few plants for our sale. We hope to have sweet peas, herbaceous and bedding plants and a produce stall for jam, chutney, marmalade, eggs, rhubarb, cakes etc. Donations for all stalls are most welcome. Refreshments will be available all morning and there will also be a draw. We do need help to run this event successfully so if you could spare an hour or two during the morning please speak to Claire Norman or Derek Hill. Profits to St Andrew's Church Fabric Fund.

Claire Norman 724372

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### **EASTERN ANGLES RETURN TO BRANDESTON**

On Tuesday 12th May 7.30pm, Eastern Angles will be bringing their Spring Tour to Brandeston. 'Return to Akenfield' is based on Craig Taylor's recent book - a portrait of Akenfield 40 years after Ronald Blythe's original masterpiece. It promises to be a memorable evening.

Tickets £7.50/£6.50 concs. - most tickets sold - ring Jacky O'Brien on 685266 for any cancellations.

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### **BRANDESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Brandeston Annual Parish Meeting will take place at the village hall on Wednesday, 20 May 2009 at 8.00 pm. All residents are urged to attend this opportunity to update on the Parish Council's work over the past year and to air their views on matters relevant to the village and its future.

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### **KETTLEBURGH FETE - 13<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm**

Yes it's that time again and we are asking for you to think as you spring clean this month.

Once again this year we are having the 'Smashing Time' stall and the 'Fashion Accessories' stall. So if you have any china, plates, saucers, cups etc, and any handbags, scarves, jewellery etc hold on to them for the Fete.

We are also looking for marquees and gazebos to borrow for the day so if you have one you can let us borrow could you let John Bater know on 01728 723532 as soon as possible we would be very grateful.

*Valerie*

*Compton*

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## **PAST EVENTS**

### **BRANDESTON'S INNER BEAUTY**

My wife and I have long appreciated the scenic appeal of Brandeston and have always recognised the wonderful community spirit that the village engenders. What we had not realised, until we attended the Brandeston Village Art & Craft Exhibition on Saturday

14th March 2009, was the diverse array of talent living within our village bounds. The Exhibition was quite breathtaking - both in terms of the quality of the exhibits and the huge range of skills on display. It provided the most conclusive proof that Brandeston's beauty is not just skin deep.

We would like to thank each contributor for helping to make this event such an uplifting experience. Our special thanks go to Jackie Hounsell for her superb organisation of the Village Art & Craft Exhibition and to the wonderful ladies who provided refreshments throughout the day.

*Rick Reade*

The diversity and standard of the exhibits was breath-taking - stunning flower arrangements, amazing knitted garments, exquisite & exotic needlework, beautiful wood-turning and wood & brass-work, superb pottery, lovely hand-made cards, delicate lacework, wonderful watercolour, acrylics and oil paintings and prints, excellent photographs and splendid artwork & patterns for heraldic shields and plaques. There was also a section for young people which included charming paintings, pottery and needlework.

It is impossible to single out any one exhibit or exhibitor for special praise as they were all magnificent and there are not enough superlatives or indeed space so to do. You really had to be there!

The exhibition delighted and impressed everyone that saw it and the overwhelming response was amazement that such a small village could have such a wealth of talent... Well done Brandeston!

*Jackie Hounsell*

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### **BRANDESTON'S FRENCH EVENING WITH DINNER AND CABARET**

The familiar surroundings of the village hall were transformed for one evening into a candlelit cabaret venue. Subdued lighting from ornate candelabra, French Tricolores as a backdrop and Impressionist paintings on the walls meant that the guests instantly melded into the atmosphere especially as many had dressed the part. Chic figures direct from Parisian boulevards had invaded our sleepy village. One purple bereted mademoiselle even brought her white poodle along for the evening and there were so many in their striped T-shirts, knotted scarves (one even adorned with plaited onions) that for a moment, one could have been in Marseilles.

The champagne and canapés on arrival set the mood for the evening and one delectable course after another followed. Wine flowed freely which helped the frenzied flag waving each time the Marseillaise was played.

Then a hush as our ridiculously accented French impresario, Pierre La Rue Bas, introduced the first cabaret act - Alastair and Helen Chapman with Janet Barwell on piano took us on a journey through French music singing some exquisite and moving songs.



Our next act, Neil Innes, has performed in prestigious venues all over the world and can now add Brandeston Village Hall to his list. The audience felt honoured that he was prepared to perform for us and gave him a rousing reception. He quickly engaged with the rabble and involved them in some foot-stamping in the chorus of his first song.

The increasingly uninhibited mood reached its finale with the surprise announcement of Les Belles Froufrou, bringing their energetic cancan routine direct from Les Folies Bergeres. Their colourful presence erupted into the room and to screams of delight and encouragement, they flashed through their routine with plenty of high kicks and provocative glimpses of their frilly underwear. The audience, whooping with encouragement, demanded an encore which ended with the dancers throwing knickers into the audience. We still don't know how that was achieved.

As the cabaret ended, there was a spontaneous rush to the dance floor with everyone wanting their own moment in the stage lights dancing waltzes, fox trots and tangos to French songs.

Special thanks to our professional performers and to our courageous cancan girls, Rebecca, Marian, Kathy, Helen, Nicola and Karren, who gave it their all. Tim Owens' memorable meal will long be spoken of in the village and there were so many willing helpers who made the evening possible. Our thanks to you all and for the £657 that was raised for the village hall.

*Pat Morgan*

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**EASTON HARRIERS SPRING 2009**

The season ended with a very popular, well attended meet at Easton on the village green. Talking to the Hunt Masters, they talk of a good season, more hares and certainly more rides. Lydia Harvey, one of the Masters, says, "Sixty of us managed a day with the Stour Valley Beagles (on foot) at Brandeston on the day after Boxing Day. Sadly, since then we have lost five days' hunting due to wet and and frosty weather". She goes on to tell me how she wishes to express her thanks to the people of Easton for their various help and friendliness as well as to all the farmers and landowners over whose land they hunt, without which the Hunt could not continue.

A few Hunt dates for your diary, events to which everyone is very welcome:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00 pm, Garden Party at Cliff Farm, Sutton  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00 pm, Kennels Open Day and Puppy Show  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 8.00 pm, Barn Dance, Debenham Community Centre

If anyone, or a party, would like to visit the Kennels for a tour, they would be most welcome and should contact Lydia Harvey on 684025 or Huntsman Adrian Robinson on 746353.

We wish the hounds a good rest and a good breeding season for the Hunt to come!

*Graham Vellacott*

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**BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

winners for March 2009:-

First – Maurice Scott  
Second – Sophie Piper-Williams

The April draw will take place at the village hall on Thursday, 2 April (for those who have renewed or newly joined !!)

*Mark*

*Hounsell*

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**KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY**

Winners from March draw:

FIRST Heather Tanner  
SECOND Kevin and Heidi Macavoy

*Gwenda Weeks*

## NOTICES

### NEWS FROM NANSAMBO

Brandeston Church provides some financial support to Nansambo School in Malawi.

We heard recently that a significant quantity of stationery supplies, purchased for the school by the fund which we are now committed to supporting, was delivered to the School during the rainy season by 4 wheel drive pick-up truck.

At the same time, funding to pay the assistant teachers until the end of April has been paid into the school bank account. In a previous edition of this magazine we erroneously stated that assistant teachers were paid about £10 per week. £10 per month is a nearer figure, but variations in currency exchange rates mean that it is now more like £12 per month.

Plans are being made to drill another bore hole to provide a more reliable water supply to the school, which shares its present supply with 14 communities in the surrounding area.

It is clear from the report that we have received that our contribution is has been well spent, that it will make a difference to life at the School, and is much appreciated.

*RA*

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### CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXES

Boxes have been emptied now. Total for this year's collection is £263.31. If anyone would like a collection box or if any existing boxholder would like to Gift Aid their donations please contact me.

*Pat Peck*

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## **Would you like to open your garden in aid of the Hospice?**

St Elizabeth Hospice is looking for people to open their garden to the public with all proceeds benefiting the charity.

Every summer people open their gardens in aid of the Hospice, ranging from small cottage gardens to the large and grand and they are a great way to spend a relaxing summer's afternoon.

St Elizabeth Hospice would love to hear from you if you are interested in opening your garden throughout May, June or July.

For more information, please contact Laura Backhouse, community fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice on 01473 707026 or email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

### **Walk in the moonlight for Hospice**

St Elizabeth Hospice is inviting women of all ages and fitness levels to sign up for the Midnight Walk on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009.

Ruthie Henshall, the west end star and judge on hit ITV1 show 'Dancing on Ice' who recently took part in 'Celebrity Family Fortunes' in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice, is supporting the Midnight Walk.

St Elizabeth Hospice hopes to have around 1000 women taking part in the event; over 450 ladies have already signed up. Walkers will gather just before midnight to complete an eight mile circular route around Ipswich town centre in aid of the local charity.

"The first St Elizabeth Hospice Midnight Walk took place last year and it was a great success" said Patsy Johnson, events co-ordinator, at St Elizabeth Hospice. "The atmosphere was fantastic and everyone had a great time. This year there will also be attractions along the route to keep you smiling and entertained. Most women will know of a family member or friend who has been touched by St Elizabeth Hospice and there is something very special about a group of women joining together for a common cause. This year the Hospice is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary so please join us and let's make this year bigger and better than ever."

Ruthie Henshall commented "St Elizabeth Hospice is close to my heart as the work they do and the comfort they bring to patients and relatives can make such a difference to the quality of someone's life."

The Midnight Walk starts and finishes at Copleston Centre on Foxhall Road and refreshments will be available along the route. Registration is £10 and includes a T-shirt, certificate, goody bag and refreshments. For more information regarding the Midnight Walk, please contact the fundraising office on 01473 723600, email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk) to download a registration form.

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### **THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE**

It does seem a funny time to write about the Church Bike Ride, which took place in September, but some of the details have only just arrived. Thought it would be interesting

to see how well Brandeston and Kettleburgh performed. If only we had a few more riders for Brandeston and Kettleburgh, you can see how well both churches would benefit. In 2008 the total raised for Suffolk was £173,146 compared with £169,990 for 2007. I know with the summer to look forward to, the last thing on our minds is September again. But for anyone doing the bike ride in September, forms and details will again be available in August. Weather permitting it can be a most enjoyable day. Figures for the Loes Deanery are below:

<i>Church of England</i>	2007	2008
Ashfield cum Thorpe	204.00	76.00
Aspall	70.00	160.00
Badingham	638.00	422.50
Brandeston	635.00	700.50
Bruisyard	144.00	174.00
Campsea Ashe	207.00	295.00
Charsfield	417.70	656.40
Cransford	4650	550.00
Cretingham	0	0
Dallinghoo		240.00
Debenham	350.00	230.00
Dennington	739.20	1061.75
Earl Soham	655.55	267.00
Easton	136.00	61.00
Framlingham	636.25	668.10
Framsden	105.90	60.00
Hacheston	165.00	202.10
Helmingham	895.00	900.00
Hoo	220.00	233.00
Kenton	200.00	112.00
Kettleburgh	1186.05	784.50
Letheringham	104.00	178.50
Marlesford	152.33	235.50
Monewden	211.50	55.00
Parham	708.20	720.00
Pettaugh	75.00	143.00
Pettistree	315.00	462.00
Rendham	108.00	300.00
Saxtead	410.00	352.00
Sweffling	0	100.00
Wickham Market	1041.50	518.50
Winston	100.00	0

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**BRITISH RED CROSS HOME FROM HOSPITAL SERVICE**

*The British Red Cross is about to embark on an exciting new volunteer project called Home From Hospital*

The service, which is to be launched in April, will offer care and support to patients returning home from Ipswich Hospital as well as support to patients while they are in the accident and emergency department.

British Red Cross volunteers will be supporting patients by providing company and friendship while they recover from their hospital admission for a period of up to 6 weeks. Support may include shopping, collection of prescriptions or preparing a light meal once they have returned home.

We are looking for volunteers to participate with this project. We will offer a full induction into the British Red Cross and relevant training in child protection and the protection of vulnerable people, how to work with the emergency and community support services, health and safety and a certificate in basic first aid.

Anyone interested in learning more about our service and volunteering opportunities can contact the Home from Hospital team on 01473 219260.

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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,  
or e-mail [valerie.butcher@talk21.com](mailto:valerie.butcher@talk21.com), tel: 724777. Covers are always welcome too!

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## TIMES PAST

Smugglers were rife during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It is said that in Brandeston the Priory and Margaret Catchpole Cottage were part of the scene. George Cullum was a well known leader. Unfortunately research has not revealed a man of this name who would have been active at the time. A Cullum family lived in the village from 1776 until 1876 but being schoolmasters and gardeners working at the Hall it is unlikely that they were seriously involved.

One incident took place on a May Sunday afternoon of 1874. The Hadleigh gang had moved 57 casks of brandy and rum from the coast as far as Kettleburgh where a dozen men lay in wait. The officers captured the contraband and began their journey to Woodbridge.

As the Ipswich Journal reported, 'They were overtaken near Easton by a gang of villains, about 30 in number...who with horrid imprecations and expressions of Murder! Murder! fell upon them with intent to rescue the seizure. A bloody engagement ensued lasting nearly an hour in which the smugglers were put to flight.

Almost all of them were wounded, many desperately as the excise were armed with carbines, pistols and broadswords. It is supposed that the noted George Cullum of Brandeston was at the head of the banditti.'

Subsequently, John Cage of Haughley, the owner of a mare captured by the Officers put an advertisement in the Ipswich Journal describing his horse and accusing the excise-men of stealing her. He promised a reward of Five Guineas to anyone who would give evidence of this if the case were brought to trial.

Not to be outdone the Excise Officers inserted their own advertisement:-

'WHEREAS JOHN CAGE, of Haughley, in the County of Suffolk, did, on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., advertise a reward of Five Guineas, to any person who would discover in whose custody a black mare was, which he insinuates to be his property, and said to be taken, under a pretence of belonging to a gang of smugglers, near Easton, in this county, on May 16<sup>th</sup> last: NOW THIS IS TO INFORM the said Cage, that a black mare taken that day is in the possession of Mr Geo. W. Cartwright, of the Excise office, London, and if he, the said Cage, or any of his vile associates, will discover who it was that rode the said mare at the time, or any mare of that gang of banditti, who attempted to murder the revenue officers, and to rescue the run goods then seized in their possession, he or they shall, on conviction of such persons, receive the sum of One Hundred Pounds, to be paid by us.'

A fitting end to the engagement!

*WMW*

**Poem: Disclosure**

Prayer is like watching for the kingfisher  
All you can do is  
Be where he is likely to appear and wait.  
Often, nothing much happens:  
There is space, silence and expectancy.  
No visible sign  
Only the knowledge  
That he's been there and may come again.  
Seeing or not seeing cease to matter,  
You have been prepared.  
But sometimes when you've almost stopped expecting it  
A flash of brightness, gives encouragement.  
(© Ann Lewin, 'Laughter, Silence and Shouting', Harper-Collins)

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**Brandeston**

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

**Kettleburgh**

12 <sup>th</sup>		EASTER DECORATIONS	Claire Norman
19 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Arbon		Claire Norman
26 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Demetriadi		Eiluned Davies
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sue Rainbird		Eiluned Davies

**CHURCH CLEANING**

5 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper	Persephone Booth
12 <sup>th</sup>	Peter and Trish Smyth	Jackie Clark
19 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker	Eddie Bell
26 <sup>th</sup>	Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery	Jane O'Leary
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Marian Hutson and Julia Elson	Fay Clarke