

**THE PARISHES OF
BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH**

Dear Friends

Life would be unsustainable without difference. Variety is stimulating and enriching. We ourselves grow up and grow old; various experiences of time and place change our minds and attitudes. Our relationships with families and friends and in the communities of which we are members, grow because of difference and variety. The skill is to use difference and variety in ways that are creative and life-enhancing.

This month, Bishops from Anglican Churches across the world gather for the Lambeth Conference. I fear, from what I have read in the newspapers, that the media are preparing to tell us how differences at the conference have led to disagreement and division. I hope that we will actually hear how differences at the conference might create new opportunities for us to proclaim and live out our Christian faith.

For a start, the Lambeth Conference reminds us that our Church is more than just local. We are part of a global fellowship of local representatives; faith is the link between members of local churches in villages and towns throughout the world.

Of course it is our faith, whatever that may or may not be, that draws us in or keeps us from being members of that fellowship. The nature of what we believe might seem a personal matter, but faith itself is a gift to be cherished (Jesus once likened it to treasure), for it is shaped and developed by our experience of life, it makes us who we are and influences all that we do.

Anglican Churches, including the Church of England, share a faith in God that is based on our common appreciation of the Bible and its significance, by the historic expressions of belief passed to us by earlier generations of Christians, and by our own reasoning and insight. As Church members, our task is to proclaim and live our shared faith in our own time and place, and the Lambeth Conference will help our Bishops to lead us in this task. The differences we see within the Anglican Communion arise from the inescapable differences in social, cultural and economic attitudes and priorities of its member churches, differences of time and place. The outcome of Lambeth and the future of the Anglican Communion could depend on the way that our Bishops, together, decide to face up to differences between the way their Churches understand, proclaim and live their faith.

I hope that with mutual respect, recognition of the positive in an opposite point of view and the reasoned statement of one's own point of view, a way will be found for the global fellowship of the Anglican Communion to move forward together. This would provide us with a model that we ourselves can use when we face differences and disagreement in our own families and friendships, or in trying to sort out Church and community problems generally.

We don't have to look far to see that a refusal to accept and respect differences and an insistence on one particular point of view leads not to a clear outcome, but to tyranny.

Here's hoping!

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DIARY FOR JULY 2008		
Wednesday 2nd	7.15p.m	<u>Kettleburgh Parish Council Meeting</u>
Friday 4 th	10am – 12 noon	<u>Kettleburgh Coffee Morning</u> at Village Hall including KGT Lottery Draw at 11am
Friday 4 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Wine Club</u> at Village Hall – see below
Sunday 6 th		<u>Annual Riverside Party</u> at Easton, with buffet lunch and music
Tuesday 8 th	10am – 12 noon	<u>Rural Coffee Caravan at Kettleburgh</u> – see Notices
Wednesday 9 th – Saturday 26 th		<u>Heritage Arts Company Performance</u> at Landguard Fort, Felixstowe – see below.
Friday 11 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> at Village Hall – see below
Sunday 13 th	3.00pm	<u>Music and Magic at Watermill</u> – see below

WINE CLUB

The next chance to sample wines will be on Friday, 4th July, 2008. As this is America's Independence Day the wines will be from California and accompanied by a BBQ. Please contact Martin Churchill – 685303 – for venue details and to ensure there is enough food for all.

Sue Thurlow

MUSIC AND MAGIC AT THE WATERMILL

The beautiful gardens of Watermill House, Kettleburgh will be hosting an afternoon of Music and Magic on Sunday 13th July, starting at 3pm. Peter Holloway (the Fat Band), our very own Trevor Jessop and a young lady going by the name of Ruby and her Whorses will be there to entertain you.

Tickets are £6 each and include a glass of wine, or a family ticket costs £15. Tickets can be bought on the day, or in advance from Helen Kay 01728 723900, or email helen.v.kay@btinternet.com

Bring a rug and a picnic, relax in the sunshine and enjoy the entertainment!
In aid of KGT.

Helen Kay

HERITAGE ARTS COMPANY SUMMER EVENT – ‘Where Soldiers Sleep’

The premise is simple: a site-specific evening of theatre, dance and physical trickery at the **Landguard Fort, Felixstowe** designed not only to entertain and excite the audience, but to reawaken passion for local history, geography and heritage. The event is rooted in local legend – stories and myths surrounding the county and the Fort itself – which are refracted through the lenses of energetic performance and visual art in the inimitable setting of the grand stone space. By bringing together real local stories and the passion of the Heritage Arts Company’s creative team, we aim to give something fresh and infinitely memorable to the community this summer. We are not a historical theatre society; our aim is not to repeat and recreate scenes from the past, but to extract the essence of those scenes and present them in a style unlike any other. *Where Soldiers Sleep* promises to be no typical night at the theatre.

The show runs Wednesday – Saturday evenings, from the 9th to the 26th of July.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact our producer Jonathan Broke (jonathanbroke@heritagearts.co.uk / 07880796707)

FILM CLUB

11th July, 2008 – *Pride & Prejudice 2005*

Starring Kiera Knightly, Matthew Macfadyen and Donald Sutherland, the story is based on Jane Austen’s novel about 5 sisters in Georgian England. Their lives are turned upside down when a wealthy young man (Mr. Hingley) and his best friend (Mr. Darcy) arrive in the neighbourhood.

8th August, 2008 – *Rare Birds 2001*

Fake stories of sightings of rare birds. A failing restaurant, owned by a troubled man, takes an upward turn when bird watchers arrive in the town. A complicated and intriguing story.

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

ADVANCED NOTICES

Thurs. 4 th September	10.30am – 12 noon	Cats Protection Coffee Morning at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest of honour: Innis Cloete, Esq. B.V.Sc, MRCVS
Sat. 6 th September	2.30p.m	Kettleburgh Village Produce Show

FROM THE REGISTERS

DR ANTHONY FLETCHER: All Saints' Church Brandeston: 31st May, 2008

Address given at Memorial service by Revd Roger Dixon:

On the Cathedral Green at Llandaff, outside the church where we worship now, there is a statue. It is of James Buckley, for many years Dean and Vicar of the Cathedral Parish. But it is the inscription on the plinth that I really want you to know about. It says: "A man to all the country dear." No better description could be found of Anthony Fletcher. In all the years I have known him, I have never heard him utter an angry or unkind word about anyone, and heaven knows, he had times in parish life when anger would have been excusable. Everyone responded to this gentle graciousness, and he, like James Buckley, was "a man to all the country dear."

When I came to Brandeston and Kettleburgh in 1982, Anthony was Secretary of the Brandeston PCC, and so, from the very beginning, we were working together. In 1986 he was elected Churchwarden and served until 1993. So we were brought even closer in work for the church and parish. And he was never afraid of work. Anthony could turn his hand to all sorts of tasks and he was very practical in his approach. A retired GP might have been expected to view things in a rather more academic way but he wasn't like that. One of the early memories I have is of a talk he gave entitled "How a doctor is affected by his patients". It brought out, if I remember rightly, some of the dry humour which was so much a part of his character.

I said that he was very practical in his approach to things. That is true – the gift of a duplicator to the parish, the formation of a parish church library, treating the church gates with linseed oil, providing, with Mrs Woodland's help, a book to record the many gifts to the church. He was concerned, too, in a practical way, for the spread of the faith. When the Chadborns, Alan and Anne, went from Brandeston to work in Uganda, he was one of their most committed and enthusiastic supporters, collecting tools, raising funds for them.

All this emphasis on activity must not disguise the quiet, devotional side of his character. When he resigned as churchwarden he became, instead, editor of the Parish Magazine, and little snippets to provoke our thoughts would appear, sometimes his own experiences, sometimes things he had read and wanted to share with us, sometimes his reflections on the countryside. In this connection I ought to mention a story he told of an experience in Italy in 1943 during the Second World War – the only time I can recall of his ever mentioning his service, which I believe was quite distinguished. His editorship also gave him scope for a bit of fun to liven an otherwise rather staid publication. In November 1993 he treated us to "The Ducks' Prayer".

“Dear God, give us a flood of water.

Let it rain tomorrow and always.

Give us plenty of little slugs and other luscious things to eat.

Protect all folk who quack
And everyone who knows how to swim."

It was accompanied by a little sketch -- and followed, in December, by this comment:
"Who says prayers aren't answered? Surely the ducks' prayer in last month's magazine was!" What the weather had been like I can't now remember, but you will all guess, from Anthony's reaction!

Prayer meant a lot to Anthony, privately, in the Julian meetings or in church. He was often present at daily Morning Prayer, when after the office we would pray about our concerns and about the parish and the world in our own words.

His work as an elder from 1986 onwards was much appreciated by those he visited, whether at home or in hospital. And he never went empty-handed. It might be a very tiny bunch of flowers from his garden -- but we all knew that it came with real Christian love. And that brings me to the reading he chose for us to hear this afternoon. "If you love me you will keep my commandments", said Jesus. And again, "They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father." Anthony was not concerned about theological niceties -- his faith was straightforward and simple. He had embraced the love of God and knew himself to be enfolded in it. The joy of it -- the simple joy -- was so real to him that it coloured his whole life and determined his actions. That is why he was so beloved himself as an elder and as the Royal British Legion's Service Committee Officer, visiting and caring for those in need of any kind.

He was firm in his belief in another word of Jesus which we have heard: "Because I live you will live also." This is not only an occasion to give thanks for a godly life, it is an opportunity (and Anthony would wish for this) to set forward the Christian hope. Jesus lived our life and died our death: but he was raised by the glory of the Father. He offers us a share in that risen life and that is the proclamation which must be made today. It is in that faith that we can face every danger and difficulty. We will soon be singing what is in fact a prayer for strength to live our lives courageously, knowing that in every endeavour, even in failure and danger, the Father is at our side. That is his great love in action. It was love that brought Jesus to this earth and it is love that will raise us to heaven with him. On one of Anthony's walks he paused on the bridge by the ford past Margaret Catchpole's Cottage. There he pondered God's great love and wrote down his meditations, calling them "An Experience of My Own". It meant so much to him that he wanted to share it with us today.

"I was down by the river one day and looking at the water as it flowed from the shallows, over some rocks to the swirling bends, and was lost to sight around a corner. It seemed to me that that was a picture of God's love. It came from a seemingly unending source, was at times peaceful and at other times turbulent, and wound its way unerringly through vegetation until it was no longer in sight. From then on it would become larger and swifter as other streams and rivers joined it, and would eventually reach its destination

and open out into the broad sea. It was as if, there, the ocean of God's love would open out to all the world."

Yes. Anthony knew the love of God and lived it out in his own life.

He was also a great repairer and restorer. Furniture, books, anything; they must not be allowed to lie broken or damaged. Ann Fairweather and I were talking on the phone the other day and she (a restorer herself) gave me this insight. What Anthony did with things, he did with people. He maintained friendships and when they were damaged he repaired them. And there is something else I *must* say. He had a wonderful way with animals, particularly dogs. Sue and Peter's dogs from across the road loved him, and so did my Dottie. For ages after we had moved away she perked up at the words "Dr Fletcher", remembering, no doubt, the fun she had with him when we were away and he took her in.

"A man to all the country dear" -- yes, to people and to animals. Hugh has spoken from the family's point of view. I am grateful for the opportunity to add my own words of affection -- no, more -- of sheer love. And I speak for you all. I myself have rejoiced with the family, baptising the young ones, and I have wept with them, too, as Nancy declined to her death. I don't suppose anyone outside the family knows that I conducted her funeral, when I was officially off work after my heart attack. Now today it all comes to a triumphant end. We cannot but rejoice in such a life as that we remember at this service. But our Lord Jesus Christ must have the last word. "I will love them and will reveal myself to them." But how does he reveal himself, two thousand years after he said it? "I will reveal myself to them." It is through people; men like Anthony Fletcher.

Roger Dixon

PAST EVENTS

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Results of draw on 5 June:

1st Prize - £25 Sue Howarth

2nd Prize - £10 Roy O'Brien

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Results of draw on 6th June:

1st Prize Mrs Wendy Griffiths

2nd Prize Mrs Eiluned Davies

BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE

Another whist season has come to a close and I for one am greatly looking forward to the next one which starts Sept 19th. A great big thank you to Rick and Pam Reade who with their most efficient right hand man, Don Evans, have worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to provide a growing number of 'card sharks' (some still wearing their

L-plates) with a great night out once a month. They somehow managed to ply us with wine, delicious nibbles, super draw prizes and were still able to put £50 a time in the Village Hall kitty. Many thanks from all of us.

Lucy Daykin.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Dear Supporter,

Thank you so much if you donated or got involved during Christian Aid Week 2008. The generosity and effort shown by people throughout the world was amazing. The donated funds will now be distributed to our partner organisations where the money will go to helping the poor and marginalised overcome poverty.

To see what you and those around you achieved, highlights from the week and how thousands of people got involved, visit our website: www.caweek.org.

And of course if you haven't had a chance to donate, donations are still welcome: It's not too late, donate now.

Update from Burma:

The survivors of Cyclone Nargis are still in desperate need of help. Christian Aid has been working with local organisations in Burma for more than 20 years. Through these partners we are making a practical difference on the ground delivering aid to affected communities, despite the limits placed on humanitarian aid by the Burmese regime.

To continue our work in disaster stricken areas we need your help. So please, be generous.

The team at Christian Aid.

BRANDESTON OPEN EVENING - Thursday 29 May at Brandeston Village Hall

Now that the Questionnaire has been completed, analysed and presented formally to the village at the Annual Parish Meeting on 14 May 2008, the next stage in the process of deriving a Parish Plan was to provide an opportunity for villagers to examine the results in detail and add any final comments. This was conducted as an Open Evening on 29 May when the data was presented and the steering committee members were available to answer questions and take note of further points.

The committee provided wine and sandwiches to encourage an enjoyable social occasion – for which Brandeston is always noted!

A number of additional points/issues were raised and these have been recorded and included in the overall summary.

The next stage is for the committee to review the statistical results, extract the key issues for Brandeston into a formal report together with an action plan on what needs to be done by whom. This report in draft form will again be presented to the village before finalisation and delivery to the Planning organisations.

Meetings on this subject are open to all villagers and the minutes are available in the foyer of the village hall and on the Brandeston website

Nick Hayward.

KETTLEBURGH FETE

Once again we had a really good time at the fete this year. There was only one shower during the afternoon which didn't appear to stop the proceedings at all.

About 50 people helped during the fete and some of these helped set up Friday evening and Saturday morning as well. There are too many names to put in print and we might leave someone out, so we hope to thank everyone who helped personally in the coming weeks.

Can we just say thank you for your donations of goods, time, labour, and money.

A special thanks to Ron and Debbie, at The Chequers, for letting us hold the fete in their gardens once again.

This year the fete has raised £ 3426.42 to go to The Village Hall and The Church Fabric Fund, only £36 down on last year.

Thanks again to all who helped.

Valerie Compton and Pat Bishop

Thank you very much Valerie and Pat for, once again, taking on the organisation of such a marvellous event. I am sure that the PCC and Village Hall Committee, not to mention all of the villagers, are very grateful for your hard work and time that you gave to make the event such a success – Well done!

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NOTICES

KGT LOTTERY

The Kettleburgh Green Lottery Club will continue to be drawn at the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on the first Friday of the month at 11 am.

GOODBYE TO THE COMERS

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Nicky and Terry Comer, who moved from Kettleburgh early in June. They have done a tremendous amount for the village over the years and we will miss them greatly. We wish them well in their new home. More next month...

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BACK FROM AUSTRALIA

In the magazine of April 2007 I wrote about Jodie (Kemp) and Daniel (Bryant) who were off to Australia on 1st May after working at Brandeston Queen's Head for some time and therefore known to many people. We now welcome them back after their year in Australia where they have been travelling/working on the eastern side from Melbourne to Cairns; especially enjoying the life and work in Cairns – it is, after all, always warm and sunny.

Jodie is in the bar at The Queen, having worked in and survived the beer festival, whilst Dan is the chef at "Off The Square" in Framlingham. As we welcome them we hope they will settle and be happily part of the Brandeston scene.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY ARTICLE – No 9

Play your part to prevent speeding

Speeding traffic is a big concern for many communities across Suffolk and often local motorists are the worst offenders.

Suffolk County Council is working with the police, town and parish councils and local people to create safer communities and reduce accidents by improving road safety.

To help tackle speeding problems, many communities have brought in SID – the speed indicator display that reminds motorists of their speed with a smile or sad face. As well as providing useful data about traffic speeds and acting as a speeding deterrent, it is estimated that using SID reduces traffic speeds by an average of 14%.

Suffolk Police is helping town and parish councils to tackle local speeding problems by setting up village speed watches and warning motorists.

Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams are working with their communities to buy a police-approved hand-held speed gun and train local volunteers to record speeding cars. The police can then identify the owner of the vehicle and either send a first or second warning letter or make a personal visit on the third detected offence.

Did you know that one missing 30mph repeater sign within a signed speed limit prevents the police from carrying out speed enforcement?

You can play your part to improve road safety by reporting speeding motorists, as well as defects such as potholes, blocked drains, missing or obscured road signs.

Contact your area Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01473 613 500, or visit www.suffolk.police.uk. Report road defects to Customer Service Direct on 0845 404050 or www.csduk.com. For more information about SID and road safety, visit www.suffolkroadsafe.net

THE RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN INFORMATION PROJECT

When I meet my neighbours, the conversation often develops along the lines of ‘what used to be where’. Gone are the days when every village had its shop or post office. With their passing, perhaps we have lost more than just the goods and services they supplied: they also acted as that unofficial news agency - the local ‘grapevine’.

Knowing what’s going on in our own communities isn’t always easy, especially if access to transport is limited, or you live in one of Suffolk’s very scattered parishes. Our tranquil open spaces can be a delight; they can also be isolating. In an inspired attempt to overcome the problems of rural isolation, the Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project (a voluntary organisation) has created a mobile solution in the form of a well-equipped caravan. Our aim is to take the Project to rural communities, equipped with coffee, tea & home made cakes, along with all sorts of information about organisations and the services they offer.

In case you think, at this point, that we’re just another coffee morning, we’re a great deal more than that. A major difference is that we’re not linked to a church or other group. *Everyone is welcome.* If we don’t have the information you want, or the solution to a problem, we will try to find it out for you and point you in the right direction. (An area of

the Caravan is available for private conversation.) Of course, not everyone will be in search of information or advice. If you've just moved into the area, you might like to know who your neighbours are. Even if you've lived there a while, there may be new people you haven't had the chance to meet. In some villages, there's nowhere to socialise and you may be retired or working at home. A break for coffee and a chat could be the ideal way to make life that bit more interesting.

Most of the staff that help at visits are enthusiastic volunteers with varied backgrounds and experience. What they all have in common is a liking for people.

We are visiting Kettleburgh on **Tuesday 8th July** between 10:00a.m and 12 noon, please come along and find out more over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake.

Ann Osborn (Project Co-ordinator)

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VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

HOME-START SUFFOLK COASTAL – supporting families

Home-Start Suffolk Coastal is a registered charity which supports families who have at least one child under the age of five residing in areas of the Suffolk Coastal District.

We have a number of trained and supported volunteers who all have some form of parenting experience and have undergone CRB and reference checks, who visit families on a weekly basis offering friendly flexible support, and an extra pair of hand or ears, to families who feel they are in need of some additional support.

Last year we supported almost 60 families, through a combination of Home-Visiting and family group support, and this year we aim to support more families.

The scheme costs close to £100,000.00 per year to run, and does not receive any guaranteed funding, and is therefore reliant on the efforts of fundraising, and the contributions, donations, and grants from local and national residents, trusts and businesses.

We are currently in need of volunteers to join our fundraising committee, which meets monthly and organises events with the proceeds directly benefiting the scheme. Over the past few years the fundraising committee has organised events such as our nearly new sale, Silent auction, Salsa evening plus many more fun and exciting events.

If you are interested in joining our fundraising committee, would like to find out about any other voluntary positions with Home-Start, would like support from Home-Start, or would like to make a donation please contact the office on 01394 389402 or email office@homestartcoastal.co.uk

Registered Charity no: 1005001



support and friendship
for families in the suffolk coastal area

Charity 'Trash & Treasure' Sale 2 DAY EXTRAVAGANZA!!

Friday 4th July - 10am - 4pm

St. Michael's Church Hall on the Martlesham Heath Green

Saturday 5th July - 10am - 4pm

The Pavilion on the Martlesham Heath Green

Clothes - Adults & Childrens
Toys & Games
China/Kitchenware
Gardening Tools/Plants/Cuttings
Small Furniture
Books/CD's/DVD's/Videos

Refreshments - Light Lunches

Prize Draw

Free Parking Nearby

Home-Start, Cedar House, Pytches Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1EP
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TIMES PAST

Recently an English film has been made, based on a book by the novelist Philippa Gregory; 'The Other Boleyn Girl.' It is the story of the two Boleyn sisters, Mary and Anne. Anne who became the second wife of Henry VIII in 1533, her life ended on the scaffold in 1536, and Mary who earlier was the King's mistress.

This should remind us of Brandeston's connection with events of the time. The south chancel window of the church shows several images of the era. One is the badge of Henry, a white Tudor rose, surmounted by the crown and initialled H8.

Below it is the pomegranate, emblem of his first wife, Catherine of Aragon. Arranged around it, in Latin, are the words, 'Those who God has joined together, let no man put asunder.'

Catherine, although Spanish was a well liked consort. When Henry put her aside it was an unpopular move, the majority of the inhabitants, particularly in East Anglia were not in favour. Brandeston must have been very confident that their objection to a second replacement queen would not rebound on them and cause untold difficulties.

The choice of a white rose is also interesting. The Wars of the Roses were not a too far off event but that was the white rose of York and the red rose of Lancaster. Tudor colours were white and green, perhaps that is the connection.

Years later, in 1553 Mary Tudor, daughter of Henry and Catherine, then at Kenninghall near East Harling in Norfolk, was informed that her half-brother, Edward VI, had died. He was the son of Henry's third wife Jane Seymour. Mary realised that her inheritance was at stake and made quickly for Framlingham Castle where she was proclaimed Queen. If this had not been successful she would have been nearer the coast, an easier place to leave England for Spain.

However, at first she was a much wanted Queen. After her succession she repaid her loyal adherents such as Andrew Revett of Brandeston Hall by making him her Escheator for Suffolk and Norfolk, an office he continued to hold into Elizabeth I's reign.

All this ties in with a later 20th century project in Brandeston when from 1979 – 1984 kneelers were made for the church. Among these are ones that commemorate our Royal connections. They include Henry VIII's portcullis badge embroidered by Pat Morgan, Catherine of Aragon's pomegranate, and another depicting the half rose and pomegranate, the emblem of Mary Tudor.

So past history unites with present events.

WMW

Cover: Thank you to Laura Butcher for drawing our cover picture, inspired by Wimbledon being on the TV. Well done, at very short notice!

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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.

