

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

2012 is the 350th anniversary of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

In a foreword to a booklet to mark the anniversary, Prudence Dailey, the Chairman of the Prayer Book Society writes:

‘Forty years ago it seemed that the Church of England’s founding liturgy would be little more than an historical note by the time of its 350th anniversary. Church modernizers, swept along by the spirit of the age, saw the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as ‘irrelevant’ both in its language and in its emphasis on man’s fallen nature and his need for grace; many believed that liturgical reform would be a cure for dwindling congregations.’

She goes on to say that

‘The Book of Common Prayer is an inspired collection of services for public worship and a complete guide- book for daily Christian living. It makes no apology for being challenging, because the journey of faith is challenging; much of its appeal is that it expresses eternal truths in numinous language. There is evidence that once young people become familiar with the pages of this treasure-house, they come to appreciate it as a source of stability in a fast-changing world’.

I say ‘Amen’ to that.

To celebrate an 8.00a.m. B.C.P.service of Holy Communion in a small country Church, to recite the Benedicite in Morning Prayer, or to take part in Prayer Book Evensong are part of the great privilege of being a parish priest. Numbers do not actually matter, the ‘tyranny of relevance’ can be left aside, and the language of the liturgy can act as a springboard into the numinous, the sense of the holy.

I write this letter on the eve of Lent, that season of the Church’s year that carries with it a chance to listen more carefully to the cadences of the numinous, and so to prepare for the glory of Easter. Let the last word be with the Archbishop of Canterbury!:

‘The words of the Book of Common Prayer have a rare capacity not only to sink into the memory through their rhythms but to calm the very pace of our thoughts. They are words that help us to be open and still, to recognize with sober humility the greatness of what confronts us in the mysteries of our redemption.’

Perhaps this Lent we may seek to rediscover the treasures of the Book of Common Prayer.

May God bless you,

Harry Edwards. Rector.

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2012		
Thursday 1 st	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 2 nd	10am-12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Thursday 8 th	7pm for 7.30 start – 9.00pm	<u>2nd of Four Evenings for Lent</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Thursday 15 th	7pm for 7.30 start – 9.00pm	<u>3rd of Four Evenings for Lent</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below
Monday 19 th	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall. Ian Palfreyman of Easton will regale us with stories of his travels abroad, with pictorial accompaniment. £6 donation includes a glass of wine and nibbles.
Tuesday 20 th	7pm for 7.30 start – 9.00pm	<u>4th of Four Evenings for Lent</u> at Parham Village Hall – see below

Tuesday 20 th	7.30pm	<u>Inaugural meeting of Easton WI</u> at EL Village Hall. Andrea Davies, a WI advisor for the Suffolk Federation, will give a spinning demonstration. A WI is where you can make new friends, learn new skills, and make a difference in your community. A minimum of 20 members is needed in order for this to function, so do support
Friday 23 rd	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> “Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy” at Brandeston Village hall – see below.
Saturday 24 th	9am – 1pm	<u>Farmers Market</u> at Easton Farm Park, an opportunity to buy all sorts of locally grown and made produce. The Farm Park opens daily from March 24 th to September 9 th , 10.30 am to 5.30 pm. A lovely day out for families (www.Easton Farm Park.co.uk).
Saturday 24 th	10am	<u>Kettleburgh Church Annual Spring Clean</u> – see below.
Wednesday 28 th		<u>Kettleburgh Door to door collection of goods for the homeless</u>
Thursday 29 th		<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning collection of goods for the homeless</u>
Friday 30 th	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.

LENT 2012

A series of 4 Lenten addresses on the theme of **'Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire'** during which the speakers will be reflecting on the various activities of the Holy Spirit in the Church today.

The Speakers:

The Right Reverend Clive Young, Bishop of Dunwich
The Very Reverend Dr Frances Ward, Dean of St Edmundsbury
The Right Reverend Bishop Sandy Millar
The Reverend Dave Gardner

Programme

All four evenings start at 7.00pm (coffee) for 7.30pm until 9.00pm

Week 1 Dave Gardner Wednesday 29th February in Parham Village Hall.

Week 2 Sandy Millar Thursday 8th March in Brandeston Village Hall

Week 3 The Bishop of Dunwich Thursday 15th March in Kettleburgh Village Hall

Week 4 The Dean of St Edmundsbury Tuesday 20th March in Parham Village Hall
ALL ARE WELCOME
from any parish in Loes Deanery. RA

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

March 23rd - Tinker, Tailor, Soldier Spy – starring Gary Oldman, Colin Firth and Tom Hardy. In the bleak days of the Cold War, espionage veteran George Smiley is forced from semi-retirement to uncover a Soviet agent within MI6 echelons. John Le Carre’s classic spy thriller.

April 13th - Black Swan starring Natalie Portman, Mila Kunis and Vincent Cassel. A ballet dancer wins the lead in Swan Lake and is perfect for the role of the delicate white swan, but slowly loses her mind as she becomes more and more like Odile, the Black Swan. An award winning performance by Natalie Portman.

May 18th - The Iron Lady starring Meryl Streep, Jim Broadbent and Richards E Grant. A look at the life of Margaret Thatcher, the former Prime Minister, with a focus on the price she paid for power.

For information and a programme for 2012 please contact Mary Mitson-Woods on mitsonwoods778@btinternet.com or 01728 684026.
Membership £10 per person per year. *Sue Thurlow*

ST ANDREW’S CHURCH, KETTLEBURGH - ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

The annual Spring Clean of the Church will take place on Saturday 24th March at 10am. If you are already on the cleaning rota or would like to help we should be pleased to see you.
The more hands, the lighter the work!

HELP!

As you read this in the comfort of your homes, it is uncomfortable to know that less than 14 miles away in Ipswich, there are people who have no home and who don't know where their next meal is coming from. Ipswich Umbrella Trust work to give such people a drink, a meal, a shower, dry clothes and try to help them back into work or to access health or social care so that they can live independently. As part of their work they hand out emergency food boxes...a small collection of tinned goods that can provide an instant meal. Their post-Christmas stocks are very low!!!!

The Churches in Brandeston and Kettleburgh have decided to make a collection of such goods.

WHAT DO WE NEED?

Tins of meat or fish (Think of a meal to be heated in a saucepan)

Tins of pasta, beans or soup

Tins of vegetables or fruit

Packets of Soup

Tins of 'Puddings' eg rice pudding

Packets of Biscuits (Not tins....they are too large)

Tea bags (**small** packets...sadly they don't have enough volunteers even to divide up tea bags!)

Coffee (**small jars only**)

WHEN ARE WE COLLECTING?

In **BRANDESTON**, the collection will take place at the Coffee Morning on **Thursday 29th March**.

In the preceding weeks, you will be reminded of what we are collecting. Contact: Don Evans

In **KETTLEBURGH** we are collecting door-to-door on **Wednesday 28th March**. We will distribute flyers to each house a week before. If you can help in any way at all, please contact Dinah Reed 01728 723613.

Please help! Your donations can make such a difference.

THE GREAT BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE – Friday 30th March at 7.00 p.m.

Calling all Card players ! Calling all Card Players ! Come along to Brandeston Village Hall on Friday, 30 March 2012 for an evening of Whist, augmented by very good company, laughter and a wide variety of delicious, locally-produced refreshments. You will also have the chance to taste a selection of fine wines all for the inclusive cost of just £2.50 per person. All are welcome, even those completely new to Whist. A contribution from any profits will go toward Village Hall funds.

Doors open at 6.30 p.m. for a prompt start to play at 7.00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to attend, please phone either Pam or Rick Reade on 685920 to book your place. This advance notice will enable us to estimate just how many tables will be required for the evening.

Pam and Rick Reade

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 28 th April		Kettleburgh Quiz Evening at the Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 23 rd June		Kettleburgh Fete – see below
Friday 6 th July	10.30am – 12 noon	Cats' Protection Coffee Morning at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest: Dr Daniel Poulter MP

KETTLEBURGH QUIZ EVENING

Please keep the night of **Saturday 28th April** free!!

St Andrew's Church is running another Quiz Night to be held in Kettleburgh Village Hall at 7.30 prompt. Tables of four only. Tickets for the event (which includes a delicious supper) are available from Vickie Neilson 01728 723226

Proceeds are to go towards the Village Celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee.

KETTLEBURGH FETE

The 2012 Fete will be held on Saturday 23 June in the Chequers Gardens. The date is slightly later this year due to the Queen's Jubilee.

Book the date now in your diary and start to hoard items for the White Elephant.

Bill Clark

PAST EVENTS

PUSS IN BOOTS

We slid and slithered our way to the Village Hall in early February in minus 10 degrees to be thoroughly warmed and entertained by probably the best pantomime so far. Puss in Boots – a brilliant Puss too – thoroughly deserved the applause accorded to the whole cast from the delightful village boys and girls to the main characters... Tom and Tim, Widow Bucket, Mrs. Mold, and with them the Town Cryer and the Mayor, and finally the King and Princess Bella. This time again the scenery and the sets were brilliant, the carriage rolling impressively down the gangway, and the bone crusher with its sound effects and lighting were quite extraordinary and all praise should be given to the artists who made and painted them. We are so fortunate to have such talent around us and we thank everyone involved. But most of all our thanks go to Liz and Robert for their patience and skill in masterminding the whole production over the last few months to finally give us all a great pantomime yet again. . . . long may they continue !

Anne Bater

Thank you to everyone who gave time and talent for the production of 'Puss in Boots' which gave much pleasure to many people. Appreciation is well deserved.

From a grateful observer

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of the February draw were as follows:

1st Prize Helen Cook

2nd Prize Martin Sims

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for February 2012 were :-

First Danny Wilson

Second Graham Vellacott

March draw will be on 01 March at the village hall

Mark Housnell

NOTICES

ALAN AND JANE SAY THANK YOU

Sorry it's been so long since we have been in touch but the PC decided it was time to retire and with end of business accounts to do, it was so mistimed and annoying.

A huge thank you goes to everyone in the village involved in the collection for Jane and me. Another huge thank you to those who attended the presentation and said goodbye. In the last month Jane and I have kicked back and really got into a routine. We have even started talking and sharing daily stories and jobs around the house! The first thing we did after going off and seeing family back home was to buy a big telly with the money the village collected. Oh yes indeed, the biggest shiniest telly we could find and popped it in the corner of the lounge and even found boring programmes to watch on it.

It does surprise me that after all these years working evenings, I have quickly drifted into a routine of Emmerdale and Eastenders. I have also managed two weeks of football - something I haven't done for the last 18 months. Martin Churchill has seen me and my aging, dodgy body running around. Jane has also witnessed me trying to climb the stairs on the Friday!!!!

Work - well, I am still there and it is amazing. Loads to do and I am getting into it. It is a job that will be a marathon rather than a sprint.

Timing is everything and I can't believe such a job came up at the right time. I'm doing a couple of weekends but no late nights at the moment. Those will begin when the functions start happening.

So, that's about it at the moment. We want to leave it a while before going into our old home for a pint. Plus, when we go back I have to pay full price for Jane's wine!!! That's going to hurt.

Thanks once again to everyone who supported us and who contributed.

Alan and Jane Randall
February 2012

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Would you like to show off your Framlingham garden?

Would you like to open your garden to raise funds for St Elizabeth Hospice?

Supporters of the charity will be opening their gardens across Suffolk to the public from May to September with all proceeds going towards providing hospice care free of charge to patients, carers and families.

Last year's St Elizabeth Hospice season raised £10,000 and featured more than 15 gardens but organisers would love more this year including some in Framlingham.

Andrea Chupacova, of St Elizabeth Hospice, said: "It doesn't matter if your garden is formal or informal, cosy or large; we had a successful season last year and would love to see even more gardens open in 2012.

If you are interested in opening your garden please call 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

Waist not, want not!

If you're dropping a dress size this year, why not drop off and donate your old clothes to your local St Elizabeth Hospice shop in Framlingham.

Fiona Browning, retail area manager at St Elizabeth Hospice, said ‘If you’ve stuck to your new year’s resolution to lose weight, and now need a whole new wardrobe, please give your old clothes to your nearest Hospice shop. The funds raised through our shops help us provide care for local patients and their families.’

If you have questions about donating goods please contact [your nearest shop](#) which is located on Market Hill in Framlingham, or call 01473 723600 or email fundraising@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!

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

4th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
11th Christine Matthews and Don Evans
18th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
25th Peter and Trish Smyth
1st Apr Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker

Kettleburgh

Liz Marzetti
Anne Bater
Pat Peck
Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows

CHURCH FLOWERS

LENT – no flowers

TIMES PAST

Since last month it has been discovered that James Whatling, Brandeston's Overseer of the Poor, 1821-1822 was also the first landlord of the Queen's Head which opened in 1811. Before that time he had been a brick maker, probably at the brickworks which occupied land opposite the Manse. Obviously he was a pillar of the community. Brandeston also possesses earlier records of its poor in a book which dates back from 1728-1757. This gives a lot of information about poor people living in the 'town' as it was called then. Included is work carried out at the 'Poor or Town House' in the village but it is not known where this was built. Any ideas would be welcome.

- 1734 350 white bricks for the Town House
- 1735 Robert Roddewell's Bill for work at the Town House in the Gravell Pit
- Item 4 days of myself
- Item 7 days of Simon Fox
- Item 2 Bushel of Hair
- Item 16 Bushel of lime
- Item 750 Bricks from Hacheston Kiln
- Item To Wid Taylor from carriage of them
- Item To William King for digging and making of a load of clay
- Item Paid him more for hanging of 2 loads of clay
- Item Carriage of the Clay from Mr Sheppards of Hoo Hall
- 1740 Henry Chamberlin for a New Gate for the Town House
- 1742 Paid Robert Athow for thatching done upon the Town House
- 1747 Henry Chamberlin Stopping up Windows at the Town House

Note 1747. A new Window Tax provided that houses with 10-14 windows paid 6 pence per window in addition to a basic 2 shillings per household that had been paid previously. Brandeston wanted to economise on parish expenses!

1754 Building of a lean to on North side of Workhouse with a House of Office together with the Bricklayer's Work, Dauber's work, Thatcher's work, etc.
How much better off we are now!

WMW
