

**THE PARISHES OF
BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH**

Dear Friends

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people of good will.”

This was the message received, two thousand years ago, by some shepherds on the hills near Bethlehem. Not surprisingly they were amazed.

Perhaps they were amazed because the message was in such marked contrast to the world they knew. It was a world in which “authority” meted out violence against anyone who stepped out of line, power was asserted through political, religious and economic repression, and poverty, disease and abuse were endemic among the weak and the exploited.

Perhaps they were amazed that anyone should give them any sort of message at all. In the divided society of their day, the status of shepherds counted for nothing, so they would never have expected anyone to go out of their way to tell them anything at all.

Perhaps they were amazed because the message was delivered by what seemed to be an “extra-terrestrial”!

Today, if such a message were delivered to us, would we be amazed?

Amazed because today, violence and terror still stalk the earth, repression continues and there are still millions of people who are weak and exploited? Or, amazed that a message of comfort and reassurance had actually reached us through the torrent of “spam” information that pours over us from goodness knows where? Or, amazed simply because we’ve never seen an angel before?

Of course, there are all sorts of reasons for us to be amazed. Amazed that God still has a message for us. And, amazed that his intent for the world remains unchanged. And, amazed that peace is still God’s way, even when mankind has done all that we have done in over two thousand years to prove that peace can be overwhelmed by the force of power, and that people of good will have never achieved very much.

Even though it amazes me, I still think that that message, that the angels gave the shepherds all those years ago that that particular baby had been born in Bethlehem, is the most wonderful antidote to cynicism and corruption, is the most eloquent answer to arrogance and abuse, and is the best possible basis for hope for people living today; and that God’s way should involve something so joyful, so simple and so profound as the birth of a baby . . . well, glory to God, that’s amazing too!

I hope you enjoy a simply wonderful Christmas.

With very best wishes

Robin

PLEASE NOTE: From January 2010, the monthly “letter” in the Parish Magazine will be written in turn by Canon Harry Edwards, the Rev Robin Alderson and other members of the “Ministry Team” in the Benefice.

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Cover: Thank you to Charlotte for drawing a lovely festive cover for this month's magazine.

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Dear Friends

Robin

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER DECEMBER 20092008		
Saturday 1st	9:00a.m	<u>Kettleburgh Churchyard Tidy</u> – Bring some tools
Thursday 6 th	10am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> inc 100+ Club Draw at 11am
Friday 7 th	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 8 th		<u>Bonfire Party</u> at Brandeston
Sunday 9 th	10am 10.50am	<u>Remembrance Sunday Services</u> at Easton at Kettleburgh
Tuesday 11 th	11am	<u>Short time of Remembrance</u> at the War Memorials at Brandeston, Kettleburgh and Easton.
Friday 14 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club 'The Painted Veil'</u> – see

		below.
Saturday 22 nd	7.30pm	<u>Neil Lanham's ' Ruby and Her Horses ' at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.</u>
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	<u>Kettleburgh Breakfast</u> at village hall
Friday 4 th	10am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 4 th	8.00pm	<u>Wine Club</u> at Brandeston Village Hall. Book your place with Martin Churchill – 685303. The theme will be Christmas wines with food.
Saturday 5 th		<u>Brandeston Church Christmas Fair</u> in Brandeston Village Hall
Sunday 6 th	5.30pm	<u>Christingle service</u> at Brandeston Church
Sunday 6 th	From 4pm	<u>Light up a Life</u> in Framlingham – see below.
Tuesday 8 th		<u>Brandeston Community Lunch</u> - a traditional Christmas feast – please ring Mary Mitson-Woods on 684026 to book your place - open to those who have attended in 2009.
Friday 11 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “A Christmas Carol” at Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 12 th	11.00am – 2.00pm	<u>Christmas Fair</u> in Easton Village Hall
Saturday 12 th	9.30am	<u>Trip to Southwold</u> leaving Queen’s Head at 9.30. Tickets from Pat Morgan 685378 - £10 each.
Saturday 12 th	From 5pm	<u>Kettleburgh Countdown to Christmas</u> at Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 13 th	10.00am	<u>Christingle service</u> at Easton Church
Sunday 13 th	11.15am	<u>Christingle and gift service</u> at Kettleburgh Church – see below.
Tuesday 15 th	6.00pm	<u>Carol Singing</u> at Easton – meet on the green.
Wednesday 16 th	7.00 – 8.00pm	<u>Carol Singing</u> in Brandeston Queen’s Head
Wednesday 16 th	8.00pm	<u>Phoenix Concert</u> St. Michael's Church, Framlingham - Music and Readings for Christmas.
Saturday 19 th	9am-1pm	<u>Christmas Farmers Market</u> at Easton Farm Park – see below.

Saturday 19 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Old Chapel Candlelit Evening</u> - see below
Sunday 20 th	10.00am	<u>Carol service</u> at the crib at Brandeston Church (Please bring gifts)
Sunday 20 th	6.30pm	<u>Carol Service</u> at Easton Church
Tuesday 22 nd	6.00pm	<u>Carol Singing</u> in Kettleburgh – meet at Village Hall
Thursday 24 th (Christmas Eve)	10.00am	<u>COSMIC Club Nativity Play Crib</u> at Easton Church
Thursday 24 th	4.30pm	<u>Service of 9 Lessons and Carols</u> at Kettleburgh Church
Thursday 24 th	11.30pm	<u>Midnight Holy Communion</u> for Christmas at Brandeston Church
Friday 25 th (Christmas Day)	10.00am	<u>Family service of Holy Communion for Christmas</u> at Easton Church
Friday 25 th	10.00am	<u>Informal Christmas Day Service</u> , Carols, Crackers and Holy Communion at Kettleburgh Church
Saturday 29 th	8pm ‘til late	<u>The Fat Band</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time of celebration and sharing, and also a time to reflect with family and friends.

St Elizabeth Hospice's Light up a Life appeal invites everyone, not just those touched by hospice care.

A special event in Framlingham will bring together people who are missing a loved one at this often difficult time of year.

There will be Christmas carols, music and readings as well as a time for reflection.

It takes place on Sunday 6th December, from 4pm as part of the Christmas Market on Market Hill.

For more information regarding Light up a Life please contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600, email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

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.

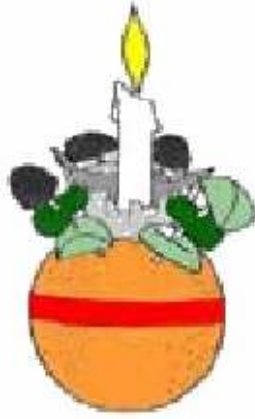
11th December – A Christmas Carol - the 1938 version of Dicken's great classic Christmas story – in colour!

8th January – The Edge of Love. The life story of Dylan Thomas featuring two feisty, free-spirited women who are connected by the brilliant, charismatic poet who loves them both.

12th February – Slum Dog Millionaire – the recent acclaimed film about a boy from the slums of Mumbai. *Sue Thurlow*

KETTLEBURGH COUNTS DOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Come along to Kettleburgh Village Hall on **Saturday 12th December** 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 time to catch up with friends before the Christmas rush begins. The hall will be open from 5:00p.m 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.



Kettleburgh Christingle and Gift Service
11:00a.m. Sunday 13 December
St Andrew's Church

Bring along a wrapped gift to be given to
a child cared for by
The Ormiston Trust in Ipswich.

Receive a Christingle and
learn what this special symbol means.

EASTON FARM PARK FARMERS MARKET

Every month local producers bring an amazing array of their delicious foods including organic meats, sausages, vegetables, fish, cheeses, preserves, juices, bread, cakes etc, also various crafts including jewellery. This takes place on the fourth Saturday, 9am-1pm, admission free – normal activities included.

Please note the December market, which will include special Christmas activities, will be on December 19th.

Sylvia Keene

BRANDESTON OLD CHAPEL CANDLELIT EVENING – Saturday, 19th December at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £5 - available from the Brandeston Thursday Coffee Morning or from Sue Thurlow 685673 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.

CAROL SINGING IN KETTLEBURGH – Tuesday 22 December

As usual, we meet outside the Village Hall at 6:00p.m, 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.

KETTLEBURGH COFFEE MORNING AND TABLE TOP SALE

If anyone has unwanted presents, "junk in the attic", home produce or anything that would sell or be useful to someone else, bring it along and "buy" a table top (money to go to the village hall) to display and hopefully sell for yourselves. Do your Christmas shopping! Unsold goods must be taken home again as storage is impossible in the village hall.

Anne Bater

FILM CLUB

November 14th – *The Painted Veil* – starring Edward Norton, Naomi Watts, Live Schreiber and Diana Rigg. Based on the novel by W. Somerset Maugham – a love story set in the 1920s.
December 12th – *It's a Wonderful Life* (1947) – starring James Stuart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore. An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he never existed.

Film starts at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free.

Sue Thurlow

RUBY AND HER HORSES at Brandeston Village Hall

Not to be missed! On Saturday November 22nd at 7.30pm, Neil Lanham will be telling the stories his mother, Ruby, told him of her farming life in Suffolk, from before the First World War and then through the Depression of the 1930s. Ruby's own photos will be

shown on the big screen and each story will be followed by an unaccompanied song from Andrew Stannard, in his Suffolk voice.
All will make for a 'real Suffolk evening'.
Tickets are £6 [concessions £5] from the Thursday Coffee Mornings or Jacky O'Brien on 685266.
Jacky O'Brien



KETTLEBURGH BREAKFAST

It's that time of year again- the Kettleburgh Breakfast is back! Yes, on Sunday November 23rd from 10.30 at Kettleburgh Village Hall, you'll have another chance to enjoy a delicious cooked breakfast, read the papers and chat with friends and neighbours.

Any offers of help in the kitchen would be much appreciated – tel: 01728 723900 Helen Kay

In aid of Kettleburgh Green Trust.

VILLAGE DANCE WITH THE FAT BAND – SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

To all those who have already reserved tickets – apologies, but the Fat Band are unable to commit to the 6th December as previously arranged.

Costs have also increased for their PA system, but the Trust have promised this event and are committed. The ticket price will remain at £8. There will be a bar for beer & wine. We hope to have some outside catering so that you can have some hot food in the interval.

For further information [www,Kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk/village green](http://www.Kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk/village%20green)

To reserve your tickets call:

Gwenda Weeks - 01728 723703 Email: gwendaweeks@mac.com

or

Caroline 01728 723315 Email: caltosh@sky.com

ADVANCED NOTICES

Sat 2 nd January & Fri 29 th January	6.30pm for 7.00 start	Whist Drives at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
18 th January	7.30pm	Mardle at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall –

		see below
4 th – 6 th February		Kettleburgh Pantomime – see below
Sat. 13 th December	5:00p.m	Kettleburgh Christmas Tree Lighting

CHURCH DATES FOR THE DIARY

7 Dec	11.00am	Christingle service at Brandeston Church
14 Dec	10.00am	Christingle service at Easton Church
	11.15am	Christingle and gift service at Kettleburgh Church
21 Dec	10.00am	Crib and Gift service at Brandeston Church
	6.30pm	Carol and Gift Service at Easton Church
24 Dec	4.30pm	Service of 9 lessons and carols at Kettleburgh Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion for Christmas at Brandeston Church
25 Dec	10.00am	Family service of Holy Communion for Christmas at Easton Church.
	10.30am	Service of Holy Communion for Christmas at Kettleburgh Church

CALLING ALL CARD PLAYERS

We are opening 2010 with two Whist Drives in January on the 2nd and 29th. Doors will open at 6.30pm. ready for a prompt start to play at 7.00pm on both occasions. All those who enjoy playing cards are most welcome to attend. You are guaranteed an enjoyable evening in convivial company with great refreshments in the interval. All this for just £2.50 per person. Previous experience of Whist is not essential. If you wish to take part, please phone Pam or Rick Reade on 685920 so that we can approximate the number of tables required for each evening. Payment can be made at the door on the night.

Will regular players please note that there will be no Whist Drive in December as the last Friday in that month falls on Christmas Day and Santa Claus requires your presence at home with your families.

Pam and Rick Reade

**MARDLE – “NUTRITION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC”
OR “COCONUTS, CORAL AND CANNIBALS”**

Jane Pollock of Easton will be our first speaker in the New Year: she has a degree in agriculture, and after gaining a certificate in Education, she became an agricultural officer in the colonial service in Uganda. This was followed by a post in the South Pacific Health Service, promoting good nutrition in many different developing countries. This will be an exceptionally interesting talk.

7.30pm in Easton and Letheringham Village Hall. Admission £6 which includes a drink and canapés. Everyone welcome.

Sylvia Keene

KETTLEBURGH PANTOMIME

Tickets for Jack and the Beanstalk are on sale now! Phone the Box Office - 01728 723623 to get your tickets. Performance dates are: February 4th, 5th and 6th at 7.30 pm. with a matinee on Saturday 6th at 2.30 pm.

Come along and see all your favourite characters - the Dame, the beautiful Princess, the handsome Hero, the Cow with attitude, the really nasty Villain and his master, the Giant, the all singing, all dancing chorus - what more could you possibly want? Laugh with them, sing with them - just be there. You'll enjoy it. Oh, yes, you will!

Liz Marzetti



FROM THE REGISTERS

TREVOR DAVIES

With sadness we record the death of Trevor Davies, aged 81 years, who lived at Barking Hall Nursing Home, Needham Market, on Sunday 14th September 2008.

A service of thanksgiving, a celebration for Trevor's life, was held at Ipswich Crematorium on Friday 26th September, attended by his family and those from Brandeston who had known him. Trevor and Pauline had lived at the Gables in Mill Lane (next to the old P.O.) since 1968; sadly Pauline died a few years ago. They had two children, Zoe married to Richard with their two boys Jake and Mitchell, whilst Paul is unmarried. At the service Zoe spoke with love and affection about her father including these words "Thank you Dad for all my childhood memories, for teaching me the value of hard work, for helping me to accept my defeats and celebrate my successes, for believing in me, and for loving me for who I am"

Trevor Duval Davies 16/6/1927 – 14/9/2008

Trevor was born in Ipswich, his parents Jack and 'Nanny' lived in Princes Street. His father, in due course, was called into the RAF and posted to Malta; however Trevor won a scholarship to Ipswich High School as a boarder, aged 11, whilst his sister went to Malta. He enjoyed school and did well. After the war his parents took a pub, The Falcon, at Rushmere St Andrew. It was soon after that that he met Pauline (who was to become his wife), aged 13 and he often carried her books to Northgate School – love at first sight. Trevor became very well qualified as an Electrical Engineer at college and then was taken on by the Electricity Board; they trained him further, sent him to London and gave him responsibility to which he responded well.

Trevor and Pauline married in St Margaret's Church, Ipswich and lived at Corder Road, Ipswich, off Anglesea Road. They were very happy. Paul was born in hospital and Zoe at home but soon, after 6 years, they moved to Lingsfield in Surrey and then again to Chesterford, near Saffron Walden, with the last move in 1968 to The Gables, Mill Lane, Brandeston, to a house still being built. The house was built, as others in the area, by John Tuckwell. Here began the best time in his life.

Trevor was the Managing Director of several companies all with electrical connections, two at least in Scotland specialising in transformers; a successful businessman who readily mixed with politicians and the leaders of industry. He had a house in Scotland and would often be away at weekends – the family visited him there in the summer. He could come home and lay aside the business to enjoy the family, the garden, his boating on the Deben and even the caravan, twice only as Pauline did not like it!

Trevor had been bugged from age 50 with heart attacks and later strokes, which gradually left him debilitated but he fought bravely. Few things defeated him until he had to go into Barking Hall Nursing Home, Needham Market, two years ago. As a businessman he was dedicated, fair, honest and successful; as a husband and father – loyal, loving, generous, fun and witty; in old age always uncomplaining. To Jake and Mitch, his grandsons, he

was a great Granddad, interested, generous and fun. He loved Laurel and Hardy movies. He was great at DIY; he could fix anything. In fact, talking to the 'Best Man' at his wedding, I was told he still had kept going the refridgerator given to him at his wedding! Great electrician/mechanic, Trevor was a very faithful, hard-working man. In talking to Zoe he said he had 'no regrets', he had enjoyed all his career. We thank God for Trevor's life. May he rest in peace.

We send our love and sympathy to Zoe, Paul, Richard, Jake and Mitchell, with our prayers that they may know God's peace and comfort. *GV*

FROM THE REGISTERS

BASIL NORMAN

With sadness we record the death of Basil Norman (aged 84 years) of Chestnut Tree Farm, Friday Street, Brandeston, who died suddenly in Ipswich Hospital on Friday 22nd August 2008. Basil's wife Monica (née Branton, a Kettleburgh family) died on 18th June 2005 – since then he had lived alone at the farm. Basil and Monica had two children; Heather and Daniel, married to Sarah with their children Holly and Tom. Basil's birthday is on 21st April, he enjoyed to celebrate this being the same day as HM The Queen. Basil was a very faithful man to his family, to the countryside, the community and to his country. Basil served in the army all the last war and beyond in the Royal Hampshire Regiment, 4th Battalion, being de-mobbed in 1946. His service took him to the North African desert, the battle of Mount Casino in Italy and lastly for some time in Crete where he fought terrorists after the war ended. It was always interesting to hear him tell his war stories.

Basil was born and brought up at Hill Farm, Friday Street; moving to Chestnut Tree Farm on the death of his grandmother, the farms having been in the Norman family for at least four generations. He was a great countryman, a custodian of the farm knowing every tree and hedgerow as he worked closely with nature. How he loved his hens, the ponies and even to keep his old farm machines. He was greatly loved as a good father, grandfather and friend; good and interesting company. We thank God for Basil's life. May he rest in peace.

There will be a funeral, service of thanksgiving for Basil's life, followed by interment, at All Saints' Church, Brandeston on Thursday 4th September at 2.00pm.

We send our sympathy, love and prayers to Heather, Daniel, Sarah, Holly and Tom. God bless you and bring you comfort. *GV*

PAST EVENTS

"MORE MELODEON MAGIC"

The follow-up to "Melodeon Magic" of 2007 was an even greater success, if possible. Arranged by Valerie and Trevor Follows and Mary Moore, a line up of 12 entertainers provided a splendid performance of traditional music and songs, Suffolk humour, jig-

dolls and - especially captivating for the capacity audience – step dancing by two talented children (aged 7 and 9), dressed in period style.

Proceeds were in aid of Mid Suffolk Carriage Driving for the Disabled, whose members provided delicious refreshments, which were greatly appreciated by entertainers and audience alike. Thanks to everyone's generosity (none of our contributors claimed expenses), we had the pleasure of handing over the grand total of £930 to this very worthy cause; surely the crowning touch to a happy and successful evening. Our grateful thanks to all who supported our event in any way.

Mary

Moore

AUTOJUMBLE

A combination of great organisation and the usual amazing advertising resulted in yet another very successful "Kettle Boiling" autojumble. The kettle WAS boiling in the refreshment tent for many hundreds of people on Sunday when we were blessed with a warm sunny day. They came from as far as Northampton, Bedford and south Essex bringing money into the village from outside. Without the help from so many Kettleburgh folk we could not cope with the parking of vehicles and the provision of food from the BBQ and the tea marquee, and we thank all those who very happily gave their time. After the July event we realised that the marquee is looking the worse for wear and some of the money from this autojumble will provide a new marquee...hence the one off second event this year. The remainder of the money raised will go to St. Elizabeth Hospice. Again, thank you to everyone.

Barbara and Derek Holt, Anne and John

Bater

BONFIRE NIGHT

With a fine night, a huge bonfire and lots of donated fireworks Guy Fawkes night went with a swing. Sausages and burgers were on sale from the BBQ and the mulled wine, with a 'special' secret ingredient, was a great success.

Many thanks indeed to Martin Churchill and his team for organising the fireworks and to Tim Owens and those who helped collect the materials to build the magnificent bonfire. Also thanks to the BBQ team for the excellent food.

For a small village what a splendid firework display and all given by the families attending which raised £130 for village hall funds. This event was held in the field behind the Old Vicarage by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. John King.

SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA 2009

Thank you to everyone who filled a shoeboxes for the Link Romania charity this year. In total, eighteen boxes were sent from Kettleburgh. They were taken on the first leg of their journey to a garage in Wickham Market. From there, they are packed into large boxes and taken to Worthing, where they are transferred to container lorries ready for the trip across Europe to Romania. All the items included in the boxes are things that we can buy easily and take for granted. We hope they will make Christmas a little bit more special for the families who receive them.

Jackie Clark

KETTLEBURGH QUIZ

Many thanks to everyone who helped with or attended the Quiz evening on 21st November, which was very entertaining and raised £571.50 for St. Andrew's Church funds.

MARDLE

Last month, at the October Mardle, John Sculpher gave us an eloquent dissertation, accompanied by slides, on the advantages of rail over air travel , reminding us of, as well as lesser known prototypes, the demise of concorde.



CHEESE & WINE EXPERIENCE – SOLD OUT

“What a fantastic evening.....” “Worth every Penny.....”

Just a couple of reviews received about the evening, held on 20th September in the Village Hall.

This event was sponsored by Hamish Johnston, who supplied delicious cheeses for tasting and Timothy Wood who offered excellent wines to compliment them. They both entertained us with their attention to detail and we have no doubt that everyone took home with them a wider knowledge of how unusual cheese & wines work so well together.

A beautiful supper was set and kindly donated by Eiluned Davies and this was followed by a super raffle and an exciting auction which included a holiday at Le Moulin in Normandy donated by David & Katie Harris, a limited edition print by Sue Scott, jewellery by Deborah Thomas and 6 tickets for the first performance of Babes in the Wood at the Seckford Theatre, donated by Eiluned Davies.

This event was not possible without the help of Maggie Meadows, Pat Peck and George Payne who worked continuously in and out of the kitchen and Mark Donsworth who was the perfect auctioneer.

It was a pleasure to hold such a special event for the Trust and we can report that just under £1800 was raised to support the continual maintenance of the green.

Thank You

Kettleburgh Green Trust Fund-Raising Committee

Kettleburgh Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest celebrations took place this year on 12th October. St Andrew's Church was beautifully decorated with seasonal flowers, fruit and produce – did anyone notice the small mouse that had crept amongst the decorations in the children's corner? The service on Sunday evening was well attended, and followed the traditional pattern where gifts of grain, bread, fruit, vegetables and dairy produce were presented as symbols of our thankfulness for God's provision to us. We sang Harvest hymns, working up an appetite for the supper which followed in the Village Hall. The menu was soup (two varieties), jacket potatoes with cheese and a wide choice of salads and relishes, followed by not only apple pies, but also some delicious fruit based cakes and puddings. Thanks to everyone who provided food, decorated the tables with flowers, helped with the setting out of the hall and the washing up, and also those who helped to clear the hall of all its furniture and fittings, ready for the refurbishment of the floor.
Jackie Clark

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Please note latest result for November 2009 :-

1st prize – Richard Martin

2nd prize – Brenda Martin

Yes, really !!

December draw will be held at the Christmas Fair at the village hall

Mark

Hounsell

The winners for October were:-

First Phyll Shaw

Second Sue Thurlow

The November draw will take place at the village hall on Thursday 6th November.

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Draw - November 2009

1st Prize E. Davies

2nd Prize J. Clark

Trevor Jessop

Winners on 3rd October were:-

1st Prize Graham Hillier

2nd Prize David Harris

Gwenda Weeks

NNOTICES



HAVING A PRE-CHRISTMAS CLEAR OUT? THEN WHY NOT HELP THE HOSPICE

If you are thinking of updating your evening wear or replacing furniture – you could help St Elizabeth Hospice.

The Hospice is looking for donations of good quality furniture to sell in some of their shops in East Suffolk and they will even collect them from your home.

The funds raised through the shops enable St Elizabeth Hospice, which marked its 20th anniversary last month, to continue to make a real difference to the lives of their patients and families, friends and carers.

This month donations of evening wear are also needed as the party season gets under way.

The Hospice is asking people to donate any formal evening wear or party dresses that they do not want anymore during an Evening Wear Amnesty.

They would also like menswear, dinner jackets, ties and accessories such as bags, shoes and shawls.

You may even find inspiration that week for an outfit to buy for a party this Christmas or New Year.

Christmas cards, wrapping paper and diaries are available to buy from the shop in Thoroughfare, Woodbridge, and you can also pop in for ideas for festive gifts.

If you have any furniture that you would like to donate, please contact our Meredith Road shop, 3 - 5 Meredith Road, Ipswich, IP1 6ED on 01473 744080 Monday – Saturday 9.00am – 4.00pm

LEATHERINGHAM VILLAGE SIGN

Passers by will have seen that our new village 'sign' is now in place. The following is a history of its conception and execution.

The Millstone was dug up from the grounds of Letheringham Mill where it was being used as a garden plinth. Hillary Allen kindly gave the millstone to the village so that it could be used for a village sign.

The Millstone is made from segments of French Burr stone, a form of quartzite. This type of stone was imported from outside Paris to England for the milling of fine, white, flour from about the mid 1700's onward.

The blocks of stone came over to England by boat from one quarry at La Ferte sous Jouarre (just east of Paris) and were made up at the various millwrights yards, many of which were in Dover Street, London.

Our millstone is estimated by experts at Nottingham University to be about 200 years old. It takes approximately 60 years of continuous use for a stone to wear down to the point where it has to be discarded.

A number of local artists, traditional craftsmen and villagers all helped to create the village sign. These were:

John Tiplady, a wheelwright from Martlesham, who re-banded the millstone using a metal tyre from a very large and old cartwheel.

Ian Melton's team at East Suffolk Welding constructed the frame which holds the cartwheel at an angle of 60 degrees.

Laurence Edwards, the renowned local sculptor, cast the bronze lettering which incorporates organic material and are symbolic of the landscape in and around Letheringham. For example, the E incorporates moss and wild cherries taken from St Mary's Church yard and the T incorporates material collected from the site of the original Augustinian priory.

The bronze letters were made by Marion Brown, Polly Fitch, Maurice Finch, Jean Barer, Terence Carlin, Roger and Sylvia Keene.

Brian Ansell, a Master Mason, helped restore the millstone and also fixed the bronze lettering to the face of the millstone. Brian was recently in the news as he has carved a replica stone sceptre at Sutton Hoo for the National Trust.

Finally, John Bates and Maurice Finch were instrumental in constructing the circular flint plinth, which is exactly 4ft in diameter so as to match the millstone.

The frame is inscribed with a series of numbers that give the exact longitude and latitude of the location so as to help any lost souls that may need to find their way!

The sign was funded by Letheringham Parish Council with a kind contribution from the Easton Festival Fund.

Sylvia Keene

SUFFOLK SAFEKEY

What would happen if an incident occurred at your property, and you couldn't be contacted?

Suffolk SAFEKey, Suffolk Constabulary's keyholder service, gives you the opportunity to register nominated keyholders for your property.

A keyholder is someone you trust such as a friend who lives near your property and has access to your premises in your absence. Having a nominated keyholder helps ensure that should an incident happen at your property, the Police are able to contact a person nominated by yourself, helping to ensure greater peace of mind that an incident can be dealt with as swiftly as possible by Suffolk Constabulary.

Benefits of registering with Suffolk SAFEKey are:

- Storage to a maximum of 4 keyholders for business premises and 2 for a residential property;
- Contact details for property owners GP;
- Storage of information relating to hazardous materials or other potential dangers;
- Details of a preferred plumber, window boarder/glazier;
- Secure and encrypted online management of your registration via a dedicated website 24 hours a day;
- Noise pollution from a false alarm may more readily be reduced through speedier notification to Local Authority, Environmental Health Officers; and
- Dedicated customer support team open during office hours.

As Suffolk SAFEKey is an additional service offered by Suffolk Constabulary, there is an annual fee. As a member of Police Direct an introductory fee of £6 for a residential property is available to you (normal registration fee is £12).

To register your property visit:

www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk or contact the registration hotline on 08444 121 802 (when registering online select Police Direct on the final screen to get your discounted rate). Funding generated by Suffolk SAFEKey registrations will support Suffolk Constabulary's charity, the Safer Suffolk Foundation. The Safer Suffolk Foundation aims to support projects and organisations that are looking to address policing, community safety and quality of life issues for those people living and working in Suffolk.

To find out more visit the Safer Suffolk Foundation website.

Although registration is not mandatory, this service is highly recommended by Suffolk Constabulary

NUCLEAR POWER STATION CONSULTATION

The Government is consulting on its draft Nuclear National Policy Statement and list of sites, including Sizewell, around the country that might be suitable for new nuclear power stations.

We would like to hear your views. The draft Nuclear National Policy Statement explains how sites are assessed, why we need new nuclear power and the Government's policy on managing radioactive waste safely. It will set the framework for planning decisions on new nuclear power stations. A local exhibition giving information about the draft nuclear National Policy Statement and the assessment of Sizewell will be held at: Sizewell Sports

and Social Club from 3rd - 4th December 2009 and at Leiston Community Centre on 5th December 2009. A public discussion will also be held on the morning of Saturday 5th December at Sizewell Sports and Social Club. Please visit www.nuclear-nps-events.info for further information on location and timings and to register for the public session. Alternatively if you wish to register for the public session by telephone please contact 0845 004 8841. How do I take part in consultation? Visit the local exhibition and record your comments Take part in this public discussion Respond to the consultation online, by post or at events. Read the documents at www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk This is your opportunity to make your voice heard. We look forward to your comments.

With kind regards,

The team at the Office for Nuclear Development Department for Energy and Climate Change

- **isNEWS FROM EASTON HARRIERS**

With the cooler nights and days of autumn, we are reminded that the hunting season has arrived - well almost. A chat with Adrian Robinson soon brings out the enthusiasm he and the hunt have for the coming season and for the future of Easton Harriers. We welcome Adrian, the new Huntsman, into the village with his partner Hannah and their six month old daughter Myrtle. Adrian comes to us from Hertfordshire. He has hunted the Airedale Beagles, the Aldenham Harriers and the Modbury Harriers. Hannah is from Devon with a degree in English from Exeter University. It is so good to have the fun and laughter of children back at the Kennels after several years' absence. We hope and pray that the family will be very happy in Easton.

The hounds are in good shape, twenty-five couple, and have started early morning hunting (7 am to 9 am) already. The 'hunting' is really trail hunting, where a competent rider (usually Sue List) goes across country with a bag of strong smell an hour so before the hounds are let loose. This is an exciting way to ride in the countryside, requiring much skill to keep the hounds on course. The Acting Joint Masters are Rob Haag and Lydia Harvey, both of these masters are very experienced, having hunted with the Easton Harriers for many years.

The Puppy Show held at the Kennels on 6th July - an annual event - on a wet Sunday afternoon, was a great success and a boost to the start of the season. Those people who had walked hounds brought them to be judged. The top dog hound was "Fiddler", walked by Mr and Mrs Gordon Grover, with the top bitch being "Fanfare", walked by Mr and Mrs Adam Signy. Janet Baxter and her helpers put on a great tea party enjoyed by many people - thank you.

We wish the hunt well for a good 2008/9 season.

The Opening Meet will be on 1st November 2008 at The Old Mill House, Saxtead Green, at 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome.

Good hunting!

Graham Vellacott

BRANDESTON CHURCHYARD – A NEW SEAT

We are very grateful for the gift of a fine, English oak seat given in memory of the Gallienne family who lived at Brook Farm from the start of the last war. The seat has been given by Rose and Francois Blancpain, and their daughter Lizzie, who live in Switzerland, who are nieces of this older generation. There is a brass plate on the seat which bears these words: In memory, John Arthur and Freda Gallienne of Brook Farm Kettleburgh and their children Elizabeth, Jack and Collinette.

Many of us will remember Collinette who, once her parents left Brook Farm, set up riding stables near the sand pit in Kettleburgh; children were often seen riding her ponies about the lanes.

The seat is positioned at the top of the churchyard with its back to the wall, under and between the trees, about equidistant from the church notice-board and the War Memorial. We are grateful to Chris McArthur and John Garratt who have securely fixed it to the ground.

We just hope that this seat may be a place where anyone can go to relax, find peace and quiet as they look over the River Deben and beyond to the rolling meadows.

Thank you again, the Blancpain family; we hope you will come and visit Brandeston.

GV

BRANDESTON PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan has been completed and viewed by the Parish Council, and is now (12/10/2008) in the process of being printed. On receipt of the bound version, a copy will be distributed to each household in Brandeston. The full report is in two sections; i.e. the main document which is the one to be widely distributed, and an Appendix which contains the full data derived from the Questionnaire but which will be available centrally because of its size in the foyer of the village hall, on the Brandeston website and through the Parish Council.

Nick Heywood

CAN YOU HELP?

Does anyone have a spare Burco Boiler? I use it to cook barley for the horses, but my old one is on the blink. Hoping that someone has one in a shed!

If so, please contact Lydia Harvey at Oak Farm, Brandeston, on 684025

VILLAGE WEBSITES

For up-to-date information about your village, visit these websites:
www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15th of each month to: Mrs Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Road, Kettleburgh,
or e-mail valerie.butcher@talk21.com, tel: 724777. Covers are always welcome too!

BRANDESTON

TIMES PAST

Looking at the old money ledger 1924-1949 used by the Kettleburgh Parish Room, now the Village Hall, Committee is an interesting experience. It dates back to the spring of 1924 when the building work commenced. Five shilling shares were sold to finance the project which cost £250, interest being paid on these.

The new, wooden Parish Room was opened by Lady Huntingfield, an American from New York on July 31st 1924. Lord Huntingfield, a member of the Vanneck family was the 5th Baronet. He had bought twenty shares at the beginning of May for the price of £5.0.0, a lot of money in those days. The Vannecks lived at Heveningham Hall.

It is also instructive to see how money was accumulated by the Committee then. The July drawing or ploughing matches were a regular source of profit during the 1930's; the jubilee of George V and Coronation of George VI were also helpful.

When the war started in September 1939 the Hall was sometimes hired by the Red Cross or the Cadet Corps. There were events such as 'Wings for Victory', 'Salute the Soldier', and the issue of ration books by the Blyth Rural District Council. Dances, Dart Matches, and Whist Drives were held, all of these under the light of oil lamps, electric light was far in the future.

All this ties in with the announcement in November's magazine that the old hinged side benches have been brought back into use.

WMW

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

6th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
13th Peter and Trish Smyth
20th Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
27th Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery
3rd Jan Marian Hutson and Julia Elson

Kettleburgh

Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows
Sue Scott
Alison Gibson
Persephone

Booth TIMES PAST

Once more, at our War Memorials 90 years after the ending of the Great War, we think of those whose lives were cut short by that 4 year tragedy and by the Second World War together with other military engagements. Not a great deal is known about Edwin Arthur Bilney who was born at 19 Low Street, Brandeston in 1893. He was the eldest son of Arthur, gardener for 50 years at Brandeston Hall, and Mary, his wife (née Wardley). Edwin was baptised at All Saints, he attended the village school and continued to live at home until the war started.

After enlisting at Ipswich as Private 2975, 4th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, he was sent to France and Flanders. Sadly he died of wounds at the Clearing Hospital of the British Expeditionary Force on May 17th 1915, aged 21.

It is well nigh impossible to imagine the grief suffered by families at this time. Those who dwelt in the three cottages, 18, 19 and 20, Low Street, now the home of Peter and Sue Thurlow, experienced the death of 4 young men during those terrible years.

By contrast Horace George Walne came from a farming family that had settled at Kettleburgh Hall in 1891. After finishing his boarding school education he entered the Ipswich engineering firm of E.R. and F. Turner. Some years before the outbreak of war he joined the Suffolk yeomanry, (the Duke of York's own Royal Suffolk Hussars). After mobilisation in 1914 he was sent to Gallipoli and then Egypt.

When his time expired in April 1916 Horace returned home and after a month re-enlisted to be sent to a Cadet Battalion in Scotland. On gaining a Commission in October 1916 he was posted to France as a Second Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment.

On April 11th 1917 at Wancourt during the Battle of Arras, (the 1st Battle of the Scarpe), whilst the Battalion were assembling for an attack, the enemy opened fire, Horace was struck by a shell and killed at once. His Commanding Officer, Lieut. Col. G.C. Stubbs, wrote that he was one of the best officers, very gallant and would have been promoted to command a Company. Another officer stated that he was one of the bravest and most loveable of men, fearless and reliable. 'Shells never seemed to have the slightest effect on him and we always used to look on him as a fire-eater. He was liked by all because of his quiet, unassuming way.

Horace Walne, aged 27 is interred in the Tilloy British Cemetery, Pas de Calais. There is a memorial to him on the south chancel arch, facing west of St Andrew's Church, Kettleburgh.

We have pictures of these two soldiers resting places but if anyone plans to visit war graves please let me know. Photographs are still needed to cover some men of our villages killed in the wars.

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