

THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

A couple of Fridays ago, I needed to retrieve something from the vestry of one of our churches. As I opened the Church door I was delighted to discover that my visit coincided with the flowers being arranged and the weekly cleaning being done; it was a wonderful opportunity to encounter people who work for the church other than on Sunday mornings.

From the cleaning team I heard about, and was able to inspect the evidence of visits by other less welcome users of the Church. As John Betjeman's church mouse tells us, its . . .

. . . "annoying when one finds
That other mice with pagan minds
Come into church my food to share
Who have no proper business there."

He then goes on to list some of the visitors and their unfortunate habits. However endearing Betjeman's animal reflections, the unfortunate evidence of intrusions into our Churches by mice or bats is both clear and unpleasant and was certainly annoying to those whose Friday morning task was to clear up. In these environmentally-aware times, we not allowed to discourage bats in any way, but happily we are still permitted to deter mice in whatever way we can.

But the encounter served to remind me that our Church buildings are regarded either as some form of "home" or at any rate as a quiet retreat by all sorts of often unseen visitors, and I do not just mean by animals. For there is an almost continuous stream of people who pass through the doors of our churches to whom the building itself offers its unique sort of welcome.

There are various categories of investigative visitors; students of history, readers of the story told by the fabric of the building itself and, in our cases, beautifully and clearly retold in the texts of the Church Guides to our three Churches; there are individual researchers looking for antecedents buried in the churchyard or for names recorded on war memorials, or more general traces of a family presence in a parish whose fondly remembered name represented "home" to earlier generations.

And there are other, some regular, some occasional, some first time visitors, looking for a moments' pause in a busy life, for whom a quiet Church represents a brief retreat into silence, a space to grapple with some personal problem or ponder issues of life or death, a place to offer prayer it-matters-not whether unaccustomed or habitual, inarticulate or specific.

And I am reminded that all these visitors bring something to the Church or take something with them; and I'm not thinking of the animal evidence discovered that Friday, which I classify along with thieves and vandals who occasionally make their mark.

Although they usually remain unseen and often unacknowledged, the flower arrangers and cleaners themselves leave evidence of their visit, evidence appreciated by next Sunday's worshippers who will find the building looking brighter and more beautiful and more prepared for worship.

And I am thinking of the interest and appreciation that those many other visitors bring, their family memories or other enthusiasms, often recorded with a brief word of acknowledgement in the visitors book. And I am thinking, gratefully, of the prayers offered, the inward transformation received, the cares and anxieties left behind by all who come looking for those un-marked moments of quiet.

I wonder what your experience is of bringing and of taking away, when you visit the sacred space offered by our Church building.

With best wishes

Robin Alderson

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Dear Friends

Robin

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER SEPTEMBER 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'</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	<u>Kettleburgh Breakfast</u> at village hall
Thursday 3 rd	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> at Village Hall
Friday 4 th	10am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 4 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club – “The Duchess”</u> at Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 5 th	2.30pm	<u>Village Produce Show</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Thursday 10 th	7.30pm	<u>First audition for Kettleburgh Pantomime</u> in Kettleburgh Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there. <i>Liz Marzetti</i>
Saturday 12 th		<u>Historic Churches Cycle Ride</u>
Monday 21 st		<u>‘Mardle’</u> at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall –

		see below.
Saturday 29 th	8pm 'til late	<u>The Fat Band</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

The September date will be a week earlier than normal on September 4th. The film showing is "The Duchess" starring Keira Knightly, Ralph Fiennes & Charlotte Rampling. A chronicle of the life of 18th century aristocrat Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, who was reviled for her extravagant political and personal life.

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

THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE

The Church Bike Ride will take place this year on Saturday 12th September. The only change will be that it will start at 9am instead of 10am, and will finish at 5pm instead of 6pm. It is a fun day for all, whether you cycle alone or in a group (weather permitting).

We need riders and sitters at the Church and Chapel in Brandeston and at the Church in Kettleburgh. Sponsor forms and lists of churches to visit are now available from Ruth Garratt (685233) or Pat Peck (621144).

Ruth Garratt

'MARDLE'

Steve Western's talk about his experiences while participating in an Antarctic Survey is sure to be an interesting and amusing evening – we would love to have our hall absolutely full of people. Newcomers most welcome.

Admission £6, drinks and canapés included – all proceeds to Letheringham Church Fabric Fund.

Sylvia Keene

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:

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ADVANCED NOTICES

Fri 2 nd October	7 for 7.30pm	Brandeston Whist Drive – see below.
Sun 4 th October	10am – 5.30pm	Monewden Blacksmith’s Shop - see below
Sat 10 th October		Brandeston Harvest Horkey – see below.
Sun 11 th October	5.30 & 6.45pm	Kettleburgh Harvest Festival & Supper
Sun 25 th October		Autumn “Kettle” at Church Farm, Kettleburgh
Fri 30 th October		Quiz Night at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Sat 7 th November		Brandeston Bonfire Night
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

ARE YOU READY TO SHUFFLE ? THE FAMED BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE IS DUE TO RE-COMMENCE SHORTLY.

Although due to re-start in late September, please note that the next Brandeston Whist Drive will take place at Brandeston Village Hall on Friday, 2nd October 2009. This will be followed by the normal October Whist Drive on Friday, 30th October. Please make a note of the dates in your diary if you are interested in attending either or both of these functions. As usual, the emphasis of the evening will be aimed at enjoyment, with first-class refreshments being provided during the interval.

Brandeston Whist Drives are open to all adults, regardless of skill levels at Whist. Newcomers to the game are especially welcome. Entry costs a mere £2.50 for each evening, with doors opening at 7.00 p.m. for a prompt start at 7.30 p.m. If you are interested in attending please telephone Pam or Rick Reade on Brandeston 685920 so that we can approximate the number of tables required.

Pam and 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 p.m. 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

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

BRANDESTON BAPTISM

We happily record the Baptism of **Ella Grace Harris**, aged two months, who was baptised on Sunday August 16th in All Saints' Church. Ella is the much loved little daughter of Richard and Kate Harris who live in Stowmarket. However, they have considerable connections with Brandeston as Richard is an old boy of Brandeston Hall, they were married in 2005 in All Saints' and Ruby, aged three was baptised in August 2006. Ella was quite young for baptism; this was because Kate's parents who live in Australia needed to return to their home in Perth. Following the baptism a happy party, in the sunshine, was held at Brandeston Village Hall with much activity on the playing field.

We send our love and good wishes to the family and our prayers especially for Ella that she may grow up to be strong and fit, and that she may come to know and love God.

Graham Vellacott

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 Granddad, 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

AUTO JUMBLE - JULY

Wonderful weather, great stand holders, hundreds of visitors all added up to yet another brilliant auto jumble - the sixth. The money raised was divided between Cancer Campaign in Suffolk, Kettleburgh Church Fabric Fund and Kettleburgh Village Hall. The success of this event is entirely due to the number of people who come but mainly, of

course, to the willing helpers from the village on the car parks, the refreshment area and barbeque and we do thank everyone - too many to mention individually. We could not do it without you.

The 'Autumn Kettle' will be on the boil again, as mentioned briefly at the last coffee morning, on Sunday, 25th October and the committee will be asking for similar help.

John Bater & Derek Holt.

THE BOOTS OR BAGS CONCERT

On Saturday, 15 August, Brandeston Village Hall was privileged to host two talented entertainers who flew in from Germany to a fund raising concert in aid of Mid Suffolk Driving for the Disabled.

Joanna Scott-Douglas (daughter of Patience who lives in Mutton Lane) and Pascal Gentner, a German-French citizen of North Germany, captivated a large and appreciative audience with a powerful, humorous but at times sensitive, vulnerable and thought provoking programme of lyrics written and sung by Jo. Her lovely, true voice accompanied by herself on the bodhran (Irish drum), blended perfectly with Pascal's inspired and catchy rhythms, melodies and vocal harmony on guitar and keyboard, all cleverly arranged into a variety of folk-pop songs.

Janet Weston

DRIVING FOR THE DISABLED: BOOTS OR BAGS CONCERT

Those involved in the Mid Suffolk Driving for the Disabled are very grateful for the wonderful support we always receive from the people of Brandeston and from Jackie O'Brien who is in charge of letting out the hall. We especially want to thank Darryl Morgan for all his help and without whom we would never have been able to put up the staging.

We made £864 with which we are delighted. Both our ponies are now 16 years old and will need replacing one day. I hope some of you spoke to our disabled members who were there on 15 August and learnt how much their outings with us mean to them.

We could not have added to our funds in this splendid way without the generosity of Green Thumb who lent us the marquee and of Richard and Mary Mitson-Woods who put it up and took it down – not a five minute job. Brandeston Hall School lent us the staging and the piano and transported them for us. Lady Ann Thorne arranged and donated the beautiful flowers. Peter and Sue Rainbird and Chris and Mary-Jane McArthur donated the wine.

We would like to thank everybody who came to the concert and we hope you all enjoyed it. I know that the food provided by our members was very popular. I heard the words "super meringues" and "lemon drizzle cake" mentioned a lot!

Patience Scott Douglas.

SUFFOLK DOG DAY

The Second Suffolk Dog Day was a barking success and raised more than £34,000 for charities and voluntary groups across the county. More than 7000 people and their dogs poured in to support the event held at Helmingham Hall. The amount raised by dog day can be doubled to a woofeful £68,000 thanks to the Grassroots Endowment Challenge, which provides match funding. Anyone or group of companies or friends can establish a fund under the Grassroots Endowment Challenge, and benefit from the match funding – for more information contact judi.newman@suffolkfoundation.org.uk or call 01473 734126.

LEATHERINGHAM ‘SOIRÉE MUSICALE’

We did not have many visitors during our ‘open churches’ week, but we did have a wonderful soirée musicale, performed by our immensely musically talented Rural Dean Rev Graham Owen and his two equally talented friends on the cello and flute. We thank our supporters and friends who filled the church on this memorable occasion; it was amazing to learn that one of the composers, John Stanley (C18th) had been blind from the age of two. There was a retiring collection for our church funds.

Sylvia Keene



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 August 2009:-

1st – Graham Vellacott

2nd – Kevin Duffy

Next draw – Thursday 3rd September 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 drawn on 7 August

1st Prize Rod & Jeanne Durbin

2nd Prize Pam Allan

Winners on 3rd October were:-

1st Prize Graham Hillier

2nd Prize David Harris

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CANCER RESEARCH

If anyone has lost a loved one to cancer and would like to sponsor my 10 kilometre run for Cancer Research at Ickworth Park on 4th October, I would be very grateful. You can sponsor me online at <http://www.run10ksponsor.me.org/charlesfreeman> or pick up a sponsor form from Oak Farm - beyond the Earl Soham end of Brandeston - or phone me on 01728 864819. I am up to 8 kilometres so hope to make it without stopping to celebrate my 62nd birthday later that week!

Charles Freeman.

BRANDESTON PARISH PLAN: TRANSPORT FOR MEDICAL VISITS

The Parish Plan suggested that for some residents of Brandeston there may be a need for help with transport for medical visits.

To enable the Council to establish the level of need for such help, we would ask that any resident who experiences difficulty in attending medical visits due to lack of transportation to advise any of their Councillors (see list below). If anyone is aware of a fellow resident who may need help and has not seen this notice, please either speak to a Councillor on their behalf or ask them to contact the councillor themselves.

The Council will review this subject at their meeting on 14th October 2009. Accordingly, please let them know of any need by **7th October**.

(The Council fully understand that many in the village already help their friends and neighbours on such occasions).

David Risk (Chairman)

Helen Saxton (Vice Chair)

Sue Thurlow

Will Elson

Paddy Fielder

Phil Summers

Kathy Churchill
Mark Hounsell (Clerk)

TELEPHONE SCAM

Norfolk Police have been made us aware of a BT collection service scam which is believed to be a National fraud.

The details are as follows:-

A professional sounding adult male phones the victim (victims chosen are listed in the phone directory) stating he is calling from BT Collection Service because money is owed to BT. The caller states that the (victims) bank has stopped the Direct Debit and that money is immediately owed, failure to pay will result in their phone being cut off. The amount that is allegedly 'owed' has been less than £10 (typically £9). The caller requires the victims credit card details so that payment can be made. The caller also 'proves' he can easily cut off the victims phone telling them to hang up and try dialling out, it is then believed he puts them on 'hold' so that the line is still connected but of course the victim believes their line has been disconnected. The offender then phones them back and again attempts to obtain their credit card detail. The main object is not the £9 but is to obtain the credit card data. The caller is described as very professional sounding.

Should you receive such a call then they should immediately contact the BT Nuisance Call Bureau on 0800 411 422. Please be aware and do not give any personal details out over the phone.

Suffolk Coastal
Community Watch Liaison Officer
Felixstowe Police Station
32 High Road
Felixstowe IP 11 9JE
Phone: 01473 383313
Email: anne.powell@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

• **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.

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,
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TIMES PAST

Once more harvest is with us. Perhaps it would be appropriate to look back to the 19th century and see the situation as it was in our two parishes. Farming and agriculture were the main sources of employment then.

Kettleburgh has the larger amount of land with 1435 acres in contrast to Brandeston's 1246. Both, according to the 1855 White's Directory have 'a valley of deep fine loamy soil with slight seasonal water logging. The hill slopes have slowly permeable calcareous soils.' Land near the Deben was used for pasture while the preponderance of land was devoted to arable crops.

As now, Brandeston had the greater population, 508 people compared with Kettleburgh's 348. Twelve farmers were listed for Brandeston, eight for Kettleburgh. The size of the farms varied greatly. In Brandeston the largest was that of Westhill, 170 acres farmed by David Burrows who employed 6 labourers. The smallest holding was Office Farm, 24 acres under the control of Benjamin Gall with 1 agricultural labourer.

By contrast in Kettleburgh, Samuel Page of Lodge Farm held 252 acres with aid from 5 labourers, while William Smith of Halfway Farm worked 29 acres with help from his son. Of all the farms, Brook Farm, which straggled the boundary between the two parishes was the largest. John Sheppard had 272 acres where he employed 8 labourers and 5 boys. In all Brandeston had 95 men and boys, Kettleburgh 84 connected with agriculture. There were also 2 Kettleburgh dairymaids, thus a quarter of the entire population were engaged in farming.

Harvests differed from year to year. In 1877 the Brandeston schoolmaster noted in the log that on August 10th the Harvest holidays were starting for a month but when school opened again on September 10th he wrote 'Reopened school with a very poor attendance owing to the non completion of the Harvest operations.' It was September 17th before he reported 'Better attendance'.

Harvests were celebrated then as now. Unfortunately there is no mention of Kettleburgh's festivities. The Harvest Home Services held at Brandeston's Congregational Church on September 25th 1866 were well attended. The Preacher came from the Baptist Chapel in Diss whilst 9 Ministers from Ipswich, Otley, Debenham, Wickham Market, Saxmundham, Framsdon and Earl Soham took part. The weather was fine, 130 people took tea and in the evening the chapel was quite full. £3.10.0 was collected, a lot of money at that time.

Brandeston's Harvest Home Thanksgiving of September 15th 1869 was a very grand affair. Headed by the 2nd Suffolk Rifle Corps Band the villagers proceeded to the church for a choral service at which several anthems were sung. Afterwards the labourers and their wives were given a substantial repast, waited upon by the farmers, clergy and tradesmen. Then the children were fed. After that the ladies and friends took their repast. This over, sports followed. Towards evening another meal took place and after speeches the day ended with a display of fireworks.

All this gives us food for thought.

WMW

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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