

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH  
PARISH NEWS**

**MAY 2011**



## THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

If a season or a month is characterised by a sentiment, it seems to me that Spring – and specifically May – is the month in which HOPE is pre-eminent.

We are surrounded by a world bursting with growth and energy; plants grow with amazing vigour, the natural world is suddenly green, and animals of every kind are busy feeding or breeding. With Summer still before us, we all look forward, in the expectation of seasonal rain and sun, to harvest and maturity and the full ripeness that is to come. This hope and expectation are given expression in our Church Rogation celebration, towards the end of the month.

Of course, this year, the first day of the month, May Day, comes only one week after Easter. So, this year, our Hope is derived from the promise of Easter when it is particularly fresh in our memories. It was this promise of New Life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ which energised and motivated Jesus' followers when they were "fired up" by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Also fresh in our memories at the beginning of the month is the Royal Wedding with all its splendour and celebration. Every wedding seems to me to be an expression of hope, not least this one. With so many expectations of this particular marriage, our Hope needs to be underpinned by prayer.

For the Christian, Hope is more than a vague sentiment. Our Hope is a gift of God's Spirit that grows out of our expectation that God will faithfully fulfil those promises made to us in and through and because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. And like all God's gifts to us, Hope needs to be exercised, expressed and shared if it is to be of any use.

As we grow older, we face the temptation of looking back with "Rose-tinted spectacles", telling ourselves that things were (always) better in the old days, and leaving us disgruntled in the face of change. Well, we might "not know what things are coming to", but giving way to such a temptation can undermine Hope. In fact, Hope has the power to feed our own spirits with joy and assurance in life, and enables us to place our trust in God's providence and faithfulness. This Hope is not a "placebo", nor is it a confidence trick to persuade the gullible. Quite to the contrary, Hope overcomes fear, it feeds faith and empowers love.

As the poet, Robert Bridges, wrote:

All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.

Surrounded by the physical beauty, joy and hope of Spring this month, may you feel the renewing and strengthening of Hope as you journey through life.

With love

Robin

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<b>DIARY FOR MAY 2011</b>		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> "Dark Blue World" at Brandeston Village hall – see below.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Annual Parish Meeting</u> at the Village Hall
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8am – 12 noon	<u>Kettleburgh Plant Sale</u> at Village Hall
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> at Easton Church – see below
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	<u>Brandeston Annual Parish Meeting</u> at the Village Hall – see below
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<u>Coach Tour around Felixstowe Docks Complex</u> from Brandeston Queen's Head – see below.
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Farmers Market</u> at Easton Farm Park. £5 parking fee for family parties; but a voucher for spending at the stalls or café will enable this to be redeemed.
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 – 5pm	<u>Open Garden and Craft Fair</u> at The Broadhurst, Brandeston – see below.
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 4pm	<u>Spring Plant Fair</u> at Helmingham Hall
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	From 11am	<u>Rogation Services and lunch</u> at Hacheston and Easton – see below

**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.

**May 5<sup>th</sup> - 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.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mrs. Henderson Presents.** During World War 2 Laura Henderson buys an old London theatre and opens it up as the Windmill theatre, a performance hall which goes down in history for, amongst other things, its all-nude revues. Judi Dench, Bob Hoskins and Will Young star.

*Sue Thurlow*

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**KETTLEBURGH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

This will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm in Kettleburgh Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting provides an opportunity for everyone to hear what is going on locally and to make their views known. County and District Councillors, Suffolk Police, all our local organisations and the Parish Council Chairman are invited to give reports. Take this opportunity to meet your new Parish Councillors. There will be a time for questions and refreshments will be provided. Come along and find out more. An invitation will be delivered to each house closer to the date.

*Jackie Clark*

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**KETTLEBURGH PLANT SALE**

The annual plant sale in aid of St Andrews Church will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 8:00a.m until 12 noon. There will be tomato plants as well as other vegetables and herbs, bedding plants and perennials for your borders. We welcome contributions of plants and all kinds of produce to sell. There will also be a raffle and refreshments. For more information contact Claire Norman – 724372

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**MARDLE** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

The author Ronald Blythe of “Akenfield” fame, will talk about a lifetime of writing. This should be of great local interest as some of it was filmed in Letheringham. Mr. Blythe was born and grew up in Suffolk, and produced an instant classic in the book *Akenfield*, which, we understand, has even been a “set book” for Australian schoolchildren. Mr. Blythe has also written short stories, poetry, history and literary criticism. Please note that this Mardle will be held in Easton Church at 7.30pm, in order to accommodate an expected increased attendance.

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**BRANDESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Brandeston Annual Parish Meeting will take place at the village hall on Tuesday, 17 May 2011 at 8.00 pm. All Brandeston residents are urged most strongly to attend. This is your opportunity to discuss with your Parish Councillors the work which they do on your behalf. There will be reports from the Chairman summarising the year’s deliberations, from the Clerk and RFO (Responsible Finance Officer) explaining the council’s finances and from the Village Hall Chairman. We are expecting that our County and District Councillors and local Police Officer will be present to report to the meeting and answer any queries. There will also be a presentation by Mr Hugh Crerand (Operations Manager for Anglian Water) who will explain work which they intend to undertake in Brandeston to alleviate drainage problems in the area. The meeting will also be asked to review the Brandeston Parish Plan.

Please do your utmost to be present.

*Mark Hounsell  
Clerk to Brandeston Parish Council*

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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT ?**

Our American Ambassador to Brandeston (Doug Toenjes) has kindly offered to arrange a conducted coach tour around the Felixstowe Docks complex - on Tuesday 24th May, 2011. This huge Container Port, the largest in the whole of the U.K., deals with over 35% of the country's container cargo. Doug may also be able to give us an insight into the operations of his security role with U.S. Customs + liaison with the U.K. Border Agency.

Doug has really enjoyed his 5 years in Brandeston and wishes to stage this conducted tour for local residents as a "Thank You" for the hospitality he and his wife, Rosie, have received during their stay in England. The coach will leave from the Brandeston Queen roadway at 10.00 a.m. on 24 May 2011. There is a small individual charge for the hire of the coach of just £5.00 per person. Available seats aboard the coach are already filling up very quickly. If you are interested in joining the conducted tour please contact either Pam or Rick Reade on 685920.

Thank you for your interest.  
Rick Reade

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**ROGATION SUNDAY – 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011**

This year, our Greater Benefice celebration of Rogation Sunday, with prayers for God’s blessing on the harvest, will begin with a United Service in Hacheston Church starting at 11.00am.

The service will be followed by a “bring-your-own” lunch in Hacheston Village Hall, after which, those who wish to will walk over the hill to Easton. Transport and car parking arrangements will be made for those who need them.

Following the walk, at 3.00pm, a service at Easton Church will include the commissioning of Carol Davis as a Lay Elder by The Archdeacon of Suffolk.

Carol's commissioning as Lay Elder reflects and will focus primarily on her work with young families and with the COSMIC club, an investment in the future harvest of the Church in the Benefice.

The Rogation celebration will conclude at Brandeston, where there will be tea available in the garden at "The Broadhurst" (opposite The Queen's Head), and the garden will be open together with an exhibition of the work of local artists and craftsmen.

Further details of the day will be on Posters and fliers nearer the time.

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**OPEN GARDENS AND CRAFT FAIR**

There is to be an "Open Garden" event at the Broadhurst in The Street, Brandeston on 29 May 2011 to raise funds for All Saints Church, Brandeston. As well as teas and plants for sale, there will be a small marquee where "Made in Brandeston and around" goods will be for sale. These will include arts, crafts, cakes, preserves etc. If you would like to sell your wares here with a small (or large!) donation from you going to the church please contact either Jackie Hounsell on 685357 or Sue Scott on 685264.

<p style="text-align:center"><b>BRANDESTON</b></p> <p style="text-align:center"><b>GARDEN OPEN</b></p> <p style="text-align:center">AT</p> <p style="text-align:center"><b>THE BROADHURST (Opposite Queen's Head)</b></p> <p style="text-align:center"><b>29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011</b></p> <p style="text-align:center">2.30 - 5.00</p> <p style="text-align:center">TEAS PLANTS ARTS AND CRAFTS</p> <p style="text-align:center">In aid of Church fabric Funds Entrance Fee £3</p>
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PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM  
**SPRING PLANT FAIR**  
**Helmingham Hall**  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011

10.30-4pm

- Over 30 specialist nurseries
- National Plant Collections
- 800 free dianthus
- Plant Doctor
- Garden tour
- Over 25 garden accessories stands
- Home made lunches and teas
- £6 including entry to Helmingham Hall Gardens

Helmingham Hall IP14 6EF  
on B1077 9 miles north of Ipswich

To book garden tour: 01473 890799

For further details:

[www.suffolkplantheritage.org](http://www.suffolkplantheritage.org)

[www.helmingham.com](http://www.helmingham.com)

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#### **ADVANCE NOTICES**

Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am – 12 noon	<b>Cats Protection Coffee Morning</b> at Manly, Kettleburgh. The special guest this year will be Mr Bob Shelley, Sunday morning presenter on BBC Radio Suffolk.
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> June	4 – 6pm	<b>Kettleburgh Fete</b> – see below
Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>Easton Open Gardens</b>
Thurs. 24 <sup>th</sup> June	6 – 8pm	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Earl Soham Scouts Annual Duck Race</b> at Brandeston Bridge – see below

#### **KETTLEBURGH FETE – 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Help wanted!

Tickets for the Cow Pat Competition, and the draw, with a Sue Scott picture as the main prize, will be coming round later in the month but help is needed selling the Tickets at the Coop Store up in Fram on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 9.00am – 1.00 pm. Can you spare a bit of time to help out? You don't have to do the whole 4 hours (well you can if you really want to!) but any time you have will be great. Can you please give Jackie Clarke a ring on 723623 to offer your help.

If you have a Gazebo you can loan for the Fete please let John Bater know.

Help will be welcome on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June collecting items round the village, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> in the evening putting up Gazebos and getting things from the village hall, on

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> at various times during the day and on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> first thing to finish clearing up.

If you can spare any time, however little, call John on 723532. It's great fun. The more that get involved the better.

*Compton*

*Valerie*

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**1ST EARL SOHAM SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL DUCK RACE -**  
**24<sup>th</sup> June, 6 – 8pm at Brandeston Bridge**

Summer is coming soon, and we are getting ready for our annual Duck Race. Its such a good family event that seems to get more popular every year. We will have games, stalls, bouncy castle, Bar and BBQ, so do please join us and help maintain our ever growing Scout Group.

*Sally Western, for 1st Earl Soham Scout Group.*

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**PAST EVENTS**

**KETTLEBURGH QUIZ EVENING**

Thank you to everyone who helped to organize and run the Kettleburgh Quiz on 8<sup>th</sup> April, and congratulations to the Hillier family for winning, despite only having 3 team members. Approx £900 was raised for St Andrews Church and the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

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**BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

Winners of the first draw of the new club year were :-

First Ian and Jenny Harvey

Second Sue Etheridge

Next draw at the village hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011

*Hounsell*

*Mark*

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**KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY**

The results of this month's draw were as follows:

1st Prize - Claire and Paul Norman

2nd Prize - Irene and John Dick

*Trevor Jessop*

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**NOTICES**

**THANKS**

Dear Friends



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Kettleburgh and Brandeston for their donations to my retirement, the many gifts and cards that I have received. Thank you also for making my job so enjoyable, I shall miss you all and wish you the very best for the future.

Special thanks go to the helpers and organisers that made my presentations so special.

With best wishes,

Retired Postie Melvyn

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### **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH KETTLEBURGH SPRING CLEAN**

Thank you to all who came along to help give St Andrew's church a spring clean on Saturday 16th April. A small army of men and women advanced into the church, armed with brushes, dusters, polishes, electrical equipment and some very dangerous looking long poles. The porch was emptied of many pots and long forgotten items, and now looks a great deal tidier. The vestry was swept and tidied and the churchwardens' staffs polished. Every pew was dusted and polished. If you glance upwards, you may now notice the lack of cobwebs. These were skilfully removed with the aid of an extremely long set of poles to which was attached a feather duster. So the building is now ready for Easter and the promise that this season brings.

*JC*

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### **ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE**

Local residents and community groups are invited to a free open event to view the £1.7m refurbishment of St Elizabeth Hospice.

The Suffolk charity's in-patient unit has been revamped to make it more welcoming for patients and their families.

Open events take place at the Hospice in Foxhall Road, Ipswich, on:

- Saturday May 7 9am-11.30am (drop in between these times)
- Tuesday May 10 6pm-9pm;
- Wednesday May 11 2pm-5pm
- Thursday May 12 2-9pm;
- Thursday May 19 2-6.30pm

St Elizabeth Hospice's chief executive Jane Petit said: "St Elizabeth Hospice is there for people in your area who may need us and we would love to welcome those interested in finding out more about our services or how to support us, to one of our open events."

To book a place or find out more please contact on 01473 707018 or visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or email [enquiries@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

St Elizabeth Hospice is a charity which provides services free of charge to people in Suffolk who are living with a progressive illness. It also provides support for their families.

### HITS FOR THE HOSPICE!

Tune up for a fundraising night out celebrating the hit music of Abba, the Spice Girls and The Carpenters.

Tickets are on sale for St Elizabeth Hospice's first ever tribute concert. Called Terrific Tributes, it will take place at Ipswich Regent on Saturday, June 18.

Three bands will pay homage to Abba, the Carpenters as well as a selection of girl bands including the Spice Girls and Bananarama.

The tribute bands are called Abba Queens, Close to You and Girlsworld.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and promises to be a great night out for everyone.

All proceeds will help St Elizabeth Hospice to continue to provide services to patients in Suffolk, including the Stowmarket area, and support for their families, free of charge.

Tickets, priced from just £10.50, are available from the Ipswich Regent box office, tel: 01473 433100 or [www.ipswichregent.com](http://www.ipswichregent.com)

### VISIT A GARDEN AND HELP THE HOSPICE

Green-fingered Suffolk residents will be opening up their gardens to the public this spring and summer to raise money for St Elizabeth Hospice .

The first event takes place on Sunday May 15, when Mrs Liliias Sheepshank will open her ten-acre garden at The Rookery at Eyke near Woodbridge from 2-5pm. Afternoon tea and cakes will be available as well as plants for sale. Admission £3.50.

Then there will be events across Ipswich and East Suffolk.

Last year St Elizabeth Hospice's open gardens season raised around £12,000 and was more popular than ever.

For the full open gardens what's on list visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or call 01473 723600.

### HAVING A SPRING CLEAN? THEN WHY NOT HELP THE NEW HOSPICE SHOP IN FRAMLINGHAM

If you are planning a spring clean please donate your unwanted items and furniture to St Elizabeth Hospice..

Clothes, accessories, toys, bric-a-brac and good quality furniture are in demand and can be resold in the charity's shops.

The funds raised through the shops enable St Elizabeth Hospice to continue to make a real difference to the lives of their patients and families, friends and carers.

You can drop off most items as soon as the new St Elizabeth Hospice shop opens in Framlingham in May. But if you have any furniture to donate please call the Meredith Road shop, on 01473 744080, and collection will be arranged.

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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)

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**MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

to: Mrs Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Road, Kettleburgh, IP13 7LF

or e-mail [valerie.butcher@talk21.com](mailto: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!

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## TIMES PAST

Recently a late 18<sup>th</sup> century family has been researched in the Kettleburgh and Brandeston records. It makes rather a sad story but unfortunately a true picture of that era.

Apparently from some time before 1747, Dennington owned 'Trust land' in Kettleburgh, which still belonged to them in 1839, when the Tithe Map was made. This land was close to The Chequers and beyond 'Windy Ridge' on the Easton Road.

The Dobson family originated in Rendham and Dennington, where Thomas Dobson had been the part tenant of a small farm. It is not known where they lived on their re-settlement in Kettleburgh about 1786 but they were very poor.

Before marriage at Rendham in 1779 Thomas Dobson and Mary Turner had six children with another six born in Dennington and Kettleburgh, two of whom died in 1790. They were so poor that Mary and the three youngest children, Daniel, Susan and Joseph were admitted to the House of Industry at Melton, later St Audry's Hospital. After 3 months Mary discharged herself but the three children, and eventually another brother, stayed at Melton until they were old enough to be apprenticed.

Nothing is known about Thomas until February 1800, when his body was found 'grubbing upon his knees', in a Brandeston field near Rose Farm, in Mutton Lane. It transpired that the previous afternoon Thomas Peck, a Kettleburgh farmer, had seen him close by.

Dobson had told Peck that he had found some gin which they sampled together. Peck then left but Dobson knocked the bung out of one of the tubs, sat down in the ditch and drank 'out of the bung hole.' At the inquest Peck described him as being 'pretty forward in liquor.' A verdict of accidental death was given. Perhaps a smuggling route from Brandeston to Framlingham was to blame.

Meanwhile the Dobson children remained at Melton. At that time poor children were apprenticed to masters in their own village at the age of eleven; an apprenticeship lasting seven years. Tradesmen and farmers were forced to accept an apprentice unless they paid £10..0..0 fine to the House of Industry which was a lot of money then.

The two younger Dobson children, Susan and Joseph, were hard to place. Susan was first apprenticed to Jeremiah Wase of Kettleburgh Hall but he preferred to pay the £10..0..0 penalty rather than accept her. She was then apprenticed to James Keable, innkeeper of the Chequers but that did not work out. Three years later in 1803, her indentures were cancelled because of 'divers misdemeanours, miscarriages and ill behaviour,' particularly when she absconded for several days. A year later, in 1804 she was discharged to apprenticeship with John Smith, a Kettleburgh farmer... we know no more.

Joseph Dobson was also a problem child. He was sent first to Timothy Smith, Kettleburgh farmer, but returned after five days 'having wetted his bed.' Two more farmers paid the £10..0..0 fine rather than accept him. Melton tried placing him with a Woodbridge master but he preferred to pay the fine too. The Revd George Turner, Rector of Kettleburgh also refused him but at last, at the end of 1805, he was finally apprenticed to John Orford, the Kettleburgh watermillier.

However the Orfords moved away in 1807 when Joseph would still have had about another three years of apprenticeship. Perhaps he went with them and made a success of his life. At any rate he earned some £50.0.0 which helped to fund the House of Industry. No more has been established about the family.

*W.M.W*

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**CHURCH CLEANING**

**Brandeston**

1<sup>st</sup> Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery  
8<sup>th</sup> Marian Hutson and Julia Elson  
15<sup>th</sup> Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget  
22<sup>nd</sup> Christine Matthew and Don Evans  
29<sup>th</sup> Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper  
5<sup>th</sup> June Peter and Trish Smyth

**Kettleburgh**

Margaret Meadows  
Sue Scott  
Alison Gibson  
Jackie Clark  
Eddie Bell  
Jane O'Leary

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Nancy Demetriadi  
8<sup>th</sup> Sue Rainbird  
15<sup>th</sup> Helen Saxton  
22<sup>nd</sup> Ruth Garratt  
29<sup>th</sup> Bel Goldie-Morrison  
5<sup>th</sup> June Jackie Hounsell

Anne Bater  
Kathleen Taylor  
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Eiluned Davies  
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Fay Clarke