

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

The year marches forward, and the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 9th.

All the Churches in the Loes Deanery have been invited to a united service in St. Michael's Framlingham at 7.30p.m. on Ash Wednesday.

The imposition of ashes on the forehead of the believer on Ash Wednesday signifies an acknowledgement of sin, and the need for repentance and forgiveness. As the ashes are imposed we are reminded of our mortality.

Lent, that period of 40 days which comes before Easter, can be a wonderful opportunity for reflection and preparation. (The word Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in Spring, when the days begin to get longer.)

Add to this the liturgical colour of purple, and we get drawn in to the drama of those events leading up to the first Easter Day. Purple is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

The absence of flowers in Churches during Lent reminds us of the solemnity of the season.

Lent can be a 'Springtime of the soul', preparing the soil of our souls for Easter. It is a time to re-assess our priorities, to examine our lifestyles, to look at our giving. It can be a time to de-clutter our lives of all that is unnecessary and superfluous...and no one knows the need of that more than myself!

I wish you a good Lent. Dig deeply, and plant well. The fruits of the Spirit will bloom in Resurrection light on Easter Day.

With love and blessings,

Harry Edwards, Rector.

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DIARY FOR MARCH 2011		
Thursday 3 rd	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw and retirement presentation to postman Mel</u> , at Village Hall
Thursday 3 rd	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> "Crazy Heart" at Brandeston Village hall – see below.
Friday 4 th	10am-12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Sunday 6 th	11.00am	<u>Seaside Remembrance Service and Walk</u> for St Elizabeth Hospice – see below.
Monday 7 th	10am-11am	<u>Keep Fit</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 13 th	From 9.30am	<u>Kettleburgh Village Breakfast</u> at Village Hall – see below.
Monday 14 th	6.30pm – 9.30pm	<u>New Evening Class in Drawing</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Wednesday 16 th	11am	<u>Start of Lent Course</u> at Easton White Horse – see below.
Monday 21 st	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> at The White Horse, Easton – see below.
Thursday 24 th	7.30pm	<u>Lent Course continues</u> at Hacheston Village Hall – see below.
Friday 25 th	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 26 th	9am – 1pm	<u>Farmers Market</u> at Easton Farm Park. Free parking and entry.

Thursday 31 st	7.30pm	<u>Archive Film Evening</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
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BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

The film club in 2011 will be held on **the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 p.m.** Membership is £10 which entitles you to see 12 films throughout the year.

March, 3rd – Crazy Heart. A faded country music musician is forced to reassess his dysfunctional life during a doomed romance that also inspires him. Starring Jeff Bridges and James Keane.

April 7th – Tamara Drew A young newspaper writer returns to her home town in the English countryside where her childhood home is being prepped for sale. Starring Gemma Arterton.

May 5th - Dark Blue World. Charles Dance and Tara Fitzgerald star in this World War 2 story in which the friendship of two men becomes tested when they both fall for the same woman.

Sue Thurlow

SEASIDE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND WALK FOR ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

An outdoors remembrance service on a Suffolk beach will be held as part of St Elizabeth Hospice’s popular Walk of Thoughts this year.

The fundraising walk will take place on Sunday 6th March 2011 following a 5.5 mile circular route through Dunwich Heath National Trust countryside.

This will be the fifth annual Walk of Thoughts and the sponsored event is set to attract around 150 keen walkers and those who want to remember a loved one. The event is set to raise around £10,000 to help provide St Elizabeth Hospice services free of charge to people with a progressive illness throughout East Suffolk.

For the first time the walk will be preceded by an outdoor remembrance service on the beach at Dunwich at 11am. The service will be led by Hospice chaplain the Revd Jane Kingsnorth and provide an opportunity for reflection for all the walkers, not just those who have been touched by Hospice care.

St Elizabeth Hospice, based in Ipswich, is an independent charity which costs £6.6m a year to run and relies largely on donations and fundraising events.

The walk is open to people of all ages. It will start from Dunwich Beach Car Park and take approximately 2.5 hours.

Walkers can register in advance or on the day at 10.30am.

For more information or a registration form, please contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600, email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk to download a registration form online.

KETTLEBURGH KEEP FIT

We have come to the end of the initial 8 sessions which were funded by Suffolk Sport as part of their Active Wellbeing Project.

Everyone is very keen to continue so now is your chance to join in. We will be funding this ourselves so the cost will be a little bit more - probably £3.50 per session. The next 8 week programme will start on Monday 7th March, 10 - 11am in the Hall. We would ask you to sign up for the whole 8 weeks right from the start.

Do give it a go - those who have stayed the course have found it very rewarding and not too strenuous.

Liz Marzetti

COMING SOON - THE KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE BREAKFAST

There will be another chance to get together with friends and neighbours to enjoy a delicious cooked breakfast, and relax over the Sunday papers on March 13th, from 9.30 am in Kettleburgh Village Hall. For more information - Helen Kay 01728 723900. In aid of Kettleburgh Green Trust.

NEW EVENING CLASSES IN DRAWING AT BRANDESTON

These classes particularly focus on developing observational skills and confidence to see and draw better. Individual need and approach are paramount.

The classes will take place in Brandeston Village Hall on Monday evenings and particularly welcome beginners, improvers and those developing a portfolio. Different art materials and techniques will be explored as well as works by many other artists to support the drawing activities. Classes are tailor-made, motivational and will include a range of themes including still life drawing and the clothed figure.

Helen Gilbert conducts these workshops. She is a professional artist with many years experience in drawing and teaching. She has won several significant fine art awards to practice and exhibit internationally.

Classes commence on Monday March 14th 6.30 – 9.30 pm

For bookings and further information please contact :

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LENT COURSE 2011

Following last years very successful Lent course it has been decided to continue in the same manner, with all seven parishes sharing in the same course. The aim is to roam around the villages, enabling an assortment of venues and times. The course will be structured informally around a short act of worship, refreshments and exploration of 'Faith Journeys'.

By varying the time, day and time of each session it is hoped to make it as accessible to as many people as possible. So, if you can't make all of them there is a chance you will find at least one to suit.

The course is for EVERYONE and anyone – at whatever stage of their individual journeys they are at, and it will be a great opportunity to worship, socialise, explore and learn together. So please, even if you've only got a passing interest, or are slightly curious do feel YOU are welcome to come if only for one or two sessions.

Programme

Session 1 Wednesday 16th March 11am at Easton White Horse

Title: Where my faith journey is taking me

Worship and talk by Amanda Taylor (her husband is Headmaster of Framlingham College)

Why not stay on for lunch!

Session 2 Thursday 24th March at 7.30pm at Hacheston Village Hall

Title: 'Journey' from the perspective of two Christians confirmed as adults

Shared Eucharist and Canon Harry Edwards interviews Lesley Hunt and Graeme Hall
Wine and nibbles!

Session 3 Saturday 2nd April 10am Brandeston Village Hall

Title: My journey from Brandeston to Zambia and back

Worship and Eileen Leach MBE talks with Revd Robin Alderson
Enjoy coffee and biscuits!

Session 4 Thursday 7th April 7.30pm Dog & Duck Campsea Ashe

Title: Faith and Marriage

Talk by Niall & Wendi Pasco McGregor

Sandwiches and coffee provided, or why not buy a drink from the bar!

Session 5 Wednesday 13th April 2.30pm Marlesford Rectory

Title: Two from the same stable

Worship and discussion lead by Canon Deirdre Parmenter and Revd Deirdre West
around Isaiah chapter 43 verses 1-3a

Afternoon Tea and Cake!

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MONDAY MARDLES

7.30 at the White Horse Easton

Monday 21st March

An unconventional guide to Letheringham Church and Parish

John Rogers of Rendham

A pay bar and nibbles will be available – no free drink this time, but the donation amount has dropped to £5!

MARDLE – A CHAT OR GOSSIP – ALL WELCOME
Proceeds in aid of Letheringham church

WHIST ENTHUSIASTS - COME ALONG TO THE NEXT BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE ON FRIDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2011

You are invited to hare along to the forthcoming Whist Drive at Brandeston Village Hall on Friday 25th March, 2011 at 6.30 pm for a prompt start at 7.00 pm. You will have an evening of real enjoyment in brilliant company.

Great, locally-produced refreshments are included, together with a choice of fine wines, in the entry fee of just £2.50 per person. If you wish to attend please telephone either Pam or Rick Reade on 685920. Your call will help us to estimate in advance how many tables will be required and the total numbers expected.

Pam and Rick Reade

ARCHIVE FILM EVENING in Brandeston Village Hall on Thursday, 31st March at 7.30 p.m. – tickets £3 each.


Two films will be shown – “Suffolk Past” and “A Railway to Nowhere” – the branch line to Laxfield.

Refreshments available in the interval.

Sue Thurlow

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sat 2 nd April	7.30pm	Phoenix Singers Concert - see below.
Friday 8 th April	7.30pm	Kettleburgh Quiz Evening at Village Hall. Tickets £7.50 each, includes supper. Tables of up to 4 people. Bar, Raffle. For tickets please contact Vickie Neilson 723226 or Val Butcher 724777
Sat. 9 th April		Beetle Drive at Brandeston Village Hall – details next month
Wed. 8 th June	10.30am – 12 noon	Cats Protection Coffee Morning at Manly, Kettleburgh. The special guest this year will be Mr Bob Shelley, Sunday morning presenter on BBC Radio Suffolk.



Phoenixsingers
Edmond Flivet, Musical Director

Mozart: Coronation Mass
and
Haydn: The Seven Words of our Saviour
from the Cross

SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 2011 AT 7.30PM
ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH, FRAMLINGHAM

Tickets available from Aldeburgh Music Club 01728 687110,
Framlingham Stationers, choir members or at the door.
£12, £6 and under 18s half price



HELMINGHAM HALL GARDENS

Visit the beautiful Grade 1 listed gardens of Helmingham Hall. Visitors are enchanted by the stunning herbaceous borders within the walled kitchen garden, the herb, knot, rose and wild gardens. Treat yourself to a delicious cream tea from The Coach House Tearooms and visit The Stable Shops to pick up some lovely Suffolk crafts!

Open 1st May - 18th September Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sundays 12:00 - 17:00

Special Events:

**** Mother's Day Lunch - Sunday 3rd April - Open exclusively!**

Treat your mum to a special 3 course lunch followed by a stroll in the stunning gardens - CALL TO BOOK!

**** Plant Heritage Spring Plant Fair - Sunday 29th May**

**** Helmingham Food & Drink Festival - Sat 18th & Sun 19th June**

**** Suffolk Dog Day - Saturday 30th July**

**** Festival of Classic & Sports Cars - Sunday 7th August**

**** Plant Heritage Autumn Plant Fair - Sunday 18th September**

More details at www.helmingham.com

Call: 01473 890799 or Email: events@helmingham.com

PAST EVENTS

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

The show must go on and the show did go on in spite of the coughs, colds and croaky voices. We were treated to a brilliant performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs; the third pantomime to be shown in the village hall, cheering us all up after Christmas. From the quite delightful fairies, goblins and dwarfs to the King, the Wicked Queen and the servants - all were a joy to watch. The music and the quite lovely solo by Snow White, played by Ellie, was enjoyed by everyone. We have to thank especially Liz and Robert for all their hard work over several months organising the whole performance and not forgetting the "back room boys and girls" involved with the lighting, the scenery and costumes. Over £1,000 was raised to help with the upkeep of the village hall.

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BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

The February draw of the above club took place at the village hall on Thurs. 3rd Feb.

The winning tickets were ;

First prize - £25 - ticket number 25 held by Patience Douglas-Scott of Mutton Lane, Brandeston.

Second prize - £10 - Held by Mrs Lydia Freeman of Oak Farm Brandeston.

The next draw is due to take place on Thurs 3rd Mar. the last draw of the current year, after which all members will be invited to renew their subscriptions for the next twelve months. Thanks to everyone for their continued support.

Don Evans

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of the February draw are as follows:

1st Prize Barry Stean

2nd Prize Ken and Pauline Redmond

Trevor Jessop

NOTICES

MEL - OUR TRUSTY POSTMAN - RETIRES

Mel Crossland has faithfully delivered post to Brandeston, Kettleburgh and surrounding villages, through all sorts of weather, for over 15 years. In addition to being a good postman, Mel has also provided a friendly face that many villagers have come to look forward to seeing each day.

Mel is due to retire on 3rd March 2011. The villagers of Brandeston have raised a collection for him in order to express our appreciation of his long service to the village. The proceeds will be presented to Mel at the Coffee Morning in Brandeston Village Hall on Thursday, 3rd March 2011. As well as being the start of a well deserved retirement, this date is also Mel's birthday.

If you would like to say your farewell to Mel personally please come along to the Coffee Morning on 3rd March. If the retirement collection organised for Mel in Brandeston has somehow missed you and you wish to contribute please contact Pam Reade at 1 Larcom's Lawne, Brandeston or call on 685920. *PR*

A SECOND TALE OF WOE AND APPRECIATION

On Christmas Eve I was calling Alice in and when she reached me, I stooped to stroke her. My left ankle turned over and I fell to the ground, which resulted in a broken right femur and arm. I spent five weeks and two days in hospital during which time Jackie and Bill welcomed Alice, and I was visited by good friends and received lovely cards. Thank you all very much. *Kathleen Lusted*

B.O.D.S (Brandeston Oil Delivery scheme) – covering Brandeston & Kettleburgh

After the alarming hike in the price of heating oil over the Christmas period I have chosen to follow through an idea I have long held that would be advantageous to those of us wanting to hang on to some of our savings, earnings, pensions, etc! In an attempt to reduce the cost of oil deliveries I have asked anyone from the area who may be interested to sign up to share these deliveries thus reducing the cost to the individual.

There is already a proposed delivery date for the **second week in March**. If this is of interest or you would be keen to know of future orders please let me have your details. The more advanced warning there is for the need of an oil delivery the more likely I will be able to get a number of folks interested thereby reducing the price even more. **Bel Goldie-Morrison 01728 684 862 bgm@countrytrust.org.uk**

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED FOR NEW SHOP IN FRAMLINGHAM

Volunteers and donations are needed for a new St Elizabeth Hospice Shop which is opening in Framlingham. The new store is set to open in April and helpers are needed for as little as two hours a week. Duties include customer service, working on the till, and sorting stock.

The Hospice's retail sales manager, Jason Rudderham, said: "Whether you are looking to improve your CV, gain experience or give something back to the community, we would love to hear from people of all ages."

Donations of second hand goods and clothes are also wanted and should be taken to the shop once it opens. This will be the 13th St Elizabeth Hospice shop to open in East Suffolk. The 12th opened in St Matthew's Street, Ipswich, in February. There are also shops at Woodbridge, Felixstowe, Saxmundham, Leiston, Hadleigh and Stowmarket. All proceeds go to the Hospice, which is an independent charity which costs £6.6m a year to run.

If you are interested in helping out call volunteer services co-ordinator Claire Lansley on 01473 707016 or email volunteer@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15th of each month to: Mrs Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Road, Kettleburgh, IP13 7LF
or e-mail valerie.butcher@talk21.com, tel: 724777.

Please send e-mails in Microsoft Word format (97), PDF or jpg for pictures/scans.
Covers are always welcome too!

TIMES PAST

Here, in 1952 is the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology’s account of another accidental discovery at St Andrew’s Church, Kettleburgh.

‘Stripping of the exterior north wall of old decayed plaster revealed a small Norman or possibly Saxon window in the chancel wall below the level and a little to the west of the existing late perpendicular window. The small window is round headed and measures 1 foot, 7 inches by 4½ inches in the opening, the sill being 3 feet, 6 inches from the ground. The splay was traced through the interior of the chancel wall. The late perpendicular window cuts into the splay, which was filled with old pieces of roofing tiles...’

Note. The Perpendicular style started about 1330 and continued for about 250 years. It stressed straight verticals and horizontals, demonstrating the riches the wool and cloth trade made for the middle classes of that time.

‘...5 feet, 6 inches west of the small window was found a Piscina of the late 14th Century or early 15th Century with cusped head measuring 1 foot by 2 feet and 2 feet from ground level...’

Note. Piscina – a stone basin for washing the Communion or Mass vessels; provided with a drain and usually placed in a wall south of the altar.

‘... To the west of this there is a blocked in archway about 7 feet in the opening and nearly full height of the wall, which formerly led into the nave of the chancel. About 5 feet further west were found foundations of wall at right angles with the wall of the nave discovered by shallow excavation.’

This is where the Chantry Chapel of the Charles family had once been built. Thus these three former architectural features were revealed. Perhaps in future times other secrets will come to light.

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CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

6th Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
13th Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery
20th Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
27th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
3rd Apr Christine Matthews and Don Evans

Kettleburgh

Edde Bell
Jane O’Leary
Fay Clarke
Claire Norman
Liz Marzetti

CHURCH FLOWERS

6th Peter Arbon
13th

LENT

Val Upson