

THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

Please think back, for a moment, to the Christmas just past; to those “Gift Services” that we had in each Church, in the weeks before Christmas, that enable your motive of giving to our own family and friends at Christmas to overflow into a form of less personal giving, for the benefit of children for whom, otherwise, Christmas might have been a lean time.

Three days before Christmas, I took the presents from Brandeston’s and Easton’s Gift Services to the Ormiston Children’s Centre in Ipswich. I found myself immensely moved by the warm enthusiasm with which your presents were received by those who were preparing Christmas for the families to whom the work of the Centre is so important. Quite apart from the enjoyment your parcels would give to those who unwrap them, they carried an immensely encouraging message of support to those engaged in helping others.

There is another way in which your giving has reached further than you might expect! Because local Church accounts cover the calendar year, the turn of the year is when PCCs consider and conclude their programme of “charitable giving” for the previous twelve months. Again, this is an opportunity for the generosity of Christmas giving to “cross-over” into areas that far exceed expectations when the PCC is making financial decisions.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find a description of Nansambo First Primary School in Malawi, to which Brandeston PCC has agreed to give financial support. I suspect that Nansambo is typical of hundreds of rural schools in many African countries. But, quite apart from the modest financial assistance Brandeston Church will give to education in the school, the channel by which this support will flow to the young people of Malawi will bring affirmation and encouragement to the remarkable, imaginative and dedicated people who are committed to the Nansambo project.

In this country, as charitable work and fund raising becomes more and more institutionalised, the demand for money from the National Lottery for “good causes” grows, need increases around the world and those mailed requests for subscriptions pour through our letter boxes, personal giving seems almost like a drop in the ocean.

But I believe its importance lies in its very personal nature. A small donation expresses real concern; the message of encouragement it delivers to those committed to serving their neighbour is out of all proportion to its actual value, and

“it is in giving that we receive.”

With best wishes

Robin Alderson

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2009		
Thursday 5 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> at Village Hall
Thursday 5 th Friday 6 th Saturday 7 th	7.30pm 7.30pm 2.30 & 7.30	<u>Cinderella</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall Tickets £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children under 12. Ring the Box Office on 723623
Friday 6 th	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 13 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “Atonement” at village hall – see below.
Monday 16 th	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> at Easton Village Hall – see below.
Friday 20 th	7pm for 7.30 start	<u>Quiz</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall, in aid of Kettleburgh Green Trust – see below.
Wednesday 25 th (Ash Wednesday)	10.00am	<u>Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday</u> at Marlesford Church – see below.
Friday 27 th	7pm for 7.30 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 28 th	7.30pm for 8.00 start	<u>French Evening</u> at Brandeston Village Hall. Food and entertainment – see below.

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.

13th February – Atonement – Based on a British novel by Ian McEwan - an acclaimed film starring Keira Knightly, James McAvoy, Harriet Walker and Saoirse Ronan.

13th March – Ray – depicts the life of the legendary singer Ray Charles starring James Fox, Kerry Washington and Regina King.

Sue Thurlow

MARDLE

The next Mardle, in aid of Letheringham, Church Fabric Fund, will take place on Monday 16th February at Easton Village Hall as usual at 7.30pm. Ann Day, an Ipswich Town guide, will be giving an illustrated talk on the ups and downs of 300 years' brewing in Ipswich. In particular about the Cliff Brewery, which once featured in Sir John Harvey-Jones' "Troubleshooter" programme on television, and is now being brought back to life by a new owner. Tickets £6 which includes a drink and 'tasty morsels'. Do support us – everybody welcome.

Sylvia Keene

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 20th February 2009 at Kettleburgh Village Hall

Teams of 4 – limited tickets available

Doors open at 7pm – prompt start at 7.30pm

£7 per person including hot meal

Call Mark on 724664 or Julie on 720120 to book tickets.

In aid of Kettleburgh Green Trust.

Jo and Mark Gilbert

ASH WEDNESDAY OBSERVANCE AND LENT GROUPS IN 2009

This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is 25th February.

We are invited to begin our observance of Lent by joining parishioners from Campsea Ashe, Hacheston and Parham for Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes at Marlesford Church at 10.00 am on Ash Wednesday.

On the following six Wednesdays, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st and 8th April, you are invited to join our Lent Course discussion groups, meeting either in Easton in the morning or in Brandeston or Kettleburgh in the evening. This year, we shall be considering what the Christian gospel means for us living here in Suffolk in the 21st century.

Galilee and Judea, the region where Jesus lived, were about the same size as the county of Suffolk; and there are other points of comparison to think about. Each week, a post card of a contemporary Suffolk scene will provide the point of departure for discussion, reflection and prayer. More details about each meeting will be included in next month's magazine.

Everyone is welcome to come to all, some or any of these meetings. It is always worth a try!

RA

WHIST DRIVE

You are cordially invited to join our regular whist players at Brandeston Village Hall at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 27th February. 2009. Refreshments are provided. The price of a great evening of fun and laughter is just £2.50. Please phone Pam or Rick Reade on 685920 to book your place or to ask for further details. New players are always welcome.

BRANDESTON FRENCH EVENING

On Saturday, 28 February at 7.30 for 8.00, Brandeston Village Hall is putting on a French evening. Tickets will cost £20 and will include a champagne and canapés welcome, a four-course dinner plus coffee followed by a cabaret. Tickets will be available from the Coffee Morning and Pat Morgan (685378).

Pat Morgan

ADVANCED NOTICES

Fri. 20 th March	7.30pm	Gardeners Question Time at Brandeston Village Hall
Sat. 16 th May		Easton May Fair
Sat. 13 th June		Kettleburgh Fete

FROM THE REGISTERS

JOHN ELLIOTT

With sadness we record the death of John Elliott, aged sixty eight, of No 8, Pond Piece, Brandeston, on Sunday January 4th, 2009. A funeral service for his life was held at St Nicholas's Church, Bedfield on Monday January 12th. The church was very full as people from the local villages came to remember and thank God for a popular friendly man, a man who had happily settled into the life of Brandeston and entered into many activities. The service was held in Bedfield as this is the home of the Elliott family. The Rector of Worlingworth, the Canon Derek Greene, conducted the service. He spoke briefly about John but with more family detail John's sister Joan gave us many anecdotes of their upbringing on the farm at Bedfield. Joan had come hastily, with her husband David, from her life in New Zealand.

Following the service John was interred in the churchyard, into a grave next to his father and mother, in an Elliott corner. The wind seemed very cold blowing across the flat

Bedfield fields and people were very pleased to gather for a reception at The Ivy House by the kindness of Richard and Mary Nesling. Thank you, Mary, for your most welcome hospitality. Now I tell you a little about John, who moved from his flat at Woodford into Pond Piece in about 2002.

John William Elliott was born in 1941 at Home Farm, Bedfield; the elder son of Percy and Emma. John's sister Joan followed two years later and then his brother Paul. His father ran the building business P. Elliott and Son Ltd., employing over 50 men. His father was also an undertaker and I believe was a very strong character. Home Farm is now Barrells engineering works. John had a happy family life in competition with his sister. He went to Bedfield Primary School but aged nine he went on to Brandeston Hall being in the third year of intake at the start of the school. He did well at the school and went on to Framlingham College. Leaving the College, aged 17, he went straight into his fathers building business to be taught by his father until his father died suddenly in 1965 when John was 24. John was to continue alone; his brother Paul was running the farming business although John also had an input here too.

After two years or so the building business went bankrupt and there was a move in the family. Emma and Paul moved to Grove Farm whilst John moved to London to continue his work as a builder. He qualified as a quantity surveyor working for developers. At weekends he would come down to the farm to help and check up! At busy times he would take holiday and help.

He looked for a house of his own in the country, so in about 2002 he bought No 8, Pond Piece in Brandeston. Was it his love of ponds that brought him here? Joan, at his funeral, spoke movingly of how he had several times been rescued from the many ponds on Home Farm; the one over the road had nearly taken his life. John worked part-time, he would come and go to Brandeston but in 2005 he moved to No 8 all the time and entered fully into the community life of the village.

John was a really good man to know; he was faithful in all aspects of life, honest and true, generous and interested in many good things and people. John would support most village activities, even starting to play whist which he had never done before. He was a regular at the coffee mornings on Thursdays, village lunches and at the Queen several times a week: "Last of the Summer Wine" has been affectionately applied to a group in the Queen, of which he was one.

We give thanks to God for a good man who has left us ahead of his time; we are grateful for the memories we treasure. May John rest in peace.

Our thoughts, sympathy and our prayers are with Joan, Paul and the family; may they know God's comfort. *GV*

PAST EVENTS

POPPY COLLECTION

£631-89 was collected for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in November 2008 by Brandeston collectors;

Brandeston Hall School, Nancy Demetriadi, Brenda Martin, Mary Moore, Ruth Risk, Helen Saxton, Peter Smyth and the Queen's Head.
Many thanks to them and the generous givers.

David Risk

BRANDESTON CAROL SINGING 2008

We are sorry that this report is so late but it is to record a very happy Carol Singing evening in Brandeston Queen's Head on 17th December. The pub was virtually full of adults and children all just enjoying themselves, singing carols, socialising and generally getting Christmas started. We have so much to thank God for. We are very grateful to Rob Rogers, Music Director of Brandeston Hall, who brought his keyboard and played brilliantly for us. We actually had a mixture of carols (church type) and songs (pub type special for Christmas) supplied by Rob – great fun too! Such an evening is only possible through the generosity of the landlord Alan Randall, and his able assistant Joddie, who made us very welcome and supplied such tasty nibbles to eat at the end. Thank you, Alan, also for the warm food you gave to the congregation leaving midnight mass on Christmas Eve. It is so good the way the church, the pub and the community all work together happily – may this continue through 2009.

In the carol singing, we collected for St Elizabeth Hospice and raised £73.42. Thank you all.

GV

BRANDESTON CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD DONATIONS

In the December Parish Magazine it was proposed that those who wished to do so could make a donation in favour of the East Anglian Childrens' Hospice rather than send Christmas cards to local friends in Brandeston. Collections at the Queen's Head pub (thank you Alan) and the village coffee morning (thank you Sue) amounted to £75.00 which has been forwarded to EACH accordingly.

Many thanks for your support to a very worthwhile cause.

Anne Hayward

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Results for January 2009 were:-

First – Philip Bays

Second – David and Hilary Whiting

Next draw will be at the village hall on Thursday 5th February 2009.

Mark Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Winners of the draw held on 2nd January 2009

FIRST PRIZE - Lynda Williams

SECOND PRIZE - Helen Kay

Gwenda Weeks

NOTICES

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY CLUB (Licence No. L&A 1179)

Invites you to renew or join the Lottery Club for the period 1st April 2009 - 31st March 2010, to give you the chance of winning cash prizes each month for £12 per ticket per year.

By the end of February each household will receive details of how to renew or join together with the latest cash prizes being offered.

BIGGER PRIZES

Our second year starts on 1st April 2009 and for the same £1 per month, and based on the number of members last year of 110, we will be offering for the December draw only

1st Prize £100

2nd Prize £50

3rd Prize £25

For more information: Contact Gwenda 723703 or email: gwendaweeks@mac.com

LETTER FROM LIZI BAKER

40 Pembroke Street
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9th January 2009

Dear Friends,

As I have just returned to work after an all too short Christmas break in Brandeston, I thought it would be about the right time to actually let people know what I am doing in this current phase of life.

In the summer of 2008, I successfully finished my degree in Sport and Coaching Studies at Oxford Brookes University and moved on to something new. I'm still living in Oxford and am currently working as part of an internship programme at St Aldates Church (www.staldates.org.uk). There are fourteen of us in total on this course all aged between eighteen and twenty-five. We have each got our own departments which we work under and (unsurprisingly to many of you) I work in the children's department. This is a great deal of fun, with the wide range of jobs stretching from co-ordinating a pre-school children and mums group, running after school clubs for 7-11 year olds in a couple of Oxford schools, helping to lead social groups for 10-14 year olds and children's church events on a Sunday morning. There are also one off events too, such as a week long holiday club for

about 150 children in the summer and themed parties for about 60 children once a term too.

We also do various other jobs around the church which range from serving at big events, making coffee (as all good interns do), prayer meetings and helping at conferences etc. In addition to this very practical and hands on work we also spend two days a week having biblical teaching, so all in all it can be pretty hectic, if a great amount of fun.

Our biggest challenge of the year however lies ahead of us this Easter. We will be going, along with four leaders, to Mozambique to work alongside Iris Ministries at their Zimpeto site (http://www.irismin.com/ministryLoc_zimpeto.cfm). Iris Ministries was set up by Heidi and Rolland Baker, who moved to Mozambique in 1995 and cares for the orphans of Mozambique, giving them food, shelter and medical treatment they would never be able to receive otherwise. Since its start, Iris Ministries has expanded to over 5,000 churches and cares for over 2,000 children within the centres and more outside of them. More of Heidi and Rolland's story can be found at <http://www.irismin.org/p/background.php>.

As a group we have been incredibly fortunate to have the means to get to Mozambique. Through fundraising, working and donations we have covered the majority of the cost of our course this year and the trip (flights, immunisation costs etc).

The biggest request for this trip would be that people pray that we all have a safe, healthy and enjoyable time out there. However if you feel you would like to support the work in Mozambique and help us get to a place where we are financially able to donate more to Iris Ministries we would be most grateful. Anything we raise above our personal requirements will be given directly to Iris Ministries.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you do wish to contact me, my details are below.

With Love,
Lizi Baker

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WANTED - RUNNING BUDDY...I'M JUST A BEGINNER

Is there anyone that lives in Kettleburgh that would like to start running with a beginner?

I need motivation and having someone to run or train with would be a real help.

My goal to start with is to work towards a 5k run and hopefully go on to a beginners triathlon.

My phone number is 07717 302648 or home 01728 723318.



Do you dare take on St Elizabeth Hospice's Great Xscape?

St Elizabeth Hospice is inviting teams of four people to sign up for the Great Xscape on Saturday 21st March. Teams will be blindfolded, driven to a secret location in the Suffolk countryside and not told where they are or the quickest way to get back. How you return is up to you!

Teams are not allowed any help from friends and family and will be without money, mobile phones, navigational equipment or even a map so a good sense of direction will certainly help. Once at the secret location there will be a buffet to recharge your batteries and a raffle. There will also be a prize awarded to the team who make it back in the quickest time and for those who wish to take the challenge a step further, there will be a prize for the best fancy dress.

To download a registration form, please visit our website www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk, contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

Would you like to volunteer for the Hospice?

St Elizabeth Hospice is holding information sessions on Friday 27th February, for anyone who is interested in volunteering at events and in the community as part of the fundraising team.

The Hospice organises a range of events throughout the year and supports individuals and groups in the community who are fundraising on behalf of the Hospice. This could not be done without the help and support of volunteers. Roles volunteers take on include helping with raffles, an hour or two collecting for the Hospice at supermarkets or in town centres and providing assistance at events such as running a stall, marshalling, registration, refreshments and car park attendants.

Volunteering is rewarding, you get to meet people and make new friends and there is great team spirit. Volunteering is a great way to use your free time positively and for a

worthwhile cause, it is another way of enhancing your CV with new skills and experiences and most importantly, you will definitely have fun!

There are two drop in sessions; 2pm – 4pm and 5pm – 7pm, in the education centre at St Elizabeth Hospice on Foxhall Road in Ipswich. The information sessions will be a chance to find out more about the work of St Elizabeth Hospice's fundraising team and the volunteering roles available, as well as the opportunity to meet staff and existing volunteers. For more information, please contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

IPSWICH HOSPITAL

Ipswich Hospital is today offering its patients and visitors their biggest opportunity yet to get involved in decision-making.

The hospital is applying to become a foundation trust and has begun recruiting thousands of local people to become 'members' of the trust. The Mayor of Ipswich David Hale and Chairman of the Ipswich Hospital User Group Gary Miller were among the first to become members.

Foundation trusts provide services in a new way, with greater freedoms from the Department of Health. They are still subject to NHS standards and inspections but are able to make decisions at a local level so the decisions best meet the needs of the local people.

Members can be involved as much or as little as they like, from simply receiving newsletters to becoming active in forums/fundraising and volunteering.

Hospital staff are backing the move. Vicki Decroo, General and Special Surgery matron, said: "This is a real chance for patients, relatives and visitors to get involved with shaping the future of our hospital's services."

Stephen Gee, biomedical scientist, said: "We want to make sure the healthcare our patients receive is the very best and being a foundation trust will help us deliver that."

Hospital Chief Executive Andrew Reed said: "Becoming a foundation trust will help us deliver the best hospital care for our community in the future.
"This opportunity to become a member of our trust gives members of the public the chance to pledge to be a part of that future."

"Patients will not only have a chance to be part of the decision-making process, but will also have access to more information about the current services and future plans allowing them to make informed choices about where to have treatment."

The hospital's new members, which include the majority of the 4,000-strong workforce, will elect a Council of Governors. The governors represent the views of the public and work with the Board of Directors who remain responsible for day-to-day running of the trust.

As well as being answerable to the local community, foundation trusts are also accountable to Monitor, the independent regulator for foundation trusts. Monitor ensures trusts are well-governed and financially strong.

Anyone who is over 16 years old and lives in Suffolk or Essex is invited to become a member.

See www.ipswichhospital.nhs.uk/foundationtrust or call membership manager Sarah Higson on 01473 704769 for details.

THE NANSAMBO SCHOOL FUND

Some readers of this magazine will remember the support which Brandeston Church gave to the Chadborn family and their work in Africa. The fact that the Chadborns had previously been our neighbours made our support for them all the more personal.

This thought passed through Mrs Wilda Woodland's mind when she heard from an ex-pupil of hers, Sue Tobin. Marriage had taken Sue and her husband to Malawi some years ago, and it had been there that her two children, John and Jane, had been born. In 2007, now in their twenties, John and Jane returned to the land of their birth for the first time since their childhood there.

Malawi is the third poorest countries in the world, and John and Jane were appalled by the conditions that they found during their visit. They resolved, on return, to do all that they could to support a school that they had visited in the village of Nansambo. This is a Church-founded school that is now maintained by the Malawi government. Its 1,200 pupils were being taught by a staff of 5; buildings and furniture were in a poor state of repair and teaching materials were almost non-existent. Particular concerns were the lack clean water and the inadequate provision of hygienic toilets.

Undeterred by the practical difficulties of providing real help in this situation, John and Jane Tobin with their mother, set up a small charitable fund which they called the Nansambo School Fund; it is, technically, an informal charity because it has an income of

less than £5,000 each year. But already, even at this modest level, they have been able to fund four full-time teaching assistants at a cost of £10 per week, and sponsor the construction of a borehole at the School. They have started a programme of repairs for classrooms and the provision of toilets, and are committed to meeting the shortfall in educational materials.

The transfer of funds from UK for local expenditure opens up the possibility of corruption. To protect against this, the Nansambo School Fund collaborates with a local business man who is himself committed to helping his own people; the Malawi High Commission commend him as “a man of integrity, knowledge and experience.” Through him, the money provided by the fund benefits the pupils of the school with complete transparency.

In December, Mrs Wilda Woodland described the work of the fund to Brandeston PCC, and suggested that the church support the Tobin’s initiative. An initial contribution of £150 was agreed and has been sent. This will probably be used to provide a further teaching assistant at the school, and to enable the replacement of worn out sports equipment.

In thanking the PCC for their support, Sue Tobin has written to say “we are thrilled at the possibility of having your church join us as a partner in supporting the Nansambo First Primary School.” After explaining how a contribution of £150 might be spent she goes on to say “there is so much that could be done and maybe your PCC has other ideas. We would welcome their input as much as we value the financial support. . . . whilst we may only be an informal charity we believe we must be accountable to anyone who supports us and ensure the promise we make – that every penny given will go and every penny will be spent on the children of the Nansambo School – is kept.”

We look forward to reporting the achievements of Brandeston Church’s support for the First Primary School in Nansambo, Malawi through the Tobin family’s initiative in the pages of this magazine from time to time.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Secure your outbuildings/sheds/garages as thoroughly as you can. Consider security lighting, and take registration numbers of any suspicious vehicles that appear to be taking an undue interest in outlying/remote properties in particular. Do not leave items lying about.

Obviously with a recession upon us, the criminal element out there is going to be even more desperate to relieve all of us of our property, particularly the easy targets.

Derrick Neilson

GO WITH THE FLOW – YOUTH BUS SERVICE

The Go with the Flow Youth Bus is a brand new and exciting project coming to rural parishes in Suffolk Coastal. The service will be provided by a newly converted double-decker bus and is aimed at 13 – 19 year olds. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist in all aspects of running the service. For further information, please call Jon Denny Youth Bus Coordinator on 07876 680909 or jon.denny@suffolkacre.org.uk

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

TIMES PAST

A footnote to the Aldrich family story recounted in last month's Times Past.

After more research a little further information has surfaced. Sydney Aldrich, one of Elijah's three sons, was the family member, aged 15, who emigrated to the New World in 1831. O.W. Aldrich, described in the newspaper as Kettleburgh's successful boy was Orlando Wesley, Sidney's eldest child.

Sidney also enjoyed a successful life in the United States. First of all he settled in Plattsburg, New York State, where he lived for four years and learned carriage making. In 1839 he married Lydia York, a descendant of the statesman Benjamin Franklin. Eventually Sidney became a farmer, owning 368 acres of land in Michigan and Virginia.

He also served as a licensed preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church for more than 25 years. It is reported that Sidney was called upon to officiate at more weddings and funerals than any other minister in his part of the state. When he died in 1891 he left behind 'a record of self sacrifice, hospitality, business integrity and Christian Charity'.

Michael and Sandy Aldrich who bought 'Killarney' now 'Clovers' in Mutton Lane, Brandeston do not think the Kettleburgh family have any connection with them. However, helpfully they have provided the name and address of the Illinois paper quoted in January's account. Founded in 1837 'The Pantagraph' still continues reporting news.

Long may it continue!

WMW

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!