

**THE PARISHES OF  
BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH**

Dear Reader

If we have not met yet, I hope we will do so during December!

The Christian Year begins on 2<sup>nd</sup> December – on Advent Sunday. I shouldn't have been surprised but I have been struck by how quickly the first month of my new Church Diary has been filling up. There are Christingle Services, Christmas Fairs, Gift Services and Carol singing and all sorts of other seasonal get-togethers. Then there is the succession of services in our churches on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. And there is a great deal of preparation to do, sending cards, shopping, wrapping and cooking. All in all, there is a lot to think about and it can be a busy time.

But the sort of preparation that we are encouraged to make during the four weeks of Advent is about bringing hope to life by making space in our lives for God. He comes as light to people in darkness or as dawn to those who have been asleep. He comes, perhaps silently, perhaps surprisingly, in ways and at moments that we might least expect. In the bustle and rush of preparing our homes and ourselves for our celebrations, it is good to remind ourselves that the story of Jesus' birth in a stable, there being no room in the Inn, should be a challenge to the convenient comforts of our consumerism, and that it was shepherds, social outsiders living out on the chilly hillside, who first heard the news and wondered and worshipped.

This year, some of our farmers have been exposed to the chill of uncertainty and discomfort. I hope the message of the angels will bring them reassurance and a sense of peace even in their time of trouble.

For all of us, as we approach this time of Christmas, there is real value to be found each day in standing back from our seasonal preoccupations and acknowledging to ourselves that the world is a place of darkness, a darkness which is dispelled by the light of Christ. By doing so, we may find ourselves being drawn to that light and finding, there, the hope and joy which is life, for that is the light that is the meaning of Christmas, the truth that is revealed as a baby in a manger, and the focus of all our expectation both during Advent and at Christmas itself.

I do look forward to meeting you soon.

Robin Alderson

<u>Brandeston</u>		
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	Dr Anthony Fletcher	685508
	Miss Eileen Leach MBE	685298
Churchwardens:	Miss Eileen Leach MBE	685298
	Mrs Alison Molyneux	685244
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	Mrs Valerie Upson	723078
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	Mrs Valerie Upson	723078

**Cover:-** Our cover this month is a wonderful sketch of a robin, by Jack Western of Brandeston. Thank you very much, Jack, for such a lovely seasonal picture. VB

<b>DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2007</b>		
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	<u>Southwold Day Out</u> – see below
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3pm	<u>Illustrated talk: Mongolia – The Home of Genghis Khan</u> by Chris Parfitt at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Brandeston Community Lunch</u> – see below.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<u>Discussion Group</u> at Bickley, Harriers Walk, Easton. Topic: St Nicholas
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12 noon	<u>Kettleburgh Café</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall, with mulled wine and mince pies – see past events below.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	<u>Wine Club</u> at Brandeston Village Hall. Theme – Christmas wines
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2 - 4.30pm	<u>Brandeston Christmas Fair</u> All the usual stalls, teas and Father Christmas' Grotto. Please come with a full purse!
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 3pm	<u>Suffolk Wildlife Trust – Help needed!</u> Volunteers to help clear trees and scrub around Framlingham Mere. Everyone welcome (under 14s to be accompanied by an adult). If you enjoy big bonfires you'll love this! Bring thick gloves and wear stout shoes or boots.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> "The African Queen" at village hall – see below

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	<u>Kettleburgh Countdown to Christmas</u> at village hall – see below.
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Old Chapel Candlelit Evening</u> – see below.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	<u>Carol Singing in Kettleburgh</u> – see below.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7 - 8pm	<u>Brandeston Carol Singing</u> at Queens Head
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7pm for 7.30 start	<u>Grand Post-Christmas Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
New Years Eve	9pm	<u>New Year Party</u> at Brandeston Village Hall. All welcome – bring a plate of food and a bottle!

**SOUTHWOLD DAY OUT**

Brandeston's annual day out in Southwold will take place on Saturday 1st December, leaving the Queen's Head at 9.30am and picking up in Kettleburgh and Easton. The cost is £8 (£4 for children) and there will be a raffle on the return trip. We aim to be home by 4.30pm. The trip has always been a good start to the Christmas season. Call Pat Morgan on 685378 to reserve a place.

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**ILLUSTRATED TALK: MONGOLIA- THE HOME OF GENGHIS KHAN**

Another of Chris Parfitt's excellent talks, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 3.00pm in Brandeston Village Hall. The talk will be followed by a splendid tea. Tickets priced at £5 are available from the Brandeston Thursday coffee morning, or on the door. In aid of the Church Fabric Fund.

*Alison Molyneux*

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**BRANDESTON COMMUNITY LUNCH**

The December date will move from the traditional 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month and will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a Christmas feast – please ring Eve Crane on 685893 to book your place.

In the New Year the date will revert back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.

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**KETTLEBURGH COUNTS DOWN TO CHRISTMAS**

Come along to Kettleburgh Village Hall on **Saturday 15th December at 5pm** for the Kettleburgh Countdown to Christmas. The Village Hall Committee is providing mulled wine and mince pies and the Christmas tree outside the hall. There will be Christmas music and games and time to catch up with friends before the Christmas rush begins. The hall will be open from 5pm and at 5.30 we will start the countdown to turning on the Christmas tree lights. Come and sing a carol or two around the tree. Look out for posters around the village and put the date in your diary.

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**BRANDESTON FILM CLUB**

Another good attendance for the 2<sup>nd</sup> film of the season - "Becoming Jane".  
The next film will be on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.30pm – a real classic and old favourite – The African Queen starring Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn.  
New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free. *Sue Thurlow*

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**BRANDESTON OLD CHAPEL CANDLELIT EVENING**

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm  
Tickets £5 – finger buffet and free glass of wine - available from the Brandeston Thursday Coffee Morning or at the pub from early December. Also available on the door but, to aid catering, it would be good to know approx. numbers beforehand.  
This is a very festive way to start the lead up to Christmas and a good way to support the restoration fund of this fine building - so hope to see you there.

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**CAROL SINGING IN KETTLEBURGH**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
As usual, we meet outside the Village Hall at 6pm, and then make our way round the village to sing carols and bring the Christmas message to your doors. We will be collecting for the Children’s Society. We will finish by singing in the Chequers at around 7.45pm. Come and join us to sing – you will be most welcome. *Jackie Clark*

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**CHRISTMAS 2007**

Our Christmas services this year follow a familiar pattern but please note that there have been a few changes since the timetable was printed in the November magazine. We begin with the Christingle services which have now become traditional in our churches, and continue with carol and crib services until the joyful celebration of midnight mass and Christmas morning.

Each of the parishes will be combining one of its pre-Christmas services with a Gift service when we invite you to bring Christmas gifts which will be taken to the Ormiston Family Centre in Ipswich for distribution to needy families. Please wrap your gifts and mark them boy/girl and age of suitability. These gifts are always much appreciated by people who perhaps have less to look forward to at Christmas than we do.

*Valerie Upson*

Details of services and Carol Singing are shown below.

2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Brandeston Christingle and Baptism.
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Easton Christingle.
16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Kettleburgh Christingle and Gift Service.
16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Easton Carol and Gift Service.
17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Easton Carol Singing.
18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Kettleburgh Carol Singing.

19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 – 8.00pm	Brandeston Carol Service at Queen’s Head.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Brandeston Crib and Gift Service.
24 <sup>th</sup>	4.30 p.m.	Kettleburgh Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass at Brandeston.
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Easton Holy Communion.
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Kettleburgh Holy Communion.
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion at Brandeston

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**GRAND POST-CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE**

Pam and Rick Reade invite you to come along to Brandeston Village Hall at 7.00pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Decemeber for a fun-filled evening at the whist tables. Doors open at 7.00 – cards are dealt at 7.30. Cost is just £2.50 which includes great refreshments and drinks. Please telephone either Rick or Pam on 685920 to book your place. *Rick Reade*

**ADVANCED NOTICES**

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	10am – 12 noon	<b>Kettleburgh Café</b> at Village Hall
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	10am – 12 noon	<b>Kettleburgh Café</b> at Village Hall
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>Valentine’s Dance</b> at Brandeston Village Hall. Live band – more details later
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>Kettleburgh Fete</b>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June		<b>Brandeston Fete</b>

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**SIMON WALLIS**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, All Saints’ Day, I attended the Thanksgiving Service for the life of Simon Wallis at Dennington Church. The organ was played by Bob Goodrich from Framlingham College and included “On the streets where you live”, “A policeman’s lot is not a happy one” and “Tit Willow”, I noticed fingers and toes tapping, and Elgar’s Nimrod.

The church was packed with family and friends from all parts of his life. I saw several blazers with HMS Illustrious on. We were welcomed by Reverend Jonathan Olanczuk, and friends gave readings and paid tributes telling of his schooldays, his bravery in the Navy and his love of all sport, cricket especially. Simon had chosen the hymns some time ago which included one from the Eton College hymnbook and requested that some Gilbert and Sullivan and Nimrod be played beforehand.

Our love and thoughts go to Ann.

*Pat Peck*

## PAST EVENTS

### THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE

#### **Brandeston**

The money has now been handed in – a grand effort by the cyclists raised £635. Thanks to all the sponsors, sitters at the church and chapel, and to the cyclists themselves.

*Ruth Garratt*

#### **Kettleburgh**

We've done really well this year; £1186 and 5p! Congratulations everyone. Our previous best was £694 in 2005. Surely we've beaten Brandeston this time!

There were 14 cyclists; I shall name them all (in no particular order). Jamie Cawston with his brother David and girlfriend Becky. Also Eiluned Davies, a new rider, all from Fram Road. From the other end of the village Trevor Jessop, also George Payne, another new rider, with Terry Comer – they did 41 churches!

From Church Road the Butcher family; Val and Trevor with Laura and Charlotte our youngest riders (Charlotte had to walk the last 1½ miles after a puncture), Persephone and Rob Booth and myself.

Thank you to the sitters in church and all those who sponsored us.

*Pat Peck*

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### SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA

Since 1991, Link Romania has been working to make a difference in the lives of poor and needy people, in Romania and other Eastern European countries. Although the needs of the people no longer make headlines in the west, they are still as pressing as ever. Many thanks to all who filled shoeboxes to send to families in Romania this Christmas. A total of 47 boxes went from Kettleburgh, Brandeston and Framlingham Guides. Alison and Brian Nobbs from Wickham Market are travelling to Romania this December to help with the distribution. We look forward to hearing from them when they return. If you want to find out more about the work of Link Romania, visit their website:

[www.linkromania.co.uk](http://www.linkromania.co.uk)

*Jackie Clark*

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### BONFIRE NIGHT

With a fine night, a huge bonfire and great fireworks it was a super evening. For a small village what a magnificent firework display and all given by those attending. Good food on the BBQ excellently cooked by Fred and his team was appreciated by all and also the very popular mulled wine. Unfortunately supplies ran out with some still waiting (for their 2<sup>nd</sup> glass !) so next year we will make twice as much.

Many thanks indeed to Martin Churchill and his team for organising the fireworks and to Richard Martin, Richard Mitson-Wood and Chris McArthur for building the huge bonfire. £160 was raised for village hall funds.

*Sue Thurlow*

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### **KETTLEBURGH CAFÉ REVIEW – 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER**

Another great attendance—greatly supported by Kettleburgh, Brandeston & Easton. Wilda displayed photos of past Kettleburgh Fetes, fresh bread was delivered by Pat Peck, local honey by Alan & Bel Pearce and Best Farm had Lamb & Beef products with recipes. Choccolicious UK displayed their Belgian chocolates and offered samples to taste. Fresh cakes and sausage rolls were baked by local residents.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee took the opportunity to explain why the Committee wished to charge for the hall from 2008 and those attending had their say. It was an ideal forum for people to exchange their views and hopefully this will continue.

The next coffee morning on 7<sup>th</sup> December will have a Christmas theme and we hope to have mulled wine and mince pies. Historical information of past Produce Shows in Kettleburgh will be shown by Wilda along with views of Best Farm's sheep in the surrounding parishes.

*Gwenda Weeks*

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### **MELODEON MAGIC & MORE**

Brandeston Village Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> November

The evening of traditional music was a runaway success, with a first-class line-up of entertainers who played to a capacity audience.

Proceeds were in aid of Driving for the Disabled, whose members and local friends provided delicious food – much appreciated by entertainers and audience alike.

All participants were thrilled to find the proceeds for the DDA reached the grand total of £860. This satisfying result was the crowning touch to a happy and successful evening, which left everyone asking “When’s the next?”

*Mary Moore*

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### **DISCUSSION GROUP**

#### **Julian of Norwich**

This month the discussion group considered the second of our saints Julian of Norwich. Strictly speaking she was not a saint and was never canonised, but was a medieval mystic and was considered “Blessed” and often called Dame Julian. She was born in Norwich in 1342 and died in 1423. She lived through the period of the Black Death, poverty amongst the people, poor harvests and much unrest in the church. At the time there were two Popes and the followers “Lollards“ of John Wycliffe, who translated the Bible into English, were burnt at the stake.

Julian was presumably well-born and educated .She chose to live as an anchoress in a small cell attached to the Church at Conisford in Norwich, from which she took her name. Unfortunately the church was destroyed in the sixteenth century, rebuilt and again destroyed in 1942 by German bombs. The foundations of her cell remain. She had a

window into the church and one to the outside world where people came for help and solace from her teachings. She possibly had a third window through which her servant passed food etc.

Julian wished to be ill unto death but to survive. When she was thirty years old, she became very ill and received the last Rites. However she did not die and had visions or showings when she was ill. Her first was to see the blood flow down from the crown of thorns when the crucifix was held up to her. She did not fear death. In some ways she wanted to be with Christ and God. She said the soul was always restless and would be so until it was at one with God. In this her thoughts were akin to those of Buddhists whose goal is to be one with the “origin” and to know “suchness” as oneself.

Julian came to realise that all things were made by God and were good. Therefore God did not make “sin”. For her, sin was a “no thing” and was a means for change. For sinners who felt shame, would experience the love of God when they came to realise their errors and to worship God. She did say that one should not sin just to receive transformation and a sinner would not sin if he were full of love. She said “By repenting we are made clean, by compassion we are made ready and by true longing for God we are made worthy....it is by these medicines that every sinful soul must be healed”.

Julian had several other “showings” of Christ in her life, for example the wounds in his side, which helped her to share in his sufferings. She believed that there was no such thing as “chance” and that all happenings were brought about by God. Man in his arrogance, seeks to find cause for what he sees as chance happenings. However Julian realised that we cannot understand everything. God has promised through Christ, “All things shall be well ” and “All manner of things shall be well”.

We then discussed the nature of suffering and the Eastern Religions’ idea of becoming nothing and thus escaping from desire for earthly things. This led on to whether or not we suffer more from wanting things we cannot have rather than accepting what comes. We went on to consider Julian’s thoughts on sin and God’s loving forgiveness, from which came the question should we or should we not need to try to earn “Brownie points” to ensure our place in heaven? Possibly Julian would say that this was the wrong attitude and every thing we do should be done for love of God. For God is love, His love is universal, courteous, kind and all-enveloping.

*JP*

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### **EASTON SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Lots of Guys at the Guy Night**

Thanks to everyone who helped and attended the ‘make a guy’ evening. The children were really creative and made some fabulous guys with the help of friends and family. They also did it really quickly. Next year we will put the potatoes on an hour earlier! There will be photos of the guys on the bonfire arriving at school shortly. These were taken by members of the Easton Festival Committee. Adam and Jonathan Sheldrake Gooding’s guy was picked for the top spot on the bonfire and they won free entry into the event. All children received some chocolates from the Festival Committee. A really fantastic effort – well done.



### **Library Cataloguing**

We now have a new computerised library system but we need to put every book onto the system. This is a time-consuming task but not difficult. If you can spare an hour to scan in some book bar codes then please let me know – we would really welcome your help in getting this system fully operational as soon as possible.

### **Reminder**

[www.eastonprimary.org.uk](http://www.eastonprimary.org.uk)

Please take the time to visit the website. New material has been added and will be online shortly. There will also be pupil pages soon showing work from our pupils.

*Cheryl Singleton*

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### **BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

The draw for November took place at Brandeston Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> November. First prize went to Chris McArthur with second prize to Mrs. Stearn. The December draw will take place at the Christmas Fair at the village hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

*Mark Hounsell*

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### **CHURCHYARD CLEARING**

Lawnmowers and strimmers, loppers and secateurs, jacobites, shears and rakes and a man/lady power of twelve were all in Kettleburgh churchyard on a Saturday morning earlier this month. The “rough” area has now been tidied ready for next year’s wild flowers and an enormous thank you is due to all those who kindly gave their time. Our churchyard looks lovely!

*John Bater*

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### **CHILDREN IN NEED QUIZ**

A great night out was had by 96 people at the Children in Need Quiz on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Kettleburgh Village Hall. The questions were wide ranging from “The Southern Hemisphere” – possibly inspired by Terry’s pending trip to New Zealand, to “Alive or Dead” which, for our team, was almost completely guesswork on whether well-known people were still alive or dead (we tossed a coin for one answer!). A most enjoyable occasion for everyone involved and, once again, a sell out.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Terry and Nicky for setting the questions and organising the event, Graham Hillier – superb question master, the delicious food and all the helpers in the kitchen, the bar and everyone who helped make the event happen.

The event raised £925 for Children in Need.

*Val Butcher*

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### **MY FIRST DAY AT THOMAS MILLS**

‘It’s going to be my big day today,’ I thought as I got off the bus. The school was as big as a thousand whales piled on top of each other. I mean it, it must have taken years to build it.

When I got inside there were millions of children. At first they were as quiet as a mouse then as noisy as a teacher thundering as a very naughty child. Some of the older ones were

saying, "Aww look at the little ones," like mums looking at babies. I would be fine with it if some of them weren't smaller than me!

Next it was on to the hall. I thought we could sit where we wanted, but Mr Jeffery said we had to fill up the gaps. After Mr Jeffery told us the rules we went to our form room. When we got there the hallway was choking with people. I felt like a sardine in a tin.

At my first lesson I got lost. I was a ship without navigation. Soon I found my way with the help of my friends. I thought I was late but I wasn't. I was very lucky.

After a couple of my lessons I went to the Shalom Centre. When I got inside I could not believe how many people were around the table football. It was like a swarm of locusts attacking a bale of hay.

*Laurence Curry*

Laurence was 11 years old in June and started at Thomas Mills in September, having been at primary school in Easton with approx 63-67 pupils. He is the grandson of Roger and Pat Bishop, who live in Kettleburgh and ran the village shop and Post Office for many years.

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### CHRISTMAS

When Jesus called that Christmas week  
I wasn't at my best,  
and the house was much too cluttered  
to entertain a guest.  
He seemed to notice everything:  
the cards still unaddressed,  
the gifts piled high awaiting wraps,  
the baking and the rest.  
His eyes fell on the evergreen  
and the presents 'neath the tree.  
"It's my birthday that you celebrate -  
what are you giving me?"  
"what am I giving him?" I thought;  
ashamed, no words I found.  
So many costly things I'd bought,  
he looked at me and frowned.  
I prayed he'd let the question pass  
but when he did persist,  
I blurted out the truth at last,  
"You were not on my list!"

## NOTICES

### CHURCH CLEANING AT BRANDESTON



We are extremely grateful to **Mary-Jane McArthur** for the excellent work that she has done over a significant number of years in organising the cleaning rota for Brandeston, All Saints Church. She has now passed on the dusters to Christine Matthews (685589) and Kelly Jeffery (685117) who are looking for more volunteers to apply some 'elbow grease' to the cleaning rota in 2008.

We would love to hear from anyone able to volunteer one hour of their time approximately once every five to six weeks - no experience necessary!  
Please help us to keep this beautiful building in good condition.

*Kelly and Christine*

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### FAMILY HISTORY – CAN YOU HELP?

I found your village webpage with details about Brandeston. I also noticed that in the history of the village it mentions a village historian. I have ancestry going back to very early 1800s when a Samuel Syred was born in Brandeston. If anyone has any connection with that name please would you get in touch with me.

Many thanks,

Maggie Woodroffe

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South Australia

"Maggie Woodroffe" <demew33@internode.on.net>

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### COMMUNITY SAFETY SERIES – ARTICLE 4

#### **Play your part to keep safe on darker nights**

Falling crime figures show Suffolk is getting even safer, but the darker evenings can make us feel more vulnerable, especially those who live alone. During the busy festive season we need to be extra careful to keep ourselves, our households and our neighbours safe and secure so that we can all enjoy the celebrations.

Suffolk County Council is working with the police Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs), district, borough and parish councils, Neighbourhood Watch and local groups to improve community safety across the county, but to succeed we all need to play our part.

Here are some seasonal safety tips and useful contacts:

### **Your home**

Don't leave your home in darkness – leave a light on using a timer switch and draw the curtains at night.

Fit a visible burglar alarm and outside lighting. Keep shrubs and hedges cut back.

Lock all doors and windows and secure fences, gates and sheds

Dispose of present boxes carefully – don't advertise what's new in your house

Check smoke alarms, electric blankets and festive lighting are working properly.

### **Personal Safety**

Never open your door to unexpected callers, without checking they are genuine. Ring a neighbour or the police first if you are unsure.

**Keep your mobile phone battery topped up and put in a taxi contact number.**

**Consider buying an audible attack alarm.**

Make sure you are visible to drivers – wear reflective clothing, use cycle lights or carry a torch

Limit how much money and valuables you carry. Avoid using cash machines late at night.

Have your keys ready when you are approaching your car or home.

Park in busy, well-lit car parks near CCTV cameras. Keep valuables out of sight.

[www.saferparking.com](http://www.saferparking.com) lists police approved car parks

Where possible, don't walk alone after dark. Plan your route. Avoid isolated stops and sit near the driver or other passengers. Never accept lifts from strangers.

### **Contacts**

To contact your area Safer Neighbourhood Team visit [www.safersuffolk.org.uk](http://www.safersuffolk.org.uk) or call Suffolk Constabulary on 01473 613500. Neighbourhood Watch news and crime

prevention advice is available at [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk)

For safety advice about bogus callers, electric blankets, festive lighting, smoke alarms

contact Suffolk County Council Trading Standards on 01473 264859, or visit the county council website at [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

Issued by Suffolk County Council Community Safety Unit: 01473 264288 email

[communitysafety@csu.suffolkcc.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@csu.suffolkcc.gov.uk)

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### **VILLAGE WEB SITES**

For up-to-date information about your village, visit these web sites:

[www.brandeston.net](http://www.brandeston.net)

[www.onesuffolk.co.uk/KettleburghPC/](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/KettleburghPC/)

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## CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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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.

Also, if you, or your children enjoy drawing and would like to do a magazine cover, they are always very welcome.

Thank you.

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## TIMES PAST

Now that Kettleburgh Hall or New Hall, as it is sometimes called, is for sale it might be interesting to look at a minute piece of its history. In 1451 Lady Alice Charles who gave the font in St Andrew's Church in memory of her husband, Sir Thomas Charles granted land to Simon Brook. It is on this land that the Hall was built.

Over the centuries the Hall has been the home of many. One of the families who lived there for a very long while were the Walnes. They owned it for sixty years, from 1892 until 1952/3 when it became the home of Derek and Pat Hill.

Henry George Walne, a farmer born at Pulham Market, Norfolk in 1864 married Lilian Alice Nestling of Moat Farm, Cretingham in 1887. 1892 saw the couple with their three sons move to the Hall where three daughters were also born.

As is the case with most people, happy and sad events marked their lives. Starting with the 1897 Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, Henry's meadows were used for the celebrations of Edward VII's and George VI's Coronations. There the villagers ate, danced, cheered and lit bonfires.

Henry and Lilian's children grew, attended Mills Grammar School, passed examinations, took part in parish entertainments. Then the 1914 war broke out. All three boys joined the army. The eldest, Henry Alfred, won the Military Cross and married; the second eldest, Horace, was killed in 1917 and the youngest, Leonard survived to return home.

Their father, now a Captain in the Territorials was caught up in local happenings. The Framlingham Weekly News reported in February 1916 that 'Night operations took place at Kettleburgh when a contingent of Framlingham volunteers tried to pierce a line held by Kettleburgh and Earl Soham sections under Platoon Commander Henry George Walne. By subterfuges ten men of the attacking force penetrated the cordon and reached their goal.' The Walnes also offered hospitality.

The youngest daughter, Eileen Walne married. Her two older sisters, Rhoda and Mariota remained single.

In the 1930's farming matters took precedence. It was reported in 1931, 'that a pedigree red poll in January 1930 had twin calves, another calf in January 1931 followed by twins again in October, (5 calves in 21 months). Was this a record? The cow was a prolific milker and had given well over 2000 gallons during this period.'

In 1937 Lilian Walne died followed by her husband in 1941. He had been a churchwarden for 49 years. A painting, a copy of Murillo's 'The Two Trinities' was bought by the three sisters and given to the church in memory of their parents.

In 1952 Rhoda and Mariota decided to move to Woodbridge. Thus came the close of an era.

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