

**THE PARISHES OF  
BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH**

Dear Friends,

A very happy 2010 to you all.

Is it really true that the millennium was 10 years ago?

A friend recently reflected that it felt more like five or six years ago – so where have the intervening years gone!

‘What of all the things in the world is the longest and the shortest, the swiftest and the slowest, the most divisible and the most extended, the most neglected and the most regretted, without which nothing can be done, which devours all that is little, and enlivens all that is great?’

(a question put to Zadig in Voltaire’s *Zadig – a Mystery of Fate.*)

Zadig replied: ‘Time’.

May the New Year bring with it an appreciation of the preciousness of time – of time to experience the reality of the presence of Christ in the ordinary everyday daily events of life.

I love the first verse of George Herbert’s hymn:

‘Teach me, my God and King,  
In all things thee to see;  
And what I do in anything  
To do it as for thee!’

So may this New Year bring with it a resolution to savour time, and to live each day with respect and anticipation of the sense of the timelessness of heaven.

God bless you,

With love

Harry Edwards

PLEASE NOTE: From this month, January 2010, the monthly letter in the Parish Magazines of the Greater Benefice will be written by Canon Harry Edwards, the Rev Robin Alderson and other members of the ‘Ministry Team’.

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Dear Friends

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<b>DIARY FOR NOVEMBER JANUARY 20102008</b>		
Saturday 1st	9:00a.m	<u>Kettleburgh Churchyard Tidy</u> – Bring some tools
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> inc 100+ Club Draw at 11am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Bonfire Party</u> at Brandeston
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am 10.50am	<u>Remembrance Sunday Services</u> at Easton at Kettleburgh
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<u>Short time of Remembrance</u> at the War Memorials at Brandeston, Kettleburgh and Easton.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club ‘The Painted Veil’</u> – see below.

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Neil Lanham's ' Ruby and Her Horses ' at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.</u>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	<u>Kettleburgh Breakfast at village hall</u>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning at Kettleburgh Village Hall</u>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive at Brandeston Village Hall - see below.</u>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning and 100+ Club Draw at Village Hall</u>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club – “– The Edge of Love” at Village Hall – see below.</u>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Mardle at Easton &amp; Letheringham Village Hall</u>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh PCC at Church Farm</u>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	<u>Mothers Union Annual Meeting – 22 Orchard Place Wickham Market</u>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston PCC at Office Farm, Brandeston</u>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive at Brandeston Village Hall - see below.</u>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8pm ‘til late	<u>The Fat Band at Kettleburgh Village Hall</u>

**“CALLING ALL CARD PLAYERS” - WHIST DRIVES 2ND AND 29TH JANUARY**

We are opening 2010 with two Whist Drives on SATURDAY, 2nd January and Friday, 29th January at Brandeston Village Hall. Doors will open at 6.30 p.m. ready for a prompt start at 7.00 p.m. 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 to be made at the door on the night.

May we wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Rick and*

*Pam.*

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**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*

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**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.

**8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**12<sup>th</sup> February – Slum Dog Millionaire** – the recent acclaimed film about a boy from the slums of Mumbai.

**12<sup>th</sup> March - Revolutionary Road.** Based on a novel by Richard Yates it is a story about a young couple living in a Connecticut suburb during the mid 1950s struggling to come to terms with their personal problems while trying to raise their 2 children.

*Sue Thurlow*

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**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*

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**FILM CLUB**

November 14<sup>th</sup> – 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 12<sup>th</sup> – 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*

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**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*

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**KETTLEBURGH BREAKFAST**

It's that time of year again- the Kettleburgh Breakfast is back! Yes, on Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

To all those who have already reserved tickets – apologies, but the Fat Band are unable to commit to the 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gwendaweeks@mac.com)

or

Caroline 01728 723315 Email: [caltosh@sky.com](mailto:caltosh@sky.com)

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**ADVANCED NOTICES**

4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>Kettleburgh Pantomime</b> – see below
26 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	<b>Film Evening - Chris Parfitt's travels in South Africa</b> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> December	5:00p.m	<b>Kettleburgh Christmas Tree Lighting</b>

**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

**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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

A service of thanksgiving, a celebration for Trevor's life, was held at Ipswich Crematorium on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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*

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### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008. Basil's wife Monica (née Branton, a Kettleburgh family) died on 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **BRANDESTON CHRISTMAS DANCE**

A good time was had by all at the Brandeston Village Christmas Dance - many of us dancing all evening to the excellent group. Thanks to everyone for the delicious array of food. £106 was raised for village hall funds. Date for your diaries- TYLER KEMP+1 have been booked again for Sat. 27th. Nov. 2010 *Chris Bays*

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**KETTLEBURGH CAROL SINGING**

Amid the winter snow, it was deep, crisp and even, but also very slippery, as a small but vocal band made its way around the village on the Tuesday before Christmas. We were collecting for the Children’s Society and raised £108. Thank you to all who listened to our carolling and contributed so generously. We are sorry if we didn’t sing at your door...if you join us next year, maybe we could split into two groups and sing to more people. We finished by singing at the Chequers. Thanks to Ron and Debbie for making us welcome and restoring feeling to the extremities with some tasty nibbles. *Jackie Clark*

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**BRANDESTON CAROL SINGING**

The Brandeston Queen’s Head was a very warm and welcoming place to be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December as many of us gathered to sing carols celebrating the start of Christmas. The pub was full with all ages of people from the parish, a great atmosphere and an annual occasion enjoyed by so many people. Our thanks to Alan Randall and his staff for the welcome given to us and the snack food which we all much enjoyed. Our thanks, too, to Melanie Bigden from Framlingham who brought her keyboard and faithfully played carols for at least an hour as we sang all the well-known carols and a few others from the carol sheet. Money was collected for St. Elizabeth Hospice and totalled £81.

Thank you again, Alan and to all who sang and gave generously. *GV*

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**CHEESE & WINE EXPERIENCE – SOLD OUT**

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

Just a couple of reviews received about the evening, held on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

Winners for Dec 2009, drawn at the village Christmas lunch were :-

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Weston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Eve Crane
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne Hayward
- 4<sup>th</sup> Steve Williams

First draw of the New Year will be held at the village hall on Thursday, 07 January

*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 6<sup>th</sup> November.

*Mark Hounsell*

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**KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY**

Christmas Draw: 4th December 2009

1st Prize (£100): Anthony Weeks

2nd Prize (£50): Iain Sanderson

3rd Prize (£25): Caroline Tosh

*Trevor Jessop*

*Winners on 3<sup>rd</sup> October were:-*

*1<sup>st</sup> Prize Graham Hillier*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Prize David Harris*

*Gwenda Weeks*

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**NOTICES**

**JUST A NOTE ABOUT SERVICES IN JANUARY**, from Robin Alderson

When readers look at the Timetable of services taking place in Brandeston, Kettleburgh and Easton Churches during January 2010, they will see that there are one or two differences from the previous pattern of services.

The first is on the third Sunday of the month, when the Holy Communion Service at Brandeston takes place each month at 10.00am, rather than at 11.00am as in previous months. This change of time will be continued in future months. I hope this change will enable more people to come to that service in future.

Then, on the fourth Sunday in January, we will be welcoming The Venerable Judy Hunt, the Archdeacon of Suffolk to the Benefice for the first time, to speak and preside at the 10.00am Family Holy Communion service at Easton. I hope there will be a generous congregation at that service to give Judy a suitably warm welcome.

I hope very much hope that people from Brandeston and Kettleburgh will wish to come to that service. I have decided that it will be appropriate on that day to cancel the 11.15am Family Worship service at Kettleburgh.

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Neighbourhood Watch is to prevent/reduce crime in neighbourhoods, to reassure people in communities, and to provide appropriate crime reduction advice. It hopefully encourages everyone to be alert in looking out for themselves, and for others perhaps less able to do so. It is also a means of passing information from communities to the police, and vice-versa, which is hopefully where the 'co-ordinator' (myself) comes in. If you see something you consider suspicious (and is NOT an emergency) please let me know, and I can either offer limited advice, or pass it on to the police. (I was a police radio control employee for 22 yrs until recent retirement, so hopefully have picked up advice I can assist with, even though I was not a police officer ) Obviously EMERGENCIES should be given via 999 to Police/Amb/Fire as everyone knows, and not myself in those cases. The short answer is, if I cannot help, I will contact someone who can on your behalf. My new tel number is 723226, or email [derrick48@btopenworld.com](mailto:derrick48@btopenworld.com). I hope this assists those who may not know about Neighbourhood Watch so far.

*Derrick Neilson*

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

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

Every spring and summer residents across east Suffolk open their gardens for an afternoon for visitors to admire – in return for a donation.

Gardens of all shapes and sizes, formal or informal, cosy or large are wanted.

This year around 20 gardens opened raising a total of £11,000. And this year we would like to see even more opening in every corner of east Suffolk including the towns, coastal areas and villages.

St Elizabeth Hospice would love to hear from you if you are interested in opening your garden in either May, June, July, August or September 2010.

For more information, please contact Rachael Mittell, community fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice on 01473 707034 or email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

### **Step out for a walk of thoughts in Framlingham**

Join supporters of St Elizabeth Hospice for a peaceful and reflective walk.

The six mile circular walk will start from the picturesque Framlingham Castle on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 10am.

Anyone is invited to come along, whether to remember a loved one or just enjoy the beautiful scenery – whilst raising funds for the Hospice.

It is the third time the Hospice has organised a walk of this kind, but the first time from Framlingham Castle.

Laura Backhouse, community fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice said “The Walk of Thoughts is an opportunity to remember a friend or loved one or to simply enjoy walking in beautiful surroundings.

“It is also a great way to blow away the winter cobwebs, to keep fit in the New Year and to help support your local Hospice at the same time.

“All ages are welcome to join in and all money raised through the Walk of Thoughts will enable us to continue providing our care free of charge to the local community.”

Registration fees in advance are £5.50 adults and £3.50 for under 16s. On the day it will be £7 for adults and £5 for under 16s. Families (max two adults, two under 16s) pay £15 or £20 on the day. Walkers are invited to raise sponsorship money.

There will be free parking and refreshments.

For more information or a registration form, please contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600, email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk) to download a registration form online.

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- **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.brandeston.net)

[www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk)

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**MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

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## TIMES PAST

Sometimes it can be instructive to look at sayings and doings of the past. Here are some which celebrate January and the New Year. How many are familiar to you?

In former times one of the most important days of the month was Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup>, when it was believed that Jesus was visited by the Magi. Twelfth Night, the evening of January 5<sup>th</sup>, was so called because in 1752 time was changed from Old to the New style. Apple trees were given a salutation or wassail which was believed to charm the trees into giving a good crop. The wassail bowl would contain roasted apples, sugar, ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon with wine or ale. This would then be taken to the orchard in the evening where a toast was given:-

“Health to thee, good apple tree,  
Whence thou may’st have apples enow.  
Hats full, caps full,  
Three bushel bags full  
And my pockets full too.”

The remains of the wassail were poured over one of the orchard trees, a great shout was given or a gun fired to drive away any evil spirits. Preparations for the Twelfth Night included in the making of a rich cake. Into this would be inserted a bean and a pea. He who received the bean in his slice was elected King of the Bean. He who received the slice containing the pea was elected Queen and they both received regal honours during the celebrations.

We have no idea how many orchards there were in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Kettleburgh and Brandeston. The Kettleburgh Tithe Map of 1839 and the Brandeston one of 1844 show two orchards in Kettleburgh and twelve in Brandeston. This gives some indication of what might have been here a century earlier.

Plough Monday was another January custom. This was the first Monday after Epiphany, this year January 11<sup>th</sup>. It was the first day that farm labourers returned to work after Christmas, when it was hoped that the ground was not too frozen or wet to begin ploughing. Often it started with a procession which included plough boys dressed as mummers who begged for ‘plough money’, some of which would be used for candles to be burnt before the altar of the church. Sometimes the procession had a plough blessed by the clergy. This would be drawn by boys or oxen.

Think of these former customs and remember!

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## CHURCH CLEANING

### Brandeston

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Matthews and Don Evans
24 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
31 <sup>st</sup>	Peter and Trish Smyth
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker

### Kettleburgh

## CHURCH FLOWERS

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nancy Demetriadi	Claire Norman
10 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Saxton	Jane O'Leary
17 <sup>th</sup>	Jackie Hounsell	Jane O'Leary
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Rainbird	Wendy Griffiths
31 <sup>st</sup>	Eve Crane	Wendy Griffiths
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ruth Garratt	Valerie Upson

### 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment.

On April 11<sup>th</sup> 1917 at Wancourt during the Battle of Arras, (the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Cemetary, 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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