

**THE PARISHES OF  
BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH**

**FROM ROBIN ALDERSON**

Thank you for this opportunity to write a few introductory words in the Parish Magazine before I join you. So far I have only met the Church Wardens and some members of the PCCs of your three Churches. They have certainly made me feel welcome, but inviting me to write this is another instance of your welcome towards me, and I am grateful to you for it.

Change is a fact of life. It is constant and inescapable, and for many of us it can be unwelcome. Some are particularly reluctant about change in our churches and in what we do there. This year Graham Vellacott's retirement has brought change for your churches as you prepared for interregnum, and soon, there'll be change with someone new to get used to! It will also mean change for me as I find my way round your villages, work out how to be in each village each week and on call when needed, find those means of mutual communication that work, worship with you regularly and, in so far as possible, become a member of your village communities while continuing to live in Snape. It is going to take some working out! For me, change feels challenging, exciting, even a bit risky.

Risky because ten days after I am licensed in Brandeston Church we shall celebrate Advent Sunday and, before we know where we are, Christmas will be upon us all. Christmas carries such high expectations, and I am conscious that during this busy and special time I shall still be finding my feet. Perhaps the Christmas message of "peace and goodwill" will carry a special significance for us all this year!

Between now and then, the Remembrance Season reminds us of aspects of our world and of human nature which do not change. Conflicts and disputes between peoples and nations continue to cast a long shadow across our world, and the achievement of peace and reconciliation seems as elusive as ever. Nonetheless, the search for peace goes on, and its cost is counted in the lives and suffering of the men and women who gave and continue to give their lives, of the victims and of the survivors of violence. Our obligation to them and their families is met in our continuing support for the Poppy Appeal and similar work.

As we remember, and reflect on the unchanging, unending suffering that seems an inseparable part of the human condition; as we look ahead, and face the challenge of change whether welcome or unwelcome; and as we begin think about the countdown to Christmas, there is one prayer, one intercession, which Jesus taught, that can unite us all. "THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH . . . . ."

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Robin Alderson

<u>Brandeston</u>		
Elders:	Mrs Mary Baker	685807
	Dr Anthony Fletcher	685508
	Miss Eileen Leach MBE	685298
Churchwardens:	Miss Eileen Leach MBE	685298
	Mrs Alison Molyneux	685244
<u>Kettleburgh</u>		
Elders:	Mrs Jackie Clark	723623
	Mrs Valerie Upson	723078
Churchwardens:	Mr John Bater	723532
	Mrs Valerie Upson	723078

<b>DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2007</b>		
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am – 12 noon	<u>Kettleburgh Café Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am – 12.30am	<u>Kettleburgh Churchyard Working Party</u> . Helpers wanted. Please bring gloves and tools. Contact John Bater (723532)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5.30pm	<u>Bonfire Night</u> at the Old Vicarage, Brandeston – see below.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7pm for 7.30pm	<u>Traditional Music</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	<u>Easton Festival Guy Fawkes Bonfire and Fireworks</u> at Easton Farm Park. (Gates open 5.30pm)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<u>Discussion Group</u> at Bickley, Harriers Walk, Easton
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> at Brandeston Village Hall
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.15am	<u>Easton Remembrance Day Service</u> <u>Brandeston and Kettleburgh Remembrance Day Service</u> at Brandeston church.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Benefice Ministry Meeting</u> at Eileen Leach’s House
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Quiz Evening</u> at Village Hall in aid of Children in Need
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Licensing Service</u> at Brandeston Church – see below.
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am – 1.00pm	<u>Christmas Bazaar</u> at Easton Farm Park

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	<u>East Anglian Academy Concert</u> at St Michael's Church, Framlingham. Advent to Christmas Malcolm Russell – Organ (Admission Free – collection)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<u>St Andrews Day Service</u> at Kettleburgh



Friday 2nd November - 10am until 12 noon in the village hall

A special treat - Chocolicious UK will have a display of Belgian chocolates for you to browse and taste. No need to buy but come and see if you can be tempted to order something for Christmas.

Also featured will be an example of pictures designed by Angela Wright. If you would like to have a look to get some idea of what you can buy, again most suitable for Christmas, visit [www.personalisedtreasures.co.uk](http://www.personalisedtreasures.co.uk)

*Commission received on any of the above will be put towards the Kettleburgh Café funds.*

Best Farms local lamb and beef, local honey, fresh bread, and other produce sometimes available. Tea/Coffee and free top ups and, of course, the very best of home-baking from the residents of Kettleburgh.

Tel: Gwenda 723703 if you want to know more.

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**BONFIRE NIGHT**

Saturday November 3rd at the Old Vicarage, Brandeston, again this year. Best guy competition will be judged at 5.30pm and the fire lit at 6.00pm. There will be a barbecue, mulled wine and soft drinks.

As usually please a **BIG FAT** firework per family to Martin Churchill at Brook Lodge on the morning of the event.

**Please note earlier time.**

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**MELODEON MAGIC and more...**

Come and enjoy an evening of **Traditional Music** at Brandeston Village Hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November; 7pm for 7.30pm.

Squeeze-boxes, singers, step-dancers and more. Glass of wine and refreshments. Draw. Tickets £6 from Mary Moore (685354) and Valerie Fellows (01473 737583), and at Brandeston Coffee Morning.

Proceeds for Driving for the Disabled.

Mary Moore

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**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – November 11<sup>th</sup>**

This year the 11<sup>th</sup> of November falls on a Sunday. We will maintain our grateful remembrance as in years past. This year it is the turn of Brandeston to hold the service/parade in church and at the Memorial. Both Brandeston and Kettleburgh wreaths will be laid and the names from both parishes will be read out by the Chairmen of the respective parishes. There will be a trumpet to play the Last Post and Reveille, as appropriate. The Royal British Legion will be present; we welcome them as we welcome all people to this poignant act of remembrance both in church and around the Memorial. If you have not been before please try and come this year. We will especially be mindful of our boys and girls fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan and Darfur and their loved ones.

These are the arrangements

Kettleburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP, with Remembrance
Brandeston	10.15am	Service in Church. Preacher Bob Williams, formerly senior master at Brandeston Hall for 22 years. Followed by two minutes silence (11.00am) at Brandeston War Memorial.
Easton	10.45am	Service in Church including remembrance around the War Memorial at 11.00am

“When you go home, tell them of us and say – for your tomorrows we gave our today” - Koheima exhortation

We will remember them.

GV

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**LICENSING SERVICE**

The service to licence Canon Harry Edwards as Priest-in-Charge and the Reverend Robin Alderson as Associate Minister with responsibility for our three parishes will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm in Brandeston Church, with refreshments afterwards in Brandeston Village Hall. Do come along to meet them and welcome Robin as our new priest, we very much look forward to his ministry among us.

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**ADVANCED NOTICES**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Pick up from 9.30am	<b>Southwold Day Out:</b> Brandeston's annual day out in Southwold will take place on Saturday 1st December, leaving the Queen's Head at 9.30am and picking up in Kettleburgh and Easton. The cost is £8 (£4 for children) and there will be a raffle on the return trip. We aim to be home by 4.30pm. The trip has always been a good start to the Christmas season. Call Pat Morgan on 685378 to reserve a place.
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	3.00pm	<b>Illustrated Talk: Mongolia- The Home of Genghis Khan</b> at Brandeston Village Hall. Another of Chris Parfitt's excellent talks, followed by a splendid tea. Tickets priced at £5 will be available during November, from the Thursday coffee morning, or on the door.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	10am – 12 noon	<b>Kettleburgh Café</b> coffee morning at village hall
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00pm	<b>Wine Club</b> at Brandeston Village Hall
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	10am- 3pm	<b>Suffolk Wildlife Trust – Help needed!</b> Volunteers to help clear trees and scrub around Framlingham Mere. Everyone welcome (under 14s to be accompanied by an adult). If you enjoy big bonfires you'll love this! Bring thick gloves and wear stout shoes or boots.
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30pm	<b>Brandeston Old Chapel Candlelit evening</b> – the lead up to Christmas would not be Christmas without the annual Chapel Candlelit evening which will be held this year on Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. All welcome – see next month's edition for more details.
New Year's Eve	9.00pm	There will be a <b>free party</b> in Brandeston village hall to celebrate the New Year. Everyone is welcome – just bring a plate of food and a bottle from 9pm onwards.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>Valentine's Dance</b> at Brandeston Village Hall
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>Kettleburgh Fete</b>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June		<b>Brandeston Fete</b>

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES & CAROL SINGING**

(All December dates)

2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Brandeston Christingle + Brandeston Hall and Baptism.
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Easton Christingle.
14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Kettleburgh Christmas Tree Lighting in Village Hall
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Brandeston Crib and Gift Service.
16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Kettleburgh Christingle and Gift Service.
16 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	Easton Carol and Gift Service.
17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Easton Carol Singing.
18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Kettleburgh Carol Singing.
19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Brandeston Carol Service at Queen's Head.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Kettleburgh Crib Service.
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Easton Crib Service.
24 <sup>th</sup>	4.30 p.m.	Kettleburgh Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass at Brandeston.
25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 a.m.	Brandeston Holy Communion.
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Easton Family Holy Communion.
25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Kettleburgh Holy Communion.
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion at Easton.

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## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

### **GREAT BRANDESTON WEDDING**

Congratulations to **Justin Wilson and Kyra Barwick** who were married in All Saints' Church, Brandeston on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Kyra was given away by her father, Victor Barwick. The couple have a sweet little boy, Kian, aged 1½ years and they live at 18 Swainston Way, Dennington. Justin's home is at 6 The Oaks, Brandeston, where with his mother Sally and younger brother Daniel he lived all his life. Kyra has two sisters; Kate with two little girls Hannah (6) and Lucy (2), who were pretty bridesmaids dressed in pale pink; and a younger sister Josie who lives/works in London; her brother George was the usher. The little page boy was a smart little Kian Wilson.

The bride wore a stunning white dress, off the shoulder and with a wide train. The smart and efficient Best Man was Justin's younger brother Daniel. Both Justin and Kyra are pub chefs, with Justin at the Kettleburgh Chequers (trained by Keith and Judy Wilson, and more recently Debbie and Ron Germain), and Kyra at the Hessett Five Bells and later at the Mill House, Saxtead Green, where she still does a little to help.

What a happy Brandeston occasion; sun shining and the bells ringing with a turn out of ladies to see the bride arrive at the church, with young Kian asleep in the back seat!

We wish the couple well and pray that they will be very happy, as they settle as a family into their home in Dennington. May God bless you all now and always. *GV*

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**SIMON WALLIS, D.L., F.R.I.C.S.**

Sadly we record the death of Simon Wallis, aged 77 years, who died on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at his home Stud House, Easton. Simon was the much loved husband of Ann, father of James and Kate, and proud grandfather of Charlotte, Violet and Eliza (5 weeks old). A family committal service was held at the Ipswich Crematorium on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and a Thanksgiving Service for Simon's life is to be held at Dennington Church on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 12 noon.

Simon Wallis was born in 1930 in London, where they lived in a small road just off Chester Square, where they had staff in their largish house. His father was a dealer in fine arts. Simon's sister, Penelope, was born two years later. After time at a local preparatory school he went to Eton at age 12, where he was at a disadvantage with his poor eye sight, but he loved all sport and was a bright pupil; cricket was always his favourite sport then and all his life. At the start of the war his parents moved to Tunstall in Kent where he lived too. It did not have an air-raid shelter! although it was in the midst of the Battle of Britain.

For National Service Simon was able to join the Royal Navy. This was helped by his uncle Arthur Wallis who was a naval captain; he actually joined the Fleet Air Arm and after training became an Aircraft Handler. Off the parade ground he played cricket for his ship, as wicket keeper. Simon was moved to a ship, HMS Illustrious where he was handling the aircraft on deck and pushing them down into the hangars. An incident in Portsmouth harbour almost lost Simon his life; he was in a Liberty Boat plying between HMS Illustrious and the quay when the boat sank in rough weather. There were 21 survivors out of 50 men; Simon swam back to the aircraft carrier and was able to save several lives. Another incident on HMS Illustrious; Simon was on the flight deck controlling aircraft, when a Sea Fury (the naval version of Spitfire) landed in a hurry and caught fire. The pilot was stuck inside but Simon went into the plane on fire and pulled him out. For this very brave exploit he was awarded the Kings Commendation for Bravery.

Simon left the Navy in 1950 and after an interview with Cecil Parker he became, in 1951, a pupil with Strutt and Parker on the Orsett Estate, 5000 acres just north of the Thames in Essex, and owned by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex. A great start - a happy year. In 1952 Simon was appointed as assistant estate manager on the Helmingham Estate for Lord Tollemache. He arrived on his BSA 250cc motor bike. In 1957 he was made a junior partner in Strutt and Parker; a few years later he became senior partner and remained building up the business until retirement in 1989.

In 1964 Simon and Ann (née Whalley) were married in Dedham Church, the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of Ann's family to be married there. They lived in Shrubland Park, then Cretingham (Hope Lodge), then Bealings and in 1995 moved to Stud House, Easton. James was born in 1966 and Kate in 1969.

Simon had many other interests, all of them revolved round thoughts of other people. He was kind, thoughtful, generous and outgoing as he worked to help young people, elderly and sick, the church and God. I cannot list all his charity work, Diocesan committees and all except the most noteworthy perhaps; being Vice-Chairman of the Cathedral Tower

Fundraising Committee, together with Lord Tollemache as Chairman, this embodied a huge workload and of course meetings with Prince Charles.

Cricket - One of Simon's first loves, playing then watching; touring with the England team twice to the Caribbean and once to Sri Lanka. He was elected to Lords in 1957. He faithfully supported Kent CC and Easton CC and often was seen at Lords at all Test Matches.

Country Sports - Whilst he revelled in all these sports he was a great campaigner for the Countryside Alliance.

Simon lived a full life of love and care for his family, hard work at the office, thoughtfulness and understanding of other people, a good friend to many of us; a faithfulness in so many facets of life, God and His Church.

We send our love and sympathy to Ann, James and Kate as we thank God for Simon's life; our prayer that they may know God's peace.

May Simon rest in peace.

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## **PAST EVENTS**

### **BRANDESTON HARVEST FESTIVAL**

“Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices .....”

We certainly did just that at our Harvest Festival thanksgiving service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Brandeston.

It was well attended, and the singing was great. The church was beautifully and thoughtfully decorated with so many gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables. All around us in the church we were reminded of God's wondrous love. We have so much to be thankful for – when we see or read of the needs in so many parts of the world. Mary Baker and the children brought home to us how we so often misuse God's gifts.

Finally, our many thanks to our friend, the Rev Michael Vipond (nearly a Brandestonian), who conducted our service so worshipfully and prayerfully, and gave us such an inspiring and challenging message.

*Eileen Leach*

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### **HARVEST – THANKS**

It has been a good harvest in field, garden, orchard and with vegetables; we thank God for all this goodness. In addition we thank all the people who have given produce to and decorated our churches so beautifully, perhaps better than ever. Thank you too for all the goods you have brought along to be given to people in real need; our main receiver, as in past years, has been the Robert Milne Family Centre in Ipswich (see their letter below). Brandeston Hall, at their Harvest Festival in Brandeston Church, also gave an abundance of pre-packed food to the Centre. Over the years we have built a close relationship with the family trust who we support at Harvest and at Christmas; it is really caring for the Suffolk needy, started as it was in Ipswich, between the two wars in the depression by the



Tollemache family. The Tollemache family are still involved with the trust as Lady Tollemache is President. GV

*To The Congregation*

*I am writing on behalf of the families and children that attend our centre. We would like to thank you once again for the Harvest Festival gifts.*

*The Robert Milne Family Centre has just been given the status of Children's Centre, so we will be changing our name to the Ormiston Children's Centre. We will still be supporting our families but this also gives us the opportunity to work outside the centre within the community, in schools and church halls.*

*All your harvest gifts will be on display in our reception area for the families to help themselves. These gifts are much appreciated by the families and by way of saying a big Thank You they have made this lovely card. (which can be seen in Brandeston Church)*

*Thank you once again.*

*Your sincerely,*

*G Wightman, Administrator*

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### **BRANDESTON HARVEST HORKEY**

A very jolly evening was had by the 65 residents of Brandeston and their friends who enjoyed a traditional harvest supper followed by a very entertaining quiz about Brandeston past and present plus some rather difficult Suffolk dialect questions. There was much rivalry between teams and great fun was had by all.

Many thanks to all the helpers on the day and to those who made the apple pies.

Not only was it a lovely evening but, with the draw, we made £544 for the new hall funds.

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### **DISCUSSION GROUP**



St Francis by Cimabue

The topic for the discussion group in October was St Francis. We learnt about his life and talked about the impact of his thinking on us and whether it was relevant to modern

day living and religious thought. Our group met on 3<sup>rd</sup> October - exactly 781 years after the date of his death.

The session started with prayer and we used the Canticle of the Sun, a well-known prayer of St Francis. This led on to discussion about St Francis' close links with the natural world – sun, moon, stars, animals, birds, plants and so on. He is the patron saint of conservation.

Francesco was the son of a wealthy merchant of Assisi and led a colourful life until, after a serious illness while on a military campaign, severed all his links with his family and espoused a life of extreme and deliberately chosen poverty, working or begging for food and tending the sick, especially lepers. We discussed how difficult it is in our present age to do without “things”.

He founded a monastery of wattle huts with no furniture and few books. His order stayed strictly within the tenets of the Catholic faith and remained adherent to the Pope. The order grew and a female order was founded on similar lines (the Poor Clares).

Francis travelled with the Crusaders in order to preach to the Saracens. He condemned the Crusaders as being loose-living adventurers, but he managed to get an audience with the Sultan, who was impressed, but not converted! Francis then spent a few months on pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

He returned to Italy after hearing the news that his Order had moved into stone-built premises and was about to build a school. Francis resigned his office as head of the order realising he was not the organiser the movement now needed. He returned to a life of poverty, drawing up instructions for the order and for lay brothers.

St Francis is reputed to have held the first crib service and is known for preaching to the birds and taming the Wolf of Gubbio. He also received the stigmata which he kept until his death at the age of 45. He was blind in later years and in great pain. He was canonised in 1228, only two years after his death.

The first Franciscan friars arrived in England in 1224. The order remained a powerful influence for reform in the church and a voice against the wealth and indulgence of much of the medieval church.

The next discussion group will take place at Bickley, Harriers Walk, Easton on Wednesday 7th November at 10.30am. The topic will be Julian of Norwich.

*JW-E*

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### **BRANDESTON FILM CLUB**

A great start to the new season with 35 members joining for the 2007/08 programme. Miss Potter was a delightful film about the life of Beatrix Potter and her famous children's books.

The next film will be on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.30 p.m. - look out for posters of the film to be shown.

New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free.

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**KETTLEBURGH HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The church was full for our traditional service of Harvest Thanksgiving and as always it was beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit. Gifts of pre-packed food and fresh produce were brought and these have been taken to the Robert Milne Family Centre, Ipswich and Mills Meadow, Framlingham respectively where they were very well received.

This year we welcomed Martin Humphries, executive director of Tools With A Mission, to speak to us about the valuable work of this charity in sending to Africa not only tools for cultivating the land but also such things as sewing machines and computers. These make a tremendous difference to the lives of people in such poor countries and are much appreciated. Any tools or machines which we can spare should be taken to TWAM's premises in Ipswich where they will be refurbished, if necessary, and shipped out in full working order.

After the service, 40 of us gathered in the village hall for a most enjoyable supper and a chat with friends. It was a real village gathering and one first timer was amazed at what she had been missing all these years. The supper was free although donations were welcomed and, after some expenses were taken, the profit was added to the service collection and resulted in about £240 to be given to Tools With A Mission. VU

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**KETTLEBURGH CAFE- MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - 5TH OCTOBER**

**Another excellent morning with plenty of home-baking, Best Farms products, local honey, plants and fresh bread.**

HIGHEST BID FOR SUE SCOTT'S PAINTING      VICKY AND DERRICK NEILSEN  
HIGHEST BID FOR PETER'S PET SHOP PRIZES      ANNE BATER

Thank you everyone for attending and giving so generously.

*Thank you Sue Scott and Peter from the Pet Shop, Framlingham for bid prizes,  
and Wilda for displaying the old maps of Kettleburgh.*

Don't forget to come to the next Kettleburgh Cafe morning on  
2nd November 10-12 am in the Village Hall.

*Gwenda Weeks*

I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning and to say we raised £134.40. Once again, thank you.

*Jan Bell*

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**BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

The October draw took place at the village hall on 4th October with first prize going to David Risk. Runner up was Eileen Leach. The November draw will take place at 11.00 am on Thursday 1st November 2007.

*Don Evans*

## NOTICES

### SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

Help needed to deliver magazines in Brandeston, three times a year, roughly December, April and August – no deadline for delivery.

If you can help please contact Jane Pickup (723373)

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### NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR

The Brandeston village newsletter “the BRANDESTON” (written and produced by Peter Thurlow), has won the Suffolk Newsletter of the Year competition easily beating all-comers, including larger parishes such as Mildenhall. The judges described the newsletter as “relevant, interesting, well produced and colourful”

This is the third success for Brandeston in 2007, having earlier been placed second in both the SCDC Village of the Year and the Suffolk ACRE Village Hall of the Year competitions.

*Mark Hounsell*

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### NEW MASTER AT BRANDESTON HALL

Martin Myers-Allen is the new Master of Brandeston Hall, having taken up his appointment at the start of the new autumn term.

Martin said “I am proud to have been given the post as Master of Brandeston, and Helen and I pledge ourselves to making a super school even better. There are exciting times ahead.”

Martin and Helen came to Framlingham College in 1989 with a strong desire to have a complete change of lifestyle, having spent a couple of years as a provisional stockbroker and computer programmer respectively. To the staff, parents and pupils at Framlingham, Martin and Helen are renowned for their extraordinary dedication and commitment to all aspects of life at the School, which is operational seven days a week.

Throughout his career at Framlingham, Martin has striven to balance academic duties as science and sports teacher with the successful leadership of a range of demanding extra-curricular activities. He has been instrumental, for example, in Framlingham’s consistently high standing nationally in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. Martin also introduced an exciting overseas expedition programme to the school, giving Framlingham’s pupils the opportunity to experience a variety of other cultures and visit amazing locations, such as Mount Everest. He has combined all this with running the Combined Cadet Force, the Sixth-Form Centre and the UCAS university entrance scheme. Since 1994, Martin and Helen have been Housemaster and Housemistress at the College and, together, they have 15 years pastoral experience, caring for boys and girls.

Mrs Gwen Randall, Head of the College said, “Of course, Brandeston’s gain is, to an extent, going to be Framlingham’s loss, however, I am very pleased that Martin will retain some involvement with the College through the Combined Cadet Force, which he continues to lead so brilliantly. Helen will continue as the Housemistress of Moreau for a

further year. She will, of course, carry on teaching at the Senior School when she moves permanently to Brandeston Hall as the Master's wife."

Mrs Randall added: "Martin takes over as Master from Nigel Woolnough, who has decided to take early retirement for personal reasons. On behalf of the School, I would like to thank Nigel and his wife, Paula, for their contribution to life at Brandeston and to wish them happiness in the future."

**Contact for further details:**

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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY UNIT**

Thank you to those parishes who responded to Suffolk County Council's request for support for our efforts to improve community safety and reduce anti-social behaviour problems for people in Suffolk .

We have had some very positive feedback from parish and town councils. Many have kindly sent us details of local publications we can supply with a series of articles to raise awareness of what is being done locally to tackle common community safety issues, and how people can play their part in making Suffolk safer.

As a result, two more articles have been prepared – one on environmental issues such as litter and graffiti and a seasonal reminder about fireworks misuse. These have been sent direct to local newsletters for publication this autumn.

Further articles are planned on keeping safe around the festive period, criminal damage on the way home from pub/party, smoke alarms and fire safety, vehicle crime tips and bogus callers.

If you have any queries please contact Suffolk County Council Community Safety Unit  
Telephone: 01473 264288 Email: [community.safety@csu.suffolkcc.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@csu.suffolkcc.gov.uk), or visit the website at [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

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**VILLAGE WEB SITES**

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

[www.brandeston.net](http://www.brandeston.net)

[www.onesuffolk.co.uk/KettleburghPC/](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/KettleburghPC/)

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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,  
or e-mail [valerie.butcher@talk21.com](mailto:valerie.butcher@talk21.com), tel: 724777.

Thank you.

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## TIMES PAST

Again it is the time of year when we think of those lost in the two Great Wars. These are two whose names are remembered on our local War Memorials; Nathan Atkins at Kettleburgh and Easton, Arthur Charles Cable at Brandeston.

Nathan Atkins was born and baptised at Kettleburgh in 1885, the eldest boy in a family of ten children. His mother was a Kettleburgh girl, Harriet Girling, who had married, then emigrated with her husband to Bow Park, Canada West where their elder daughters were born. Life was hard, Bryan Atkins, a grandson said that they had to chop bread with an axe.

The family decided to return; they settled in one of three cottages which make up Packway Cottage today. In 1905 Nathan, aged 21 a shepherd, married Alice Crawford and they lived in the Street.

After war broke out in 1914 Nathan enlisted at Ipswich as a Private in the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment. A deaf and dumb son, Teddy was born in December 1914; Alice died as a result.

Meanwhile the war continued and on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1917 Nathan was killed, aged 32, one of the 34,000 men of British Commonwealth and Empire who fell in the Passchendale salient. He is remembered on the Tyne Cot memorial, Belgium.

Subsequently Teddy, Nathan's child was taken in by the Girling family. In later life he lived with them at Vicarage Cottage, Brandeston. He worked at Brandeston Hall; his vegetables, now part of the garden of Cazels were a joy to see. In 1995 Nina Girling discovered Nathan Atkins' brass plaque and gave it to Kettleburgh.

Arthur Cable, known as Jerry was the third son of Alfred and Lucy Cable and one of ten children. Born and baptised at Brandeston in 1896, he lived at 3 Friday Street, part of a thatched double dweller which was demolished by lightning in 1921. Later Brocnor now Sorrel Cottage, was built on the site.

When war was declared Arthur enlisted in the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. He was a courageous soldier, promoted to Corporal, who endured circumstances unthought of at home. When he came on leave from the front, his mother had to iron the seams of his uniform to destroy the lice.

He had a daredevil reputation; a man who would raise his head above the trench parapet. Like so many others, he was killed in action on May 19<sup>th</sup> 1917, aged 21. He is remembered on the Arras memorial, France.

The Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury notice from Arthur's family ended with these lines:-

‘We little thought his time so short,  
In this world to remain;  
Or thought when from his home he went,  
He would ne'er return again.’

A sentiment echoed by thousands more.

If anyone plans to visit war graves, please let me know as photographs are still needed to cover some men of our two villages killed in the wars.

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