

## THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

Both Brandeston and Easton Churches are dedicated to All Saints, whose festival is celebrated on 1 November. All Saints was not a sort of “catch-all” by the early church to ensure that no one was forgotten. Rather, it was recognition that the tradition of faith and worship, which the Church reflects and responds to in each generation, is founded on the lives of holiness, service and suffering of those who have gone before us as followers of Jesus Christ. The dedication of our churches is testimony to the faith that sustained earlier generations in our villages, whose tradition of “faith, hope and charity” still underpins our way of life in all sorts of unobtrusive ways.

In Remembrance, a little later in November, of course, we recognise a more particular sort of service given in no less personal a way on behalf of a wider community than just our neighbourhood. For some of us there are personal memories to recall as we wear our poppy. Such memories, whether clear or faded, are part of our own or our family’s story. But for all of us, yesterday’s, today’s or tomorrow’s news from southern Iraq or Helmand Province can be a stark reminder of how apparently distant events during these times of international violence bring personal tragedy into homes up and down this country. And the unspecified – though sometimes hinted at – scale of personal injury and suffering, and the burgeoning need for rehabilitation and care to sustain the future lives of our service women, men and families now suffering the consequences of service undertaken on our behalf, should stir us to take evermore seriously our annual Remembrance pledge.

“They grow not old as we that are left grow old . . . we will remember them.”

Certainly, we have a commitment to recognise and honour the courage of those who serve and have served in our Armed Services, and in doing so have sacrificed life or limb or livelihood. But it must also be said that no less courage is needed to face the onset of old-age itself.

We hear stories of heroic bravery, actions requiring great personal valour in the face of danger or of the enemy. But I also honour the quiet – and sometimes not-so-quiet – courage of those who live each and every day in the face of growing infirmity, failing faculties and the anxieties, doubts and perplexities of old age. As a more elderly friend of mine said to me, a little while ago, “Old age is not for wimps!”

Our own life is completely interlinked with the lives of other people. Dependency is about – but not just about – practicalities and domestic arrangements and how we cope when we cannot ourselves cope any more. We benefit from relationships that span the generations far more than simply fetching and carrying or being fetched and carried. There is giving and receiving on both sides. When younger, the wisdom, humour and humility we gain from the stories and memories our elders share with us can enable us to understand ourselves; and when older, the optimism and confidence of those who are young may re-ignite in us the flame of hope and joy.

Both require us to listen, to honour and to respect.

With very best wishes

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<b>DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2008</b>		
Saturday 1st	9.00a.m	<u>Kettleburgh Churchyard Tidy</u> – Bring some tools
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6.45pm	<u>Kettleburgh Village Meeting</u> – see below.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> inc 100+ Club Draw at 11am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	<u>Bonfire Party</u> at Brandeston – see below.
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am 10.50am	<u>Remembrance Sunday Services</u> at Easton at Kettleburgh
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<u>Short time of Remembrance</u> at the War Memorials at Brandeston, Kettleburgh and Easton.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club 'The Painted Veil'</u> – see below.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>		<u>Confirmation Service</u> at St Michaels Church, Framlingham – see below.
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	<u>Neil Lanham's 'Ruby and Her Horses'</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	<u>Kettleburgh Breakfast</u> at village hall
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8pm 'til late	<u>The Fat Band</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall

**FOCUS ON TRAFFIC – KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE MEETING**

Kettleburgh residents recently received a Parish Council report focusing on the problems of traffic through the village. As the subject of speeding vehicles through the village is of such concern, the Parish Council has arranged a special meeting to discuss this topic. Come along to the Village Hall on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** and let us know your views and any ideas you may have. A representative from Suffolk County Council Highways and our local Community Support Officer have also been invited. The meeting begins at 7.15pm, with refreshments from 6.45pm.

*Jackie Clark*

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**KETTLEBURGH COFFEE MORNING AND TABLE TOP SALE**

If anyone has unwanted presents, "junk in the attic", home produce or anything that would sell or be useful to someone else, bring it along and "buy" a table top (money to go to the village hall) to display and hopefully sell for yourselves. Do your Christmas shopping! Unsold goods must be taken home again as storage is impossible in the village hall.

*Anne Bater*

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**BONFIRE NIGHT** – Saturday, November 8th at the Old Vicarage again this year. Best guy competition will be judged at 5.30 o'clock and the fire lit at 6.00 pm. There will be a BBQ, 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.**

*Sue Thurlow*

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**FILM CLUB**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> – The Painted Veil (2006)**

Based on a novel by Somerset Maugham *The Painted Veil* is a love story set in the 1920s starring Edward Norton, Naomi Watts, Live Schreiber and Diana Rigg. Film starts at 7.30pm.

*Sue Thurlow*

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**CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Nigel Stock, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich will be visiting St Michael's Church Framlingham on 14 November 2008 to confirm candidates from the parishes of the Loes Deanery. All will be welcome at this service.

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**RUBY AND HER HORSES at Brandeston Village Hall**

Not to be missed! On Saturday November 22nd at 7.30pm, Neil Lanham will be telling the stories his mother, Ruby, told him of her farming life in Suffolk, from before the First World War and then through the Depression of the 1930s. Ruby's own photos will be shown on the big screen and each story will be followed by an unaccompanied song from Andrew Stannard, in his Suffolk voice.

All will make for a 'real Suffolk evening'.

Tickets are £6 [concessions £5 ] from the Thursday Coffee Mornings or Jacky O'Brien on 685266.

Jacky O'Brien

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### **KETTLEBURGH BREAKFAST**

It's that time of year again- the Kettleburgh Breakfast is back! Yes, on Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10.30 at Kettleburgh Village Hall, you'll have another chance to enjoy a delicious cooked breakfast, read the papers and chat with friends and neighbours. Any offers of help in the kitchen would be much appreciated – tel: 723900 Helen Kay In aid of Kettleburgh Green Trust.

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### **VILLAGE DANCE WITH THE FAT BAND – SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

To all those who have already reserved tickets – apologies, but the Fat Band are unable to commit to the 6<sup>th</sup> December as previously arranged.

Costs have also increased for their PA system, but the Trust have promised this event and are committed. The ticket price will remain at £8. There will be a bar for beer & wine. We hope to have some outside catering so that you can have some hot food in the interval.

For further information [www,Kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk/village green](http://www.Kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk/village%20green)

To reserve your tickets call:

Gwenda Weeks - 01728 723703 Email: [gwendaweeks@mac.com](mailto:gwendaweeks@mac.com)

or

Caroline 01728 723315 Email: [caltosh@sky.com](mailto:caltosh@sky.com)

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### **ADVANCED NOTICES**

Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00pm	<b>Light up a life</b> on Market Hill, Framlingham – see below.
Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> December	5:00p.m	<b>Kettleburgh Christmas Tree Lighting</b>
Sat. 20 <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, 20th December at 7.30pm. All welcome – see next month's edition for more details.
Thur. 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	<b>Christmas Day Dip</b> in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice – see below.

**Light up a Life**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm**

**Part of the Christmas market on Market Hill**

Christmas is a time of celebration and sharing, and also a time to reflect with family and friends.

St Elizabeth Hospice would like to welcome you and your family to their Light up a Life event in Framlingham this Christmas. These special events are open to everyone, not just those touched by hospice care, to remember their loved ones at this special time of the year. Each event includes Christmas Carols, music and readings around the dedication tree.

For more information, please contact St Elizabeth Hospice on 01473 723600, email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

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**Christmas Day Dip**

At 10am on Christmas Day, hoards of brave people will be running into the icy North Sea at Cobbolds Point, Felixstowe to raise funds for the Hospice.

Last year, this event raised over £6000 and we hope that you will join us in making this year even bigger and better. This is a great chance to do something different on Christmas morning and really work up an appetite for your Christmas dinner!

St Elizabeth Hospice provides specialist care and support for people in East Suffolk who have a life-limiting illness for whom the focus of care is quality of life. The Hospice is an independent local charity and all services are provided free of charge. In total it costs £5.2 million each year to run the Hospice, of which 77% is raised by supporters.

For more information regarding the Christmas day dip or how you can get involved, please contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600, email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

Photograph: Staff from Michael Richards hairdressers took part in the Christmas day dip last year.



**CHURCH DATES FOR THE DIARY**

7 Dec	5.30pm	Christingle service at Brandeston Church
14 Dec	10.00am	Christingle service at Easton Church
	11.15am	Christingle and gift service at Kettleburgh Church
21 Dec	10.00am	Crib and Gift service at Brandeston Church
	6.30pm	Carol and Gift Service at Easton Church
24 Dec	2.00pm	Crib Service at Easton Church
	4.30pm	Service of 9 lessons and carols at Kettleburgh Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion for Christmas at Brandeston Church
25 Dec	10.00am	Family service of Holy Communion for Christmas at Easton Church.
	10.30am	Service of Holy Communion for Christmas at Kettleburgh Church

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### TREVOR DAVIES

With sadness we record the death of Trevor Davies, aged 81 years, who lived at Barking Hall Nursing Home, Needham Market, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

A service of thanksgiving, a celebration for Trevor's life, was held at Ipswich Crematorium on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, attended by his family and those from Brandeston who had known him. Trevor and Pauline had lived at the Gables in Mill Lane (next to the old P.O.) since 1968; sadly Pauline died a few years ago. They had two children, Zoe married to Richard with their two boys Jake and Mitchell, whilst Paul is unmarried. At the service Zoe spoke with love and affection about her father including these words "Thank you Dad for all my childhood memories, for teaching me the value of hard work, for helping me to accept my defeats and celebrate my successes, for believing in me, and for loving me for who I am ...."

### **Trevor Duval Davies 16/6/1927 – 14/9/2008**

Trevor was born in Ipswich, his parents Jack and 'Nanny' lived in Princes Street. His father, in due course, was called into the RAF and posted to Malta; however Trevor won a scholarship to Ipswich High School as a boarder, aged 11, whilst his sister went to Malta. He enjoyed school and did well. After the war his parents took a pub, The Falcon, at Rushmere St Andrew. It was soon after that that he met Pauline (who was to become his wife), aged 13 and he often carried her books to Northgate School – love at first sight. Trevor became very well qualified as an Electrical Engineer at college and then was taken on by the Electricity Board; they trained him further, sent him to London and gave him responsibility to which he responded well.

Trevor and Pauline married in St Margaret's Church, Ipswich and lived at Corder Road, Ipswich, off Anglesea Road. They were very happy. Paul was born in hospital and Zoe at home but soon, after 6 years, they moved to Lingsfield in Surrey and then again to Chesterford, near Saffron Walden, with the last move in 1968 to The Gables, mill Lane, Brandeston, to a house still being built. The house was built, as others in the area, by John Tuckwell. Here began the best time in his life.

Trevor was the Managing Director of several companies all with electrical connections, two at least in Scotland specialising in transformers; a successful businessman who readily mixed with politicians and the leaders of industry. He had a house in Scotland and would often be away at weekends – the family visited him there in the summer. He could come home and lay aside the business to enjoy the family, the garden, his boating on the Deben and even the caravan, twice only as Pauline did not like it!

Trevor had been bugged from age 50 with heart attacks and later strokes, which gradually left him debilitated but he fought bravely. Few things defeated him until he had to go into Barking Hall Nursing Home, Needham Market, two years ago. As a businessman he was dedicated, fair, honest and successful; as a husband and father – loyal, loving, generous, fun and witty; in old age always uncomplaining. To Jake and Mitch, his grandsons, he was a great Grandad, interested, generous and fun. He loved Laurel and Hardy movies.

He was great at DIY; he could fix anything. In fact, talking to the 'Best Man' at his wedding, I was told he still had kept going the refridgerator given to him at his wedding! Great electrician/mechanic, Trevor was a very faithful, hard-working man. In talking to Zoe he said he had 'no regrets', he had enjoyed all his career. We thank God for Trevor's life. May he rest in peace.

We send our love and sympathy to Zoe, Paul, Richard, Jake and Mitchell, with our prayers that they may know God's peace and comfort. GV

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## PAST EVENTS

### CANCER COFFEE MORNING

I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who gave a donation to my cancer coffee morning – we raised £157.38. *Jan Bell*

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### THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September was a wonderful day, with perfect weather for The Church Bike Ride. John and I kept meeting different people en route and know that they were having a lovely day too. We stopped for a chat with people from different parishes. As we cycled through Easton, there was a gymkhana on one side of the lane, at Easton Farm Park, and four Suffolk Punches with their heads over the hedge on the other. It was like going back in time. It was one of those days when you could just stand and stare at our wonderful countryside.

The Oswald family, with Lucy and Timothy, Chris McArthur, and Karen and Jasmine all did so well.

There were 58 visitors to All Saints Church, Brandeston and 44 visitors to the Chapel, Mill Lane. For Brandeston, we have raised £700.50 and half of this will go to our own church.

Thanks to all the cyclists, sponsors and sitters at the Church and Chapel, and to Peter for his wonderful decorated wheel, which was greatly admired. Thanks to everyone!

*Ruth Garratt*

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### CHEESE & WINE EXPERIENCE – SOLD OUT

“What a fantastic evening.....” “Worth every Penny.....”

Just a couple of reviews received about the evening, held on 20<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall.

This event was sponsored by Hamish Johnston, who supplied delicious cheeses for tasting and Timothy Wood who offered excellent wines to compliment them. They both



entertained us with their attention to detail and we have no doubt that everyone took home with them a wider knowledge of how unusual cheese & wines work so well together.

A beautiful supper was set and kindly donated by Eiluned Davies and this was followed by a super raffle and an exciting auction which included a holiday at Le Moulin in Normandy donated by David & Katie Harris, a limited edition print by Sue Scott, jewellery by Deborah Thomas and 6 tickets for the first performance of Babes in the Wood at the Seckford Theatre, donated by Eiluned Davies.

This event was not possible without the help of Maggie Meadows, Pat Peck and George Payne who worked continuously in and out of the kitchen and Mark Donsworth who was the perfect auctioneer.

It was a pleasure to hold such a special event for the Trust and we can report that just under £1800 was raised to support the continual maintenance of the green.

Thank You

***Kettleburgh Green Trust Fund-Raising Committee***

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### **BRANDESTON FILM CLUB**

A great start to the new season with new members signing in for the first film of the year. Some Like It Hot was much enjoyed and was very funny. The next film is on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November.

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

*Sue Thurlow*

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### **BRANDESTON HARVEST HORKEY**

A very jolly evening was had by residents of Brandeston and their friends who enjoyed a traditional harvest supper followed by songs, both classical and comic, performed by Helen and Alistair Chapman accompanied by Janet on the piano. Many thanks to all three for this enjoyable entertainment. Also 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 £398 for the new hall funds.

*Sue Thurlow*

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### **KETTLEBURGH HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

Our Harvest celebrations took place this year on 12<sup>th</sup> October. St Andrew's Church was beautifully decorated with seasonal flowers, fruit and produce – did anyone notice the small mouse that had crept amongst the decorations in the children's corner? The service on Sunday evening was well attended, and followed the traditional pattern where gifts of grain, bread, fruit, vegetables and dairy produce were presented as symbols of our thankfulness for God's provision to us. We sang Harvest hymns, working up an appetite for the supper which followed in the Village Hall. The menu was soup (two varieties), jacket potatoes with cheese and a wide choice of salads and relishes, followed by not only

apple pies, but also some delicious fruit based cakes and puddings. Thanks to everyone who provided food, decorated the tables with flowers, helped with the setting out of the hall and the washing up, and also those who helped to clear the hall of all its furniture and fittings, ready for the refurbishment of the floor.

*Jackie Clark*

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**BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB**

The winners for October were:-

First Phyll Shaw

Second Sue Thurlow

The November draw will take place at the village hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

*Mark Hounsell*

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**KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY**

Winners on 3<sup>rd</sup> October were:-

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Graham Hillier

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize David Harris

*Gwenda Weeks*

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**NOTICES**

**GREAT NEWS!**

The Kettleburgh Village Hall Committee is pleased to announce the arrival of a beautiful new floor. It has been a long time coming but we are sure you will agree that it was worth the wait. It is bright, shiny and a big improvement. Take a look at the first opportunity - you'll be impressed! At the same time, please note the freshly painted exterior of the Hall. That is the result of a good morning's work by Committee members and others.

*Robert Marzetti*

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**NEWS FROM EASTON HARRIERS**

With the cooler nights and days of autumn, we are reminded that the hunting season has arrived - well almost. A chat with Adrian Robinson soon brings out the enthusiasm he and the hunt have for the coming season and for the future of Easton Harriers. We welcome Adrian, the new Huntsman, into the village with his partner Hannah and their six month old daughter Myrtle. Adrian comes to us from Hertfordshire. He has hunted the Airedale Beagles, the Aldenham Harriers and the Modbury Harriers. Hannah is from Devon with a degree in English from Exeter University. It is so good to have the fun and laughter of children back at the Kennels after several years' absence. We hope and pray that the family will be very happy in Easton.

The hounds are in good shape, twenty-five couple, and have started early morning hunting (7 am to 9 am) already. The 'hunting' is really trail hunting, where a competent rider (usually Sue List) goes across country with a bag of strong smell an hour so before the hounds are let loose. This is an exciting way to ride in the countryside, requiring much skill to keep the hounds on course. The Acting Joint Masters are Rob Haag and Lydia Harvey, both of these masters are very experienced, having hunted with the Easton Harriers for many years.

The Puppy Show held at the Kennels on 6<sup>th</sup> July - an annual event - on a wet Sunday afternoon, was a great success and a boost to the start of the season. Those people who had walked hounds brought them to be judged. The top dog hound was "Fiddler", walked by Mr and Mrs Gordon Grover, with the top bitch being "Fanfare", walked by Mr and Mrs Adam Signy. Janet Baxter and her helpers put on a great tea party enjoyed by many people - thank you.

We wish the hunt well for a good 2008/9 season.

The Opening Meet will be on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008 at The Old Mill House, Saxtead Green, at 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome.

Good hunting!

*Graham Vellacott*

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### **BRANDESTON CHURCHYARD – A NEW SEAT**

We are very grateful for the gift of a fine, English oak seat given in memory of the Gallienne family who lived at Brook Farm from the start of the last war. The seat has been given by Rose and Francois Blancpain, and their daughter Lizzie, who live in Switzerland, who are nieces of this older generation. There is a brass plate on the seat which bears these words: In memory, John Arthur and Freda Gallienne of Brook Farm Kettleburgh and their children Elizabeth, Jack and Collinette.

Many of us will remember Collinette who, once her parents left Brook Farm, set up riding stables near the sand pit in Kettleburgh; children were often seen riding her ponies about the lanes.

The seat is positioned at the top of the churchyard with its back to the wall, under and between the trees, about equidistant from the church notice-board and the War Memorial. We are grateful to Chris McArthur and John Garratt who have securely fixed it to the ground.

We just hope that this seat may be a place where anyone can go to relax, find peace and quiet as they look over the River Deben and beyond to the rolling meadows.

Thank you again, the Blancpain family; we hope you will come and visit Brandeston.

*GV*

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### **NEW HYMN BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES**

Would you like to buy your own copy of the hymnbook, "Hymns Old and New", which is being bought for our Churches? Or would you like to give a copy to your Church, as a gift or with a dedication? If so, your gift can be marked with an appropriate inscription inside the front cover of your book.

The “words only” edition has a list price of £7.99 and the full music edition is £18.99. We expect to get these prices discounted because of the numbers of copies that we shall be ordering.

Order forms have been placed near the door of your Church. Please complete one of these and post it in the box provided in Church. Please do not put any money with your order at this stage. The bulk order will be finalised on 31 October, and we hope the books will be delivered in November. RA

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### **BRANDESTON PARISH PLAN**

The Parish Plan has been completed and viewed by the Parish Council, and is now (12/10/2008) in the process of being printed. On receipt of the bound version, a copy will be distributed to each household in Brandeston. The full report is in two sections; i.e. the main document which is the one to be widely distributed, and an Appendix which contains the full data derived from the Questionnaire but which will be available centrally because of its size in the foyer of the village hall, on the Brandeston website and through the Parish Council. *Nick Hayward*

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### **CAN YOU HELP?**

Does anyone have a spare Burco Boiler? I use it to cook barley for the horses, but my old one is on the blink. Hoping that someone has one in a shed!

If so, please contact Lydia Harvey at Oak Farm, Brandeston, on 684025

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### **Hospice will collect your unwanted furniture**

Have you got a table you don't want anymore or a sofa ready to be passed on? St Elizabeth Hospice is looking for donations of furniture to sell in their shops and they will even collect them from your home.

The Hospice has a new van and furniture team in place ready to pick up donations from the comfort of your own home to be sold in their shop in Meredith Road in Ipswich. There are currently ten Hospice shops throughout East Suffolk and a distribution centre on Rapier Street in Ipswich which rely on the donations of goods to keep them stocked. 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.

Alongside furniture, the Hospice also accepts donations of good quality clothing and shoes, handbags, small electrical goods, china, glass, books, toys, pictures, mirrors, kitchen equipment, small digital TVs, linen and soft furnishings.

If you have any furniture that you would like to donate, please contact our Meredith Road shop, 3 - 5 Meredith Road, Ipswich, IP1 6ED on 01473 744080 Monday – Saturday 9.00am – 4.00pm

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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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### **TIMES PAST**

Once more, at our War Memorials 90 years after the ending of the Great War, we think of those whose lives were cut short by that 4 year tragedy and by the Second World War together with other military engagements.

Not a great deal is known about Edwin Arthur Bilney who was born at 19 Low Street, Brandeston in 1893. He was the eldest son of Arthur, gardener for 50 years at Brandeston Hall, and Mary, his wife (née Wardley). Edwin was baptised at All Saints, he attended the village school and continued to live at home until the war started.

After enlisting at Ipswich as Private 2975, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, he was sent to France and Flanders. Sadly he died of wounds at the Clearing Hospital of the British Expeditionary Force on May 17<sup>th</sup> 1915, aged 21.

It is well nigh impossible to imagine the grief suffered by families at this time. Those who dwelt in the three cottages, 18, 19 and 20, Low Street, now the home of Peter and Sue Thurlow, experienced the death of 4 young men during those terrible years.

By contrast Horace George Walne came from a farming family that had settled at Kettleburgh Hall in 1891. After finishing his boarding school education he entered the Ipswich engineering firm of E.R. and F. Turner. Some years before the outbreak of war he joined the Suffolk yeomanry, (the Duke of York's own Royal Suffolk Hussars). After mobilisation in 1914 he was sent to Gallipoli and then Egypt.

When his time expired in April 1916 Horace returned home and after a month re-enlisted to be sent to a Cadet Battalion in Scotland. On gaining a Commission in October 1916 he was posted to France as a Second Lieutenant in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. On April 11<sup>th</sup> 1917 at Wancourt during the Battle of Arras, (the 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of the Scarpe), whilst the Battalion were assembling for an attack, the enemy opened fire, Horace was struck by a shell and killed at once. His Commanding Officer, Lieut. Col. G.C. Stubbs, wrote that he was one of the best officers, very gallant and would have been promoted to command a Company. Another officer stated that he was one of the bravest and most loveable of men, fearless and reliable. 'Shells never seemed to have the slightest effect on him and we always used to look on him as a fire-eater. He was liked by all because of his quiet, unassuming way.

Horace Walne, aged 27 is interred in the Tilloy British Cemetary, Pas de Calais. There is a memorial to him on the south chancel arch, facing west of St Andrew's Church, Kettleburgh.

We have pictures of these two soldiers resting places but if anyone plans to visit war graves please let me know. Photographs are still needed to cover some men of our villages killed in the wars.

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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.

Covers are always welcome too!

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### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

#### **Brandeston**

2<sup>nd</sup> Eileen Leach  
9<sup>th</sup> Lindsay Pearce  
16<sup>th</sup> Helen Saxton  
23<sup>rd</sup> Peter Arbon  
30<sup>th</sup>

#### **Kettleburgh**

Kathleen Taylor  
Kathleen Taylor  
Katie Harris  
Katie Harris

ADVENT – No Flowers

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Matthews and Don Evans  
9<sup>th</sup> Helen Fletcher and Karen Piper  
16<sup>th</sup> Peter and Trish Smyth  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker  
30<sup>th</sup> Kelly, Megan and Connie Jeffery  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec. Marian Hutson and Julia Elson

Jane O'Leary  
Fay Clarke  
Claire Norman  
Marion Banyard  
Pat Peck  
Val Butcher