

**THE PARISHES OF
BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH**

Dear Friends

“Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.”

We sang these well-known words during Songs of Praise at Easton a couple of Sundays ago. It had been a lovely day. The warm sun had cheered us all up, giving some hope of a bit of Indian summer. “Autumn is the most beautiful of seasons” someone said to me; and it can be.

Three days later, on a dry but dull afternoon, I was walking a footpath in Brandeston from which there are wonderful views across the valley, with the Wickham Market steeple in the distance. As I paused to look, a combine harvester roared its laborious and dusty way up the hill a mile or so away. It seemed like a painfully slow race against time and weather. Here we are, half way through September, I thought, and the harvest precariously far from being safely gathered in.

Only the day before, some of us had made the decision to postpone Brandeston’s Harvest Festival – how can you sing “harvest home” before it is? – and I found myself reflecting on the rather up-beat message of my letter in this magazine last month, in the light of today’s circumstances.

For arable farmers this year’s harvest has been incredibly difficult. And breaking financial news tells us that, although their worries have nothing to do with agriculture, many other people are experiencing difficulties which they will not quickly forget.

Although Autumn has its beauty, it is the fall of the year; its fruitfulness is not long lived. Those golden days of early autumn give way to wind-blown leaves, frosts and gales, darkening mornings and evenings drawing in. For some people the weeks between the equinox and putting the clocks back bring with them a sense of impending gloom.

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The praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.”

To “give thanks and praise in all things” is not to deny the difficulties that beset us. Faith does not invite us to ignore the facts that surround us, but it enables us to meet our circumstances with a level head and an optimistic eye and know that there is more to life than the superficial or the immediate. When we feel tossed about by the storms of life, faith can provide a keel that keeps us steady.

With very best wishes

Robin

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| DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2008 | | |
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| Thursday 2 nd | 10am | <u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> inc 100+ Club Draw at 11am |
| Friday 3 rd | 10am – 12 noon | <u>Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below. |
| Friday 10 th | 7.30pm | <u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – ‘Some Like it Hot’ at Village Hall – see below. |
| Saturday 11 th | 7.30pm | <u>Brandeston Harvest Horkey</u> at Village Hall – see below. |
| Saturday 11 th | 6pm | <u>English Chantry Choir</u> at Letheringham Church. – see below. |
| Sunday 12 th | 3pm | ‘Antarctic Odyssey’ talk by Chris Parfitt at Brandeston Village Hall. Tickets £5 on the door, will include a splendid tea following the talk. Proceeds to Brandeston Church Fabric Fund |
| Sunday 12 th | 5.30pm | <u>Kettleburgh Harvest Festival</u> at St Andrews Church, followed by <u>Harvest Supper</u> at 6.45pm in Village Hall |
| Saturday 18 th | 7pm | ‘Round the World on a Bike’ – Talk by Anne Mustoe at Parham Village Hall – see below. |
| Saturday 25 th | | <u>Quiz Night</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below. |
| Monday 27 th | 7.30pm | <u>Mardle</u> – ‘Tales from the Music Halls’ at Easton Village Hall – see below. |
| Friday 31 st | 7pm for 7.30 start | <u>Halloween Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below. |

COFFEE MORNING

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OCTOBER 3rd

It has been suggested that we have a TABLE TOP SALE at each of the next three coffee mornings. 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

BRANDESTON HARVEST HORKEY

The Horkey will be in the evening again this year on Saturday, 11th October starting at 7.30pm. All welcome of course – tickets available from the Brandeston Coffee Morning on Thursday mornings or from Sue Thurlow on 685673 or Darryl Morgan on 685378.

FILM CLUB

October 10th – Some Like it Hot (1959) starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon. A classic Monroe film set in the American gangster era. Great fun to watch.

November 14th – The Painted Veil – starring Edward Norton, Naomi Watts, Live Schreiber and Diana Rigg. Based on the novel by W. Somerset Maugham – a love story set in the 1920s.

December 12th – It's a Wonderful Life (1947) – starring James Stuart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore. An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he never existed.

Film starts at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free.

Sue Thurlow

ENGLISH CHANTRY CHOIR - 'Through bushes and through briars'

On Saturday 11th October at 6.00pm, members of the London-based internationally known English Chantry Choir will be performing in Letheringham Church. This concert promises to be very special, and will include works by Early, Renaissance, Classical and Modern composers – tickets are £10 including drinks and refreshments. As space is limited, to be sure of a seat please book on 747449 or 748337, by Monday 6th October if possible.

Sylvia Keene

KETTLEBURGH HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our service of thanksgiving will take place at St Andrews Church on Sunday 12th October at 5.30pm when the preacher will be the rural dean. Any flowers or produce for decorating the church should be taken on the Friday or Saturday and please bring your

gifts for distribution to the service. We welcome prepacked food which will be sent to the Ormiston Trust Family Centre in Ipswich and fresh produce which will be taken to Mills Meadow in Framlingham.

Following the service, at approximately 6.45pm we shall gather in the village hall for our traditional harvest supper. No ticket needed but do bring your own wine and we shall be grateful for donations towards the cost of the meal.

Everyone is welcome at either or both of these events so do book the date now. *VU*

ROUND THE WORLD ON A BIKE - Talk by Anne Mustoe (ex headmistress St Felix Southwold)

Saturday 18th October 7pm

Parham village hall

£8 incl. delicious ploughmans and puddings supper

All proceeds towards limewashing walls.

Tickets: contact 746511 or 746747, or on the door

Mary Allen
(Churchwarden Marlesford)

MARDLE

Monday 27th October at 7.30pm (in Letheringham and Easton Village Hall). This will be a talk by Bill Clarke entitled 'Tales from the Music Halls'. The talk will also embrace the various types of early sound and recording techniques, and how with modern methods they are brought up-to-date. This will surely be very entertaining! Tickets £6 at the door includes a drink and refreshments as usual.

Sylvia Keene

BRANDESTON QUIZ NIGHT

Autumn quiz night in Brandeston village hall on Saturday, 25th October. Come and test your skills against the quiz master – entries of teams of 6 members to Sue Thurlow (685673) by Friday, 17th October please. A sausage supper will be served during the evening. £5 per person.

GET YOUR BROOMSTICKS READY - HALLOWEEN WHIST DRIVE

There will be loads of tricks and heaps of treats at the Halloween Whist Drive. Fly down to Brandeston Village Hall on Friday, 31st October from 7.00pm. Cards will be dealt from 7.30pm sharp.

At a magically low cost of only £2.50, refreshments will be provided and enjoyment will be served. Please contact Rick or Pam Reade on 685920 to reserve your place or just appear instantly at the door and we will conjure up room for you.

Rick and Pam Reade

ADVANCED NOTICES

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| Sat. 8 th November | | Brandeston Bonfire Night |
| Sat. 22 nd November | 7.30pm | Neil Lanham's ' Ruby and Her Horses ' at Brandeston Village Hall – see below. |
| Sat. 6 th December | 8.00pm | Village Dance with 'The Fat Band' at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below. |

RUBY AND HER HORSES coming soon to Brandeston Village Hall

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.

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST

A Village Dance with The Fat Band

in Kettleburgh Village Hall on the 6th December from 8pm 'til late

Tickets: £8

More information to follow soon - the last time they came to Kettleburgh
it was a sell out!!

For further information you can contact

Caroline 723315 or Gwenda 723703

Email: caltosh@sky.com or gwendaweeks@mac.com

CHURCH DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| 9 Nov | 10.00am | Remembrance Sunday service at Easton Church |
| | 10.50am | Remembrance Sunday service at Kettleburgh Church |
| 11 Nov | 11.00am | A short time of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial at Brandeston, Kettleburgh and Easton. |
| 7 Dec | 11.00am | 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 |

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| 24 Dec | 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

SERVICE OF BLESSING AT KETTLEBURGH – ALLAN and SARA GREEN

Kettleburgh's bells rung a joyful welcome to Sara and Allan Green on Friday 29th August, as they arrived hot foot from Melton Registry Office with Lizzie, Freddie, William and Alice, for a service of blessing of their marriage.

It was a time of great joy for their close families and friends, as Allan and Sara marked their commitment to each other and exchanged rings. The quiet, informal service in Kettleburgh Church was followed by a family celebration at their new home.

We wish them every happiness for the future.

RA

BASIL NORMAN

Sadly we record the death of Basil John Norman, aged 84 years, who died on Friday 22nd August 2008, peacefully at Ipswich Hospital. A service of thanksgiving for his life, followed by interment in the churchyard, was held at Brandeston Church on Thursday 4th September. This was followed by a reception at Brandeston Village Hall. The church was full for the service as people from Brandeston and the wider agricultural community gathered to remember, show their love and respect for a man of great faithfulness to his family, his country, and the community. He seemed to be known by everyone! The service was in essence agricultural as we sang harvest hymns with the church beautifully decorated, with a sheaf of Basil's wheat and harvest coloured flowers, by the ladies of Brandeston.

Daniel gave this very interesting account of his father's life –

Basil Norman A Suffolk Farmer

Father was born on 21st April 1924 at Hill Farm, Friday Street. He was the only son of John and Annie Norman and brother of Barbara. He was the third generation of the Norman family to farm at Friday Street.

Father attended school at Easton, to which he walked daily with a group of village children. He enjoyed maths and drawing at school. At an early age his strength of spirit shone through, however this was not always appreciated by his school mistress and he

recalled being caned on numerous occasions. One of his recollections was climbing trees in Easton to collect mistletoe.

Father left school at 13, with his future mapped out before him to work on the farm. He however had visions of becoming a jockey. These were soon quashed, and he had to settle with working with Suffolk Punches on the farm. Throughout his life his interest in horse racing never dimmed and I can recall all the family sitting down to watch the Grand National every year.

The turning point in my father's life was, as with so many others, at the outbreak of war. Father didn't wait to be called up; he enlisted at the age of 16 with the Hampshire Regiment. My knowledge of his wartime activities is sketchy as father never divulged great details to me or other members of the family.

He served in North Africa at first and then was stationed in Italy in 1943. He took part in operations in Sicily, Salerno and the major campaign on the assault in Cassino. There was a large loss of life in the heavy fighting; in one exchange the battalion lost 100 men in 2 minutes. It was during these exchanges Captain Wakefield won the Victoria Cross. The battalion then moved north, pushing German first parachute regiment back. My father was one of the lucky few to survive and the battalion then moved back to Greece at the outbreak of the Greek civil war. When fighting ended the battalion settled down to peace keeping duties. Father ended his war in Crete taking charge of surrendered German soldiers.

Father returned from war in 1946, to a much changed world. The VE celebrations had passed and he spent his first few months in hospital suffering from jaundice.

The following 10 years were spent working on the farm. He enjoyed playing darts in local pubs and was a member of the village bowls team.

Father married Monica Branton of Kettleburgh in January 1956, and moved over the road to Chestnut Tree Farm. Heather was born on Christmas Day of that year and I followed in May 1959.

Times were hard on a small family farm; father and mother worked tirelessly to provide a loving home for Heather and I. To me it was the perfect place to be a child. However busy, Father always took the time to take me fishing and shooting. His main interest outside farming was gardening. He would look forward to the village shows and entering the flower and vegetable competitions. However hard he tried he was normally beaten by a Mr P. Arbon.

After school and college I returned home to work on the farm. Father and I worked together for 10 years, not without our disagreements as I may have inherited some of his forthright tendencies.

Eventually both Heather and I left home to get married, although neither of us seemed to be in a great hurry. After a while, Father was delighted to become a Grandfather to Hollie and Harry, or 'Grandad chicken' as he became known. This brought out his gentler and softer side and he found great pleasure in passing on his skills and knowledge of the country life.

Unfortunately, the years were not kind to my mother's health; it slowly deteriorated over a number of years. Father was on hand to give whatever help he could but found it difficult

to watch her health fail. Father and mother celebrated their golden wedding anniversary even though mother was in hospital at the time.

After mother passed away, on 18th August 2005, Father continued to live at Chestnut Tree Farm. He looked after himself and kept busy with hedging, ditching, grass cutting, chickens and generally telling me how things should be done.

He immersed himself into village activities and became a regular whist and crib player, where his competitive nature was still evident. He would always say he was “unlucky” when he lost and would add that he hadn’t been dealt the right cards.

His weekly routine became Thursday coffee mornings followed by a fish and chip lunch at The Queen. It was here that he looked forward to chatting to old friends and making new ones. On Saturday he enjoyed the old boy’s lunch kindly provided by Tony and Sue Etheridge and Sundays again at The Queen for roast beef with John Elliot.

Father was fortunate to have had excellent health throughout his life and was very active until very recently. Only a week before his death, a local machinery dealer phoned me up to ask if it was alright to sell him a new chainsaw. I replied that no-one has ever been able to stop father doing what he wanted to do, least of all me!

My father’s memory and spirit will live on at both Chestnut Tree Farm and Hill Farm in the hedges, trees and land which he cared for so diligently over the years.

Hollie (17), granddaughter, gave us this delightful summary of Basil –
My Grandad was...

- A Suffolk Farmer
- A Soldier
- A competent gardener, specialising in runner beans and dahlias
- A connoisseur of pickled onions
- A hen keeper, providing the village with eggs
- A walker, effortlessly scaling ‘the three hills’ daily with or without a dog
- An avid reader, and believer of The East Anglian Daily Times
- Probably the most reliable weatherman in England
- A mathematician – he would certainly give Carol Vordeman a run for her money and could even complete his VAT return without a calculator.
- Definitely not a vegetarian
- A dedicated hedge cutter – with shears, or, more recently a hedge-cutter
- A lover of Suffolk Punches, and indeed all animals
- A crib and whist enthusiast
- A treacherous driver – arriving in Framlingham weekly without the aid of 3rd, 4th or 5th gear! (He never had an accident I hasten to add)
- Would never have been seen out without a hat
- Sociable, attending, without fail, weekly lunches with Tony and Sue, and Thursday coffee mornings
- The source of wisdom and knowledge in its entirety; a Norman.

My Grandad is ...

- Irreplaceable

Harry, grandson, read Psalm 121 to us at the Thanksgiving, a country man's Psalm, written by David, full of his experience and faith "I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Written by a man who knew, a man who valued the countryside, he can see God, he can see his maker in the hills and fields, his own fields so carefully tended. This Psalm is for Basil, a man who cares, a man who is faithful, a man who loves his fellow men, his family, and all God's creation. It is good to learn from this great faithfulness as we thank God for Basil's life. May he rest in peace.

We send our sympathy, love and prayers to Heather, Daniel, Sarah, Hollie and Harry.
May God bless you and bring comfort. GV

ROY DENNY

Again, with sadness we record the death of Roy Denny, aged 72 years, suddenly at his home 2 Hillside, Kirton, Felixstowe. Roy had been the partner of Daphne Aitken (who died on 5th July 2008) living at 1 Constable Court as well as Kirton. They had been a couple for at least twelve years. A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Roy took place at Kirton Methodist Chapel on Friday 12th September conducted by the Minister Rev Rob Annins. The chapel was full with family and people from the various aspects of Roy's life as well as good representation from Kettleburgh. Following the service the minister went with the coffin to the crematorium in Ipswich. May Roy rest in peace.

Roy was born in Stanton, one of seven children, four boys and three girls; two of the boys have died this year. The service was organised by his sister Pam, and Les her husband, who live in Kirton, another sister lives in the USA. Roy's father was a miller with Pauls, working at their mill in Felixstowe, the family living at Lodge Farm, Kirton. Roy was at school in Kirton and Felixstowe, leaving at 15 to work on the land but always interested in shooting and vermin control. In the early 70's he worked for MAAF in their Coypu control throughout Suffolk and Norfolk until the job was done, then he continued with rabbit control. Roy's life was full with so many aspects of game; he would go brushing, grouse shooting in Scotland, pheasant and partridge shooting. Fishing too, he was a founder of the Kingsfleet Fishing Club. He loved to go fishing from a boat on the Deben, he would talk at length about catching sea bass as they came over the River Deben bar.

Another interest was cars, he loved his old BMW. Gardening; Roy had a full vegetable garden, keeping his own seed, always his crops were early and full. Roy was a real countryman, a man who was likeable, kind, interested in the good in other people, a faithful man – especially as he cared for Daphne. We thank God for Roy's life and send our warm sympathy to Pam and all his family; may God bring comfort and bless them all at this sad time. GV

PAST EVENTS

MAVERICK FESTIVAL

A good time was had by all at the first Maverick Music Festival held at Easton Farm Park at the end of August. We were very lucky with the weather and around 1,000 people enjoyed professional and local musicians together with excellent performances from local school children. The Festival was rounded off on the Sunday with a brunch and concert featuring a choir from the BBC's Last Choir Standing.

With thanks to all those who helped with the organisation, stewarding and cooking the brunch, we look forward to a bigger and better Festival next year. *Bridgette Chase*

CATS' PROTECTION COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 4th September 2008

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning, held to help the volunteers of the Framlingham and Saxmundham Branch, who work tirelessly to rescue abandoned, injured and pregnant cats and kittens (some become pregnant as early as 4 months – poor little mites).

The guest speaker was Ms Innis Cloete, BVSc, MRCVS, who told us that the national organisation rescues over 65,000 cats/kittens every year. The event raised £480. God gave us a fine morning and the Ipswich Community Band entertained us splendidly with music. Chairs were provided by Mr Darren Bishop who kindly collected them, and the tea urn, from the village hall, and returned them later in the day.

Kathleen Lusted

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 6th Sept. was the annual produce show. I was one of the stewards to go round with the judge for the cookery section. It's amazing what tips you pick up; for instance the difference between coming 1st and 2nd with your jam may be as simple as the wrong lid or a sticky jar, and please make sure you fill your jar (but not right to the top) –it always settles a bit when cooling, I find. My apple scone round was “puddeny” in the middle. I didn't let on it was mine, but of course scones should be made on the day!

The winner of the coffee sponge was Mrs Ruby Peck, 91 on 12th Sept, so you are never too young or too old to have a go - you never know you might win! *Pat Peck*

The 2008 show attracted 46 competitors who staged a fantastic array of flowers, fruit, vegetables and cookery in the village hall. It was great to see several new entrants and I hope they will be encouraged to enter in future years. This year we had more entries in the children's classes than in recent years and our thanks to their parents for encouraging them to enter. All the judges commented on the high standard of the entries and on the helpfulness of our stewards. This year a new trophy in memory of Geoffrey Goddard was awarded for the best exhibit in the rose classes and the first winner was Mr Ivan Leach.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the preparation and running of the show and with the teas, and to all who supported the draw and the auction of produce; these two items help to make the show viable. If you have any ideas for new classes for next year or for the subjects for the photographs please let us know, we really would welcome some suggestions.

*Claire Norman
Kettleburgh Village Produce Association*

HISTORC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

The forecast was good but the day before it had rained solidly all day.

At five in the morning there was a pea-souper fog, by eight it was clearing nicely and by nine the sun was trying to squeeze through. The spiders webs were incredible everywhere, hung with diamond droplets.

The day was perfect, a bit of sunshine to warm us and the lightest of breeze to cool us when we got too hot.

There were biscuits and drinks, apples and sweeties at various churches to help us on our way.

There was a wedding at Marlesford and another at Woodbridge with a "stretch Limo". Bees were humming in ivy, we saw squirrels and dragonflies and at Hacheston a grass snake basking in the sunshine. We visited 30 churches – altogether a lovely day. Why don't you join us next year?

Jade Pickering and Pat Peck

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

The September draw winners were;

First prize Colin Matthews, of 2, Pond Piece, Brandeston.

Second prize The late Dr. Anthony Fletcher, of The Old Wheelwrights, Brandeston.

Don Evans

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Winners for September 5th were

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| 1st Prize | Ray & Sheila Seal |
| 2nd Prize | Helen Kay |

NOTICES

Diesel Theft WARNING!

Thieves could target your premises to steal diesel.
Review your storage and security to reduce the chance of diesel thefts.
These simple measures could help you protect your stored diesel:

- Secure the perimeter eg a gate on the driveway
- Alarm the tank/use a locking cap
- View - screen the tank from view
- Ensure vicinity of tank is illuminated by PIR light*

- Insurance - check you are covered
- Telltale pipe work - cover or shield from view

* Passive infrared

Any suspicious vehicles or persons calling at your premises should be reported. Try to give the registration numbers and makes of vehicles. Give the best description that you can of the persons involved.

Telephone Suffolk Police on 01473 613500, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Remember if your call is urgent dial 999

NEW HYMN BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

The Parochial Church Councils of Brandeston, Kettleburgh and Easton Churches have all agreed to a proposal to purchase new hymn books. This will mean that, in all three Churches, we will all be “singing from the same song sheet”.

The hymn book to be bought is “Hymns Old and New , New Anglican Edition” a recent and comprehensive collection of some 570 hymns within a hard binding, including all the old favourites and a considerable number of good new hymns. The new book will replace both “Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised”, a hymn book first issued in 1950 and currently in use in Brandeston and Kettleburgh Churches, and the book currently used in Easton Church, “The Anglican Hymn Book”, which was originally published in 1965. The purchase of books for all three churches will enable the best possible price to be negotiated with the publisher. The quoted prices are £7.99 for words only and £18.99 for the full music edition, but these prices should be discounted due to the numbers of copies being purchased.

It is thought that some people might like to donate a copy of the new hymn book to their Church. This would be very generous of them, and their gift would be marked with an appropriate inscription inside the front cover of their book. Alternatively, members of

congregations who wish to purchase a copy for their own use, either of the words only or full music edition, may do so, availing themselves of the discounted prices offered.

Anyone wishing either to donate or purchase a copy are asked to complete an order form and post it in the box provided in their Church. Order forms will be available in all three Churches throughout October, and the order will be finalised on 31 October.

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KETTLEBURGH TOWN ESTATE CHARITY

This parish charity is, at the discretion of the trustees, able to make small grants to first year students in higher education who live in Kettleburgh. Any resident who will be starting a course at college or university this autumn should make application in writing **before 31st October** to the secretary, Valerie Upson, Fieldings, Kettleburgh. *VU*

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

TIMES PAST

Recently Brandeston was visited by descendents of one of the Chapel pastors from the late 19th Century. This resulted in research which throws a different light on happenings at the end of that century. The Reverend Garwood Ingate came to the village with his family in 1889 and worked here for nearly five years.

The Ingates with their nine children came from Bungay where Garwood had been a printer's reader and local preacher. The Framlingham Weekly News was informative about their life.

In those days the Chapel made a great celebration of Good Friday and Whitsun. The paper reported that at Easter 1890 'in the interval between the afternoon meeting and tea, the pretty village street presented quite a holiday appearance with the perambulations of the young people.' It is also understood that after the service the congregation would eat hot cross buns and play marbles down the village street.

On Whit Sunday, May 26th, a Bazaar was held in Mr Bedwell's meadow which was behind the Chapel. There was a swing boat too, which could hold ten people. Mrs Anna Ingate helped on the 'Useful Articles Stall,' Florence Ingate, the eldest daughter assisted on the 'Flower Stall' while younger daughter Maud had a job on the 'Post Office' one.

The paper showed that Mr Ingate had liberal sympathies as he chaired a meeting in 1891 which supported the Member of Parliament of that party. Another sidelight is given of life in the village, when in March 1892, a Cookery Class Examination was held at which

Anna Ingate acted as one of the three judges. The candidates had to make fancy bread, and fillet and cook plaice. Three prizes were given of 10 shillings, 5 shillings and 2/6d. This was part of the East Suffolk County Council Technical Instruction Scheme and was followed by examinations in mensuration, bookkeeping and ploughing at which the Rev Ingate took an important part.

The summer of 1892 saw the anniversary of the Congregational Sabbath Sunday School. Afterwards the children were given a treat in Mr Bedwell's meadow, together with each child being given 'a useful present' The winter of '92-'93 was the backcloth to a series of social gatherings in the Chapel Vestry, which included recitations and music. Each December the Ingate family were given a present of money by the Congregation as a Christmas greeting.

The peak of treats for the Chapel Sunday School, which would have included the Ingate children, came in 1893 when, after a 5.30am start, a reserved railway carriage took the children, teachers and the Rev Ingate to Aldeburgh. There they enjoyed a day on the beach including a mouth watering dinner and tea, before leaving by the 7.05pm train. Arriving at Campsea Ashe, buns and apples were served before the party embarked in vans for home, which they reached at 8.30 in the evening. What a day to remember!

On July 1st 1894 Garwood Ingate closed his ministry in Brandeston and the family moved to Beccles where Florence died at the age of 20, perhaps of the dreaded tuberculosis.

However Mr Ingate returned to preach again, just before Christmas. He took three services with a congregation of 97 in the morning, 137 in the afternoon and 131 in the evening. The Framlingham Weekly News, after giving these figures, commented that the weather was 'unfavourable'. Worshippers would have come from Brandeston (population 413) and neighbouring villages, particularly Kettleburgh, Hoo, Monewden and Cretingham, where there were no chapels. What a wonderful sight it must have been to see these crowds assembled together for worship.

The Brandeston archive has several photographs if anyone is interested.

WMW

Correction to September issue:- The Constable was Edward Pope and not Edward Pole – sincere apologies.

VB

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, or e-mail valerie.butcher@talk21.com, tel: 724777.
