

**THE PARISHES OF  
BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH**

Dear Friends

I have been thinking about what some people call the Global Village in which we live.

China has frequently featured in the media in recent months. As I write, news of the preparations for the Olympic Games, the journey of the flame and expressions of concern for the well-being of the Tibetan people have been almost completely superseded by horrific images of the earthquake that has ravaged Sichuan Province and caused almost unimaginable casualties, wiping out established towns and villages.

And there is another disaster that has caught our attention; a crippling cyclone, whose impact on the Irrawaddy Delta region of Burma is causing a death-toll which, so relief agencies and experts from elsewhere in the world say, will continue to rise if Burma's oppressive regime does not allow them open access to the devastated areas.

From Southern Africa, dreadful stories continue to emerge, following the still-unresolved elections in Zimbabwe, of merciless political oppression being visited upon an entirely helpless population despite the attempts of the regime to prevent the news getting out.

And we hear that Beirut seems set for another summer of violence as the turmoil and agony of the Palestinian people boils over and can no longer be contained within the West Bank and Gaza City. And so the stories go on.

We may be tempted to shut our ears to this summer of horror. After all, if we are looking for bad news, we don't have to go to the other side of the world to find it. We all live busy lives, and it is appropriate that our families and friends should be the focus of our efforts and attention. And, in our villages, we have a year's worth of programmed fairs, festivals and fetes to get our teeth into.

So why am I writing about global bad news at the height of summer, when our country is looking so beautiful and we have reason to be cherish what good cheer we can?

I think the word I am looking for is compassion. There is little we can do, directly, to overcome global bad news. But, rather than hardening our hearts and shutting our eyes to it, we need to soften our hearts by becoming aware of the suffering that is an inescapable part of life on earth. For we need soft hearts if we are to live as good neighbours to each other; with soft hearts we can live with the hard ethical and economic consequences of other people's decisions; with soft hearts we can live with ourselves as we encounter our own share of life's difficulties, face up to our own mistakes and still feel ourselves – and know ourselves – to be loved by God who is at the heart of all things and who gives us the strength we need to cope.

I hope you enjoy this midsummer month.

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<b>DIARY FOR JUNE 2008</b>		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<u>Brandeston 100+ Club Draw</u> at coffee morning in village hall.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	<u>Kettleburgh Café</u> at village hall
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Concert in Easton Church</u> – see below.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> “To Catch a Thief” at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	4-6pm	<u>Kettleburgh Fete</u> at The Chequers – see below.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<u>Easton Festival</u> at Easton Farm Park
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Earl Soham Scout Group Annual Duck Race</u> at Brandeston Bridge – see below.
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.30 – 5pm	<u>Brandeston Fete</u> at The Queen’s Head – see below.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11am-5pm	<u>Kettleburgh Gardens Open Day</u>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> at Easton Village Hall. Pat Adams on ‘Antiques, Bygones’
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Sponsored Zip Slide at Portman Road</u> i.a.o. St Elizabeth Hospice – see below.
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	<u>Strawberry Tea</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall

**CONCERT IN EASTON CHURCH**

The organist Tim Butterworth will play light classical works and the Orwell Park community choir will sing Vivaldi's 'Gloria'.

Tickets £6 (under 12s £3), to include refreshments in the interval, available in advance from Polly (747449) or on the door. Proceeds to both Letheringham and Easton churches.

*Sylvia Keene*

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**FILM CLUB**

13<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 – To Catch a Thief 1955

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly - A thriller about a reformed jewel thief who is accused to returning to his old profession and must ferret out the real thief in order to prove his innocence.

11<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 – Price and Prejudice 2005

Starring Kiera Knightly, Matthew Macfayden 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.

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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**KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE FETE**

Come along and join in the fun either as a visitor or a helper.

Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> 4pm-6pm in The Chequers Inn Gardens. If you want a job let Pat (723657) or Valerie (723080) know and we will have one for you.

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**1<sup>st</sup> EARL SOHAM SCOUT GROUP – ANNUAL DUCK RACE**

Please come and join us for our annual duck race! You will find us in the usual place – Brandeston Bridge – on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.

We will have a beer tent, games, stalls, bouncy castle and more – it really is a fun evening for all the family. Our scout group at Earl Soham is ever increasing in numbers – we now have two beaver colonies, two cub packs, and very soon two scout troops. We need to buy more tents to put them all in! The duck race is our one big fundraiser of the year, so please come and support us if you can. Thank you.

*Sally Western*

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**BRANDESTON FETE – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

This year's fete will be held in the grounds of the Queen's Head and will be part of a whole weekend of fun in Brandeston. This includes celebrations of anniversary of Queen Victoria coming to the throne on the Friday evening, the fete on Saturday afternoon starting at 2.30 and a hog roast and jazz band on Sunday afternoon. A beer festival, offering lots of different ales and ciders, will be going on at the same time – so lots of fun. Do come along and join in.

*Sue Thurlow*

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## **ZIP SLIDE FOR HOSPICE OVER PORTMAN ROAD!**

How do you fancy taking part in a zip slide across the hallowed turf of Ipswich Town Football Club? This is exactly the opportunity that St Elizabeth Hospice is inviting people to take part in on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June.

The first ever sponsored zip slide at Ipswich Town Football Club starts from the top tier of the Greene King stand 200 feet above the pitch. The journey will cover 335 feet, reaching speeds of up to 30 mph, with a landing site in the North stand. The experience will offer a very unique and unusual view of Portman Road, as you zoom across the award winning pitch.

“We are so excited to be able to offer people this ‘once in a lifetime’ opportunity” commented Patsy Johnson, events manager at the Hospice. “Whether you are a football fan or not, the zip slide will be such an exhilarating experience, an amazing adrenaline rush, and by raising funds through sponsorship we will be able to make a real difference to the lives of our patients and their families.”

The registration fee for the zip slide is £30 and participants should aim to raise a minimum of £200 in sponsorship. Participants should be over 14 years old and parental consent is needed if you are under 17 years old. There is a minimum weight restriction of six stone or 38kg and maximum of 16 stone or 102kg.

For more information regarding the zip slide on 28<sup>th</sup>/ 29<sup>th</sup> June, please contact the fundraising office on 01473 723600, email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

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**ADVANCED NOTICES**

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm	<b>Brandeston Wine Club</b>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>Annual Riverside Party</b> at Easton, with buffet lunch and music.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm	<b>Brandeston Film Club</b> – “Pride and Prejudice”
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	3.00pm	<b>“Music at Watermill”</b> i.a.o. Kettleburgh Village Green
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am – 12 noon	<b>Cats Protection Coffee Morning</b> at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest of honour: Innis Cloete, Esq. B.V.Sc, MRCVS
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	12 noon – 4pm	<b>Hog roast on the green</b> at Kettleburgh Village Green

**MUSIC AND MAGIC AT THE WATERMILL**

Watermill House, Kettleburgh will be the beautiful setting for an afternoon of Music and Magic, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Bring a picnic, relax in the sunshine and enjoy the entertainment!

More information next month, or if you can’t wait, contact Helen Kay on 723900, or email [helen.v.kay@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.v.kay@btinternet.com) HK

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<i>Remaining 2008 Dates</i>	
<i>4 July</i>	<i>3 October</i>
<i>1 August</i>	<i>7 November</i>
<i>5 September</i>	<i>5 December</i>

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### GEOFFREY GODDARD

Geoffrey H Goddard of Red House Farm, Rectory Road, Kettleburgh, died in hospital on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, aged 81 years. The burial and a service of thanksgiving were held at Kettleburgh Church on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

Geoffrey was the much loved father of Karen, Jo, Jane and John and loving brother of Joyce; grandpa, great grandpa and friend. The thanksgiving service was very well attended, about 250 people, which was an indication of the esteem he was held in, both in agricultural, local and Masonic circles.

When we think of Geoffrey, we think of a man committed to the countryside in all its facets, shooting perhaps above all else, a right and left came to him with ease, but he would always strive to keep up his standard and loved to pass on his skills to others. We are here to give thanks to God for all our memories of him.

The Goddard family have farmed Kettleburgh soil since 1850.

Geoffrey was born at Brunswick Farm, the youngest of three children. John, the eldest, fought in the war as a rear gunner in a Lancaster bomber. He was sadly lost after at least 22 sorties; the aircraft never to be found. A very brave young man. The next in age, Joyce, still lives at Bentries Farm, Easton, which became her share of the family property in 1948 when Alice, their mother, died.

John, Geoffrey's father, died aged 62, in 1947, leaving Geoffrey to take over the farms aged 21. This was a real challenge to which he reacted with determination and not a little skill as a true Suffolk countryman.

#### **Tribute to Geoffrey Goddard by his son John:**

Dad's ambition was to become a jockey but in 1947 his older brother John was announced missing in action, his father died and this left Dad aged 21 years old to take charge of four farms in Easton and Kettleburgh with 50 men and 50 horses. From horses to tractors Dad saw the rapid change in agriculture. He grew wheat, barley, clover, tares, and other seed crops and sugar beet and later oil seed rape. In 1970 he bought Kettleburgh Lodge – making a total of 660 acres. Conservation and wildlife went hand in hand with farming, Dad winning certificates in the Suffolk Farm Competition and a certificate of merit in the Farming and Wildlife Competition – a national competition for conservation. He was a perfectionist in everything he did.

Shooting, clays and game, was Dad's great love. He was a well respected game shot – always the gentleman and his trophy cabinet is proof of his skill as a clay shot. The highlight of his clay career was earning himself an England badge in 1969 shooting against Ireland. He was a founder member of East Suffolk Gun Club and set up his own shooting school at Kettleburgh Lodge not only teaching young and old but running open shoots, corporate shoots and private parties. On his retirement in 1990 he bought Kettleburgh Red House and concentrated on his garden, winning prizes in the Village Produce Association competitions each year.

A keen supporter of Ipswich Town Football Club he always read the back page of the East Anglian Daily Times first.

He was buried beside his parents in Kettleburgh churchyard on a lovely spring day and we have lost a father, friend and a true country gentleman.

You have heard very ably from John, so I bring you a few snippets of his life that came to me. I knew him first in 1961 when I moved into Kettleburgh and enjoyed his friendship. I have asked a few people what came to their mind when I mention Geoffrey – trustworthy, hardworking, love of the countryside, and brilliant at keeping his farm in order. Shooting, his greatest love, you have heard about. He started Kettleburgh Gun Club in 1950, it still goes on today, shooting on Monday evenings – as some neighbours will enthusiastically tell you!

Geoffrey was a perfectionist, seen in his hedgerows and buildings. He would never use a machine if hands will do, e.g. flasher rather than hedge cutter, his office an example, perfect writing in his diaries, they go back to his teens when at Framlingham College.

Little bits of his life, we all have these memories, he loved a joke and a party – I remember him telling me in his garden how he was going to have his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party and, of course, he did, maybe to his detriment – his first minor stroke. He knew people, he remembered people and he was faithful to people. We thank God for Geoffrey's life. May he rest in peace.

We send our love and sympathy to the family, Karen, Jo, Jane, John and their families and those friends who knew him well. Our prayer is that they may know God's peace and comfort.

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### **DR ANTHONY FLETCHER**

Sadly we record the death, following a stroke, of Anthony Fletcher who died peacefully at his home, The Old Wheelwrights, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008, aged 89 years. Anthony is greatly loved; he will be missed by many people – all who met him were touched by him.

Anthony's wife, Nancy, died on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1994 following a considerable illness, with cancer. He was always devoted to Nancy; daily he would take a posy to her grave in Brandeston churchyard and would also have a posy on his TV next to her photograph – such love.

Anthony was a commissioned officer in the Royal Artillery in the war. He then trained as a doctor in the London Hospital but his career was to be as a GP; he practiced in Knighton, Powys (just in S. Wales) before moving to Wellingborough from where his family were brought up, and he retired to Brandeston in 1981. The family had grown to love Suffolk as a result of many family holidays at Walberswick. He continued to do locum work as a GP until he was 65 and over, so he became well known and respected.

Memories of Anthony will include such expressions as; gentle, caring, concerned for all people whoever/wherever, "what can I do?", saw good in all people, never complained, the welfare of all people, "have a good day" a favourite expression of his.

Anthony's life was guided by God, his God, his very real faith which was so beautifully obvious for all to know. I give you a little prayer from his own handwritten book of prayers –

“Lord we thank you for those with whom we can share our faith, who strengthen our bond together with you. May we help others to know you and to grow in faith and love for you.....Amen.” This was the prayer, the theme of his life. Totally godly, outgoing and unselfish.

Anthony was commissioned as a church Elder by the Bishop in 1994; he had been active in this role with visiting the sick, helping with services, PCC and always being on hand to do almost anything, this would always include ringing the five-minute bell.

I can only say with all my heart, he will be greatly missed by us all. We thank him for all our experiences of him, for all his love and faith. He is with his Lord, may he rest in peace.

There will be a full obituary in next month’s magazine, following a Memorial Service on 31<sup>st</sup> May at Brandeston. A service was held at Bury St Edmunds crematorium, for close family only, on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. *GV*

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**Cover:**

Amongst the folders that Anthony passed to me when he resigned as magazine editor, I have found a cover illustration that I don’t think has previously been used for the magazine. Anthony was a very talented artist and this sketch shows his wonderful ability and love of nature. *VB*

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## PAST EVENTS

### KETTLEBURGH PLANT SALE – 2008

Before 8am customers were at the front door, before opening time, such is the popularity of this annual event in the village hall. Many people now wait for this sale each year before stocking up their gardens; we are in the social calendar. A lovely, friendly, happy occasion as people passed through the plant and produce stalls at a steady pace all morning. Advice is always on hand from Derek and others, with the opportunity to buy tomatoes from at least 45 varieties, cucumbers, marrows, cabbage, herbaceous plants and more....a great selection. The produce stall was more laden than usual with eggs, jams, pickles, and tempting looking cakes and flapjacks made locally by the stall holders. The draw was well stocked, there was a cup of coffee always on hand, all was well set for an active morning. Our thanks to all the people who worked so hard, both on the day and weeks before, to make this Saturday morning so successful and really enjoyable, raising £752.88 for St Andrews Church Fabric Fund. Well done! and thank you everyone.

*GV*

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### KETTLEBURGH QUIZ EVENING – 16 May 2008

A packed village hall underwent a thorough test of knowledge at the 29<sup>th</sup> Kettleburgh Quiz Evening, raising funds for St Elizabeth Hospice. Topics ranged from Monopoly to Malta and Molly Malone to The Monkees. Everyone had a chance to challenge their failing memories – with varying degrees of success!

At the break there were several teams in close contention and an exciting finish was on the cards. The result was in doubt to the very last round and when the final scores were added up, David Hall's team from Wickham Market narrowly beat Lucy and Richard Dakin's team from Brandeston. Not far behind in third was Val and Trevor Butcher's team from Kettleburgh, themselves closely followed in fourth by another team from Wickham Market, this one led by Ted Barrett.

What was sadly announced to be the very last Kettleburgh Quiz Evening organised by Cathy Heeley, Jane O'Leary and Nicky and Terry Comer, fittingly ended in the achievement of their long-held goal of raising £1,000 at a single event. This brought the total raised for charities since the first quiz in June 1994 to over £18,000.

Thanks go to everyone who took part or helped, not least to Graham Hillier who has acted as question master at all 29 quizzes, and especially to those who have loyally supported this event throughout the last 14 years.

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### BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

The winners of the May draw were;

First prize of £25 with ticket number 113, was Basil Norman of Chestnut Tree Farm, Friday Street, Brandeston.

Second prize of £10 with ticket number 95 was Rev Graham Vellacott, of Soham House, Brandeston.

*Don Evans*

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**KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY WINNERS - drawn 2 May 2008**

First Prize                    Mr & Mrs Doe  
Second Prize                 Mr & Mrs Coulson

*Gwenda Weeks*

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**NOTICES**

**NEW ARRIVALS ON THE GREEN!**

If you have visited Kettleburgh Green recently, you will have noticed that there are two new arrivals. Thanks to the fund raising efforts of the village, and some generous donations, Kettleburgh Green Trust has bought the first two pieces of play equipment - a Pod Swing, and a Gyrospiral. These were erected early in May, although we have had to wait for the safety matting to be fitted under the equipment, to complete the installation. Hopefully, this will be completed by the time this article goes to press. The Pod Swing can be used by up to eight children at once, and is suitable for younger and older children, and can also be used by wheelchair users. The Gyrospiral is recommended for children over six years old. Both pieces look great fun, and I'm sure will have plenty of use!

*Helen Kay*

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**Community safety series - article 7**

**Play Your Part by watching out for bogus callers**

With the warmer weather encouraging doorstep callers onto our streets, residents are being warned to watch out for bogus deals or offers to check services.

Statistics show that spring and summer is when unscrupulous traders or thieves posing as officials tend to target unsuspecting householders, some of whom will be elderly or frail.

Suffolk County Council Trading Standards officers are working with Suffolk police, Neighbourhood Watch, Anglian Water and others across the county to protect people from becoming victims of bogus callers.

You can play your part by keeping watch and reporting any concerns by calling Consumer Direct on 0845404050, or contacting your area Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01473 613 500, or visit [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk)

Remember Lock Stop Chain Check (the four steps to safety)

- LOCK - make sure your back door is locked before you go to the front door
- STOP – think ‘Are you expecting anyone?’
- CHAIN – secure the door chain before opening it
- CHECK – ask for and double-check the caller’s identity. If you are in any doubt, don’t let them in

Tips for dealing with bogus traders

- Don’t agree to any work at your doorstep, or let the job start before you have a chance to change your mind
- Does the work really need doing? If so, shop around and get some quotes and personal recommendations before going ahead.

- A good trader/builder is always in demand, does not need to chase work by knocking on doors and will give you time to consider the estimated price.
- You have a right to cancel any contract signed on the doorstep within seven days. You must be given a cancellation notice with any work. If you are not, the contract is void and no one can force you to pay.

Did You Know?

About half of all bogus callers claim to be from utility companies such as ‘the water board’. Householders can check their identification card is genuine by calling Anglian Water on Freephone 0800 145 145 (24 hours).

**Community Safety series - article 8**

**Play your part to prevent anti-social behaviour**

Some problems with anti-social behaviour can stem from young people being able to buy alcohol, cigarettes, fireworks and knives even though they are under-age.

Young people may also be obtaining alcohol from home, or have it bought for them by an older person.

Suffolk County Council is tackling traders who flout the laws prohibiting the sale of age restricted products to young people, as part of its work to improve community safety.

Such underage sales are a criminal offence, which may lead to a prosecution, an on the spot fine, or a review of a trader’s alcohol license.

Trading Standards officers work closely with the police and licensing authorities to gather intelligence about shops and pubs that are illegally selling these products to young people.

You can play your part by reporting underage sales. It may be that there are often underage drinkers in your local pub, or perhaps you have seen young people being sold alcohol, cigarettes or fireworks locally or at the supermarket?

Trading standards officers will contact the premises to advise them of their legal obligations and offer advice on how they can prevent future illegal sales. A covert test purchase by a trained underage volunteer may also be set up to check if the trader has heeded the advice.

Play your part by reporting any concerns to Trading Standards via Consumer Direct on 0845 404050, or contacting your area Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01473 613500, or visit [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk)

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**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)

## **TIMES PAST**

### **More of Matthew Dunstan's Kettleburgh memories:-**

I must have started school after Christmas because I can remember wondering why Daddy was getting me up in the middle of the night to go to school. I knew it was still night as it remained dark.

I remember that one of the teachers used to drive a turquoise Isseta Bubble car, the type with one door at the front. She used to park round the back of the school.

School dinners were delivered from a larger school in Framlingham or Ipswich. They sat in a room at the back of the school, wafting the smell of cabbage around until lunch was served. I used to really hate school dinners.

On one occasion I was queuing up for my dinner when the whole of the school were pointing at me and laughing. Even the teachers were laughing. I couldn't understand why. I then found out that the elastic had gone in my underpants and that they were hanging down and coming out of one leg of my shorts.

On another occasion I did not want to eat my lunch. I was told by the playground supervisor that I would eat my dinner, come what may. It was lamb stew with boiled cabbage and mashed potato. The sulphurous smell of boiled cabbage had been filling my nostrils for some hours before it was served up. When served it was lukewarm stew with lumps of fatty lamb backbone with gelatinous spinal tissue swimming in congealing fat, served with lumpy mashed potato and sulphurous cabbage; I had decided that I was not going to eat it.

The teachers thought otherwise, so commenced a battle of wits. I thought that if I hung out long enough, afternoon lessons would have to start and I would be let off. As far as I remember I won, although I was still sitting in front of my now stone cold food when it came to going home time. I don't think that following this episode I had to have school dinners again.

The Kettleburgh School Admission Register shows that Matthew Dunstan, aged five, started school on January 7<sup>th</sup> 1960. He left in December of that year when the family moved away from the village.

*WMW*

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## **MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

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