

**THE PARISHES OF
BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH**

Dear Friends

It was great news to hear that Easton and Brandeston are, respectively, winner and runner up in Suffolk Coastal's 2009 Village of the Year award.

This recognition deserves to be celebrated, for it really is an achievement. The award has little to do with the "best kept village". The criteria on which the judging panel base their decision takes only passing account of the appearance of people's gardens or the lack of litter. What makes a village isn't just its houses or its street, or even local bus services or dustbin emptying! It is people who make it what it is.

In submitting a village for consideration, its Parish Council offers a description of what life is like for the people living in their village, young and old, families and those who live alone. I am often told, "our village is a good place to live", and this year's award is recognition of just that. Neighbourliness doesn't just happen, and it is good that it should be recognised.

In October, we will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving in our churches in accordance with the best rural tradition. And I hope this year that we can broaden our thankfulness to embrace not just the harvest from which we all benefit but also the quality of the life that we share in our communities; the giving and receiving and all the shared interests and activities that go on among neighbours, and the care and concern, felt and shown, for the welfare of individuals and groups of people.

I also hope that, during our Harvest Thanksgiving, we will not just be thinking about our own lives and communities, but that we can find ways looking outwards and acknowledging our place in the wider world. After all, in today's world our neighbours aren't just the people next door. Here in the Deben Valley, we can take so much for granted; as we express thankfulness for our lives it is right to remember those for whom life is harder. There are places in the world where people struggle, and it is of them that we should think as we celebrate our own thanks-giving.

St Francis of Assisi, who rejoiced in his own poverty and constantly praised God for every aspect of creation, reminds us that "It is in giving that we receive." Through such thankfulness, praise and concern for others we shall remind ourselves that this world is a good place in which to be alive.

With best wishes

Robin Alderson

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Elders: Mrs Mary Baker	685807
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Churchwardens: Mr John Bater	723532
Mrs Valerie Upson	723078

Dear Friends

Robin

DIARY FOR OCTOBER NOVEMBER 20092008		
Saturday 1st	9:00a.m	<u>Kettleburgh Churchyard Tidy</u> – Bring some tools
Thursday 6 th	10am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> inc 100+ Club Draw at 11am
Friday 7 th	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 8 th		<u>Bonfire Party</u> at Brandeston
Sunday 9 th	10am 10.50am	<u>Remembrance Sunday Services</u> at Easton at Kettleburgh
Tuesday 11 th	11am	<u>Short time of Remembrance</u> at the War Memorials at Brandeston, Kettleburgh and Easton.
Friday 14 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club ‘The Painted Veil’</u> – see below.

Saturday 22 nd	7.30pm	<u>Neil Lanham's ' Ruby and Her Horses ' at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.</u>
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	<u>Kettleburgh Breakfast</u> at village hall
Thursday 1 st	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> at Village Hall
Friday 2 nd	10am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 2 nd	7 for 7.30pm start	<u>Brandeston Whist Drive</u> at Village Hall
Sun 4 th	10am – 5.30pm	<u>Monewden Blacksmith's Shop</u> - see below
Friday 9 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club – “The Lives of Others”</u> at Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 10 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Harvest Horkey</u> – see below.
Sunday 11 th	5.30 & 6.45pm	<u>Kettleburgh Harvest Festival & Supper</u> – see below.
Saturday 17 th	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Harvest Hop</u> at Village Hall – see below.
Monday 19 th	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall – see below.
Friday 23 rd	7pm for 7.30 start	<u>More Melodeon Magic</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 25 th	9.00am	<u>Autumn “Kettle”</u> at Church Farm, Kettleburgh – see below.
Friday 30 th	7pm for 7.30 start	<u>Brandeston Whist Drive</u> at Village Hall
Saturday 31 st		<u>Quiz Night</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 29 th	8pm ‘til late	<u>The Fat Band</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

October 9th – “The Lives of Others”, starring Martina Gedeck, Ulrich Muhe & Sebastian Koch. In 1984 East Berlin, an agent of the secret police, conducting surveillance on a writer and his lover, finds himself becoming increasingly absorbed by their lives.

November 13th – James Bond “Quantum of Solace” – starring Daniel Craig. The latest Bond thriller.

December 11th – “A Christmas Carol” – starring Reginald Owen, Gene Lockhart & Kathleen Lockart. 1938 version of the Dicken’s great classic Christmas story.

Sue Thurlow

BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVES. – Friday 2nd and 30th October

You are cordially invited to either or both of the above Whist Drives at Brandeston Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm. Just £2.50 per person for each evening, which will include tasty refreshments. If you are at all interested in taking part, please phone Rick or Pam Reade on 685920 so that we can approximate the number of tables required. New members with no prior knowledge of Whist are especially welcome.

Pam & Rick Reade

MONEDDEN BLACKSMITH'S SHOP

Open Sunday Oct 4th from 10am – 5.30pm.

The last open day this year – don't miss it!

Blacksmiths, carpenters and wheelwrights tools, farm and country bygones, plus some new additions. Many examples of Hector and Mary Moore's work from Brandeston Forge. Special guest: Ray Hubbard, Suffolk horseman and musical entertainer.

Admission free – further details 685354 or 01473 737583.

Mary Moore

BRANDESTON HARVEST HORKEY

The Horkey will be in the evening again this year on Saturday, 10th October starting at 7.30 pm. All welcome of course – do come along and enjoy the village supper and fun afterwards. Please watch out for posters advertising this event giving more details.

Tickets available from the Brandeston Coffee Morning on Thursday mornings or from Sue Thurlow on 685673 or Darryl Morgan on 685378. Last day of ticket sales will be Thursday 8th October.

Sue Thurlow

KETTLEBURGH HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our service of thanksgiving will take place at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 11th October at 5.30pm and any flowers or produce for decorating the church should be taken on the Friday or Saturday. Please come to the service to thank God for the fruits of the earth and bring your gifts of packaged food, which is greatly appreciated by 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

KETTLEBURGH HARVEST HOP

Tickets are going fast for the Village Hall Harvest Hop on Saturday 17th October. The fun starts at 7.30 pm, with live music from the famous local duo John Ward and Mario Price, an equally famous supper, a bar, a draw and a positively amazing post supper dramatic interlude - The Kettlesomer Murders! See if you can solve the dastardly crimes before Inspector Tom Bumbleby and Sergeant Gloy put their mighty sleuthing skills to the task. Tempted? Get your tickets by phoning 01728 723623. They cost £8.50 and are worth every penny. Any profits will go to the Village Hall.

Liz Marzetti

MARDLE – Monday 19th

John Sculpher of Wickham Market will talk about the exciting opportunities there are for travelling across Europe by rail. Eurostar already links access to France, Belgium and Germany, but will soon be extending to Eastern and Southern Europe. In these days of panic about global warming, this preferred mode of travel should be of great interest. Venue as usual, Easton and Letheringham Village Hall, start 7.30pm. Admission £6 including drinks and canapés. Everyone welcome, proceeds to Church Restoration Fund.

Sylvia Keene

MORE MELODEON MAGIC

Another evening of Traditional Music and Suffolk Squit at Brandeston Village Hall on Friday October 23rd, 7pm for a 7.30 start. Glass of wine, refreshments, draw. Tickets £8 from Mary Moore (685354) and Valerie Follows (01473 737583), and Brandeston Coffee Morning. Book early, there's a waiting list!

Proceeds in aid of Carriage Driving for the Disabled.

Mary Moore

HELP please.....The **AUTUMN AUTO JUMBLE** will be held on Sunday 25th October starting at 9.00 am. . . . the clocks will have gone back. It includes classic and vintage motorcycles and the usual tractor spares, bygones, quality old tools and boat jumble and proceeds will go to Kettleburgh Village Hall

We need your help as usual with car parking and in the refreshment marquee. If you could give us an hour of your time please contact either John on 723532 or Derek on 724858.

DH

BRANDESTON QUIZ NIGHT

Autumn quiz night in Brandeston village hall on Saturday, 31st October. Come and test your skills against the quiz master – entries of teams of 6 member to Lucy Daykin

(685438) please by Friday, 30th October. Look out for posters giving more details. There will be light refreshments included in the ticket price of £5 per person.

Sue Thurlow

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

FILM CLUB

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

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



KETTLEBURGH BREAKFAST

It's that time of year again- the Kettleburgh Breakfast is back! Yes, on Sunday November 23rd 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: 01728 723900 Helen Kay

In aid of Kettleburgh Green Trust.

VILLAGE DANCE WITH THE FAT BAND – SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

To all those who have already reserved tickets – apologies, but the Fat Band are unable to commit to the 6th 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

or

Caroline 01728 723315 Email: caltosh@sky.com

ADVANCED NOTICES

Sun 1 st Nov.	5.30pm	Songs of Praise at Easton Church – see below.
Sat 7 th Nov		Brandeston Bonfire Night
Sat 28 th Nov		Dancing to Tyler Kemp (live band) at Brandeston Village Hall
Sat. 13 th December	5:00p.m	Kettleburgh Christmas Tree Lighting

CHURCH DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
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

BENEFICE SONGS OF PRAISE

You are invited to join us for a benefice Songs of Praise and fill the church with the sound of your favourite hymns. This is a singing event rather than a service. Just as you see on television (but without the cameras!).

Easton Church - Sunday 1st November at 5.30 pm.

To choose your favourite hymn, please email Colin Haysom at colinhaysom@tiscali.co.uk by Sunday 25th October. The eight hymns with the most votes will be sung.

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 14th September 2008.

A service of thanksgiving, a celebration for Trevor's life, was held at Ipswich Crematorium on Friday 26th 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*

FROM THE REGISTERS

BASIL NORMAN

With sadness we record the death of Basil Norman (aged 84 years) of Chestnut Tree Farm, Friday Street, Brandeston, who died suddenly in Ipswich Hospital on Friday 22nd August 2008. Basil's wife Monica (née Branton, a Kettleburgh family) died on 18th June 2005 – since then he had lived alone at the farm. Basil and Monica had two children; Heather and Daniel, married to Sarah with their children Holly and Tom. Basil's birthday is on 21st April, he enjoyed to celebrate this being the same day as HM The Queen. Basil was a very faithful man to his family, to the countryside, the community and to his country. Basil served in the army all the last war and beyond in the Royal Hampshire Regiment, 4th Battalion, being de-mobbed in 1946. His service took him to the North African desert, the battle of Mount Casino in Italy and lastly for some time in Crete where he fought terrorists after the war ended. It was always interesting to hear him tell his war stories.

Basil was born and brought up at Hill Farm, Friday Street; moving to Chestnut Tree Farm on the death of his grandmother, the farms having been in the Norman family for at least four generations. He was a great countryman, a custodian of the farm knowing every tree and hedgerow as he worked closely with nature. How he loved his hens, the ponies and even to keep his old farm machines. He was greatly loved as a good father, grandfather and friend; good and interesting company. We thank God for Basil's life. May he rest in peace.

There will be a funeral, service of thanksgiving for Basil's life, followed by interment, at All Saints' Church, Brandeston on Thursday 4th September at 2.00pm.

We send our sympathy, love and prayers to Heather, Daniel, Sarah, Holly and Tom. God bless you and bring you comfort. *GV*

PAST EVENTS

THE BIKE RIDE – Saturday 12th September

It was a perfect day for the bike ride. For the first time this year it started at 9am, so people were about early. 72 people visited All Saints Church and 60 visited the Chapel in Mill Lane.

Thanks to all the sitters, bikers and sponsors and to Peter for the decorated Bike by the Church gate, which was greatly admired.
More details in the November mag.

Ruth Garratt



CHEESE & WINE EXPERIENCE – SOLD OUT

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

Just a couple of reviews received about the evening, held on 20th 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

Kettleburgh Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest celebrations took place this year on 12th 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

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for September 2009:-
1st prize – Nick Holland-Brown
2nd prize – Tim Everson

Next draw – Thursday 1st October 2009 at the village hall

The winners for October were:-

First Phyll Shaw
Second Sue Thurlow

The November draw will take place at the village hall on Thursday 6th November.

Mark Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Winners of the draw held on 4th September 2009

FIRST PRIZE - Iain Sanderson
SECOND PRIZE - Pat & Roger Bishop

Winners on 3rd October were:-
1st Prize Graham Hillier
2nd Prize David Harris

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NOTICES

TABLE TENNIS at Brandeston Village Hall

Table tennis starts again Wednesday 30th September, 7.30 – 9.30pm. Everyone welcome.
Sorry this didn't get in the Sept mag.

Ruth Garratt

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.

BRANDESTON RECIPE BOOK

A group of Brandeston residents are putting together a recipe book to raise money for the church. We would like the book to be ready to sell at the Christmas Fair. We hope that people will contribute their "family favourites" as often the best recipes are those that have been handed down. If you have a recipe that you are happy to share please could you send it (handwritten or typed) to:

Ann Hoole – 3, Pond Piece

Clemency Cunliffe – The Broadhurst, The Street

Helen Fletcher – 53 The Street, or e-mail helen.fletcher@btinternet.com.

- **isNEWS 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 6th 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 1st November 2008 at The Old Mill House, Saxtead Green, at 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome.

Good hunting!

Graham Vellacott

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

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 Heywood

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

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15th of each month to: Mrs Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Road, Kettleburgh,
or e-mail valerie.butcher@talk21.com, tel: 724777. Covers are always welcome too!

TIMES PAST

Recently there have been enquiries in Kettleburgh about the Ling family. The story begins when the Framlingham Weekly News of July 26th 1884 reported that the estate of the late Mr Jackson had been sold to Mr A Ling for £440.0.0. It consisted of a double dwelling house, small shop, warehouse etc. with 3 acres, 2 rods and 22 perches of arable and pasture land with a messuage in 2 tenements.

Subsequently Alfred Ling and his wife settled into today's Corner House with their son and three daughters. Mr Ling was a pork butcher and his shop also sold general commodities, served by the womenfolk of the family. The Lings were staunch non-conformists and Sundays would see them, often in single file, walking to the Congregational Church, now Chapel House at the top of Brandeston Street, where they would worship.

In 1910 the Ling's eldest daughter, Martha married John Bedwell, the carpenter son of Brandeston's builder. The Bedwell family lived at what is now Carpenters and 31, The Street. Then it was a house in three tenements where the newly weds occupied the central section.

By the time the war came in 1914 John and Martha had moved to West View, the end part of Corner House, Kettleburgh. John was an older man of 41 and afflicted by ill health, died of bronchitis in France in 1917.

In 1923 Alfred Ling, then 88 years of age collapsed and died; he had not seen a doctor for 45 years. Robert Ling and his two unmarried sisters continued to run the shop. Robert had a business delivering coal using a horse and cart. It is remembered in the village that Gertie and Rosa used twists of paper to form small bags when sweets were bought by the children. After Robert died in 1942, having been Congregational Church Secretary for over 30 years, the two spinster sisters moved into Arthur's Cottage.

It is recalled that they hardly ever left the village and dressed in a Victorian manner, wearing long blue dresses with white aprons edged with broderie anglaise and mob caps. Normally they were sweet old ladies but they did not get on well together and were in a constant state of either open warfare or armed truce. They shared a double bed but this had a curtain hung down the centre.

Their cottage has a long front garden with a path that ran up the middle. Each sister cultivated half the garden, one grew fruit, the other vegetables. They used to sell the fruit and vegetables to each other! If one thought that the other was over charging she would escalate the state of war and they would battle it out up and down the front path, using line props in the manner of civil war pikemen.

Rosa was known throughout the village as Nosy Rosy as every time something happened her curtains would twitch. Mains water was eventually installed in the parish but Rosy refused to drink it as "it didn't have the same flavour" as from the pump. The sisters were somewhat frugal and it is remembered that one sister remarked that she had cooked half a boiled egg for her sister.

The 1960's saw the death of the three women, Gertie, Martha and Rosa. However the family name still lives on in Kettleburgh as Ling's Field, four houses, built in 1968, celebrate their residence in the village.

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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, 4th 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 17th 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 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment.

On April 11th 1917 at Wancourt during the Battle of Arras, (the 1st 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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