

**THE PARISHES OF
BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH**

Dear Friends

August! Summer holidays! I'm sure most of us have memories of long sunny days of family holidays. As children, "going on holiday" might have meant exploring strange new places and encountering new experiences, or the annual return to a much-loved holiday destination with all its happy associations. As parents, holidays are a time when we can see our family grow together just by being together.

The story of creation, on the very first page of the Bible, describes mankind's ancient understanding of how life came to be. The author of Genesis, writing thousands of years ago, tells how God, exhausted after six days of hard work creating the world as we know it, rested on the seventh day and blessed it as a holy day. This story provides a pattern of work and rest that is essential for our minds and our bodies, and something we ignore at our peril.

Perhaps the words most associated with holidays are "refreshment", "renewal" and "recreation." Time spent away from the pressures of every-day life can be as "refreshing" as a cool drink on a baking hot day, or hot chocolate on a cold winter's evening. We find our energy and enthusiasm "renewed" by time spent relaxing. Whatever we do by way of "recreation", the word itself implies something very significant in relation to ourselves and lives.

For many of us, whether at work or at home, life involves meeting the demands of others. Indeed, responding to such pressures can leave us feeling that our own lives and personalities are shaped by such demands. Even living on one's own has its own pressures and can leave one feeling isolated from life and from our real, sociable selves. For all of us, a holiday can provide an opportunity to set our own agenda for a few days, whether through the fellowship of shared activity or interest or as we rediscover our own inner space. In this way we can refocus our minds, re-establish our relationships and seek to reshape our lives in ways that take some account of our own needs.

And, of course, there may be times when our spirits need refreshment and renewal. Jesus said "come to me all who work and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest." Such refreshment may come to us in times of quiet, as we give ourselves space and time to reflect on and re-order our lives in prayer; it may come to us in some special experience of sight or sound that feeds or satisfies something deep within us; or we may find it through the companionship of a particular friend.

I hope you enjoy a holiday this August, whether a few days at home with a break from routine or through something altogether more adventurous, and I hope you will feel refreshed and renewed by it physically, mentally and spiritually.

With very best wishes

Robin Alderson

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DIARY FOR AUGUST 2008		
Friday 1st	10am-12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below.
Thursday 7 th	10am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> inc 100+ Club Draw at 11am
Friday 8 th	7.30pm	<u>Film Club</u> ‘Rare Birds’ at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Friday 15 th	10–11.30am	<u>Mobile Police Van</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall car park
Sunday 17 th	10am – 5.30pm	<u>Monewdon Blacksmiths Shop open</u> – see below.
29 th – 31 st		<u>Maverick Festival</u> at Easton Farm Park www.maverickfestival.co.uk

THE COFFEE MORNING AT KETTLEBURGH

On the first Friday of every month coffee is served in the village hall from 10.00am to 12.00 midday. All are welcome to enjoy home made cake, scones and sausage rolls.

Thank you to all who came this month. The donations are given to the village hall committee each time to put towards the updating of the floor. Details can be seen at each coffee morning.

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FILM CLUB

8th August, 2008 – Rare Birds 2001

Fake stories of sightings of rare birds. A failing restaurant, owned by a troubled man, takes an upward turn when bird watchers arrive in the town. A complicated and intriguing story.

12th September, 2008 – The Chorus 2004

Starring Jean-Paul Bonnaire, Gerard Jugnot – set in 1948 a professor of music becomes the supervisor at a boarding school for the rehabilitation of minors. He finds a disconcerting repressive regime which he tries to transform through the power of song.

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

MONEDDON BLACKSMITHS SHOP will be open on Sunday 17th August, 10am – 5.30pm. Also Mary Moore of Brandeston Forge will show examples and photographs of work by her, and her late husband Hector.

Special guest: Ray Hubbard – Suffolk Horseman and Musical Entertainer.

Admission free.

Mary Moore

ADVANCED NOTICES

Thurs. 4 th September	10.30am – 12 noon	Cats Protection Coffee Morning with Ipswich Community Wind Band, at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest of honour: Innis Cloete, Esq. B.V.Sc, MRCVS
Sat. 6 th September	2.30p.m	Kettleburgh Village Produce Show – see below.
Sat. 13 th September		Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride – see below.
Sat. 20 th September	7.30pm	Cheese and Wine Evening and Auction in aid of Kettleburgh Green Trust, at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Wed. 24 th September	7.30pm	Table Tennis at Brandeston – see below.
Sun. 12 th October		Kettleburgh Harvest Festival and Supper
6 December	8.00pm	Village Dance with ‘The Fat Band’ at Kettleburgh Village Hall

KETTLEBURGH FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

This year’s show will be held in the village hall at 2.30 pm on September 6th. Entries to be staged by 10.30am. Open to everyone, not just Kettleburgh residents, and not just expert cooks and gardeners, the show has classes for vegetables, flowers, fruit, wine, cookery, photography and a special section for children’s work. There will be refreshments, a raffle and a chance to chat. Surplus and donated produce is sold at 4.30 pm. The photography and children’s classes are as below:-

- Photographs: 1. Party Time
 2. Suffolk Summer
- Children: 1. A decorated egg (egg can be hardboiled or blown)
 2. A garden on a plate
 3. My favourite photo (photo to be taken by child)

Please support this event. We need new entrants to ensure the show continues to thrive and additional help beforehand and on the day. If you've never entered before, have a go, you might surprise yourself. If you'd like advice on how to stage something we're all willing to help. Schedules available from Peter Arbon, 1 The Oaks, Brandeston (685304), Claire Norman, 2 Redroofs, Kettleburgh (724372), or Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Rd, Kettleburgh (724777).

Claire Norman

THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE

The Church Bike Ride will take place on Saturday 13th September. Anyone wanting a sponsor form and a list of churches to visit can contact

Pat Peck – Kettleburgh 621144

Ruth Garratt – Brandeston 685233

This can be a most enjoyable day for one person or as a family or group.

This will be the 27th year of the annual bike ride.

Ruth Garratt

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis will be starting again in Brandeston village hall on Wednesday 24th September 7.30 – 9.30pm. All are welcome.

For more information contact

John & Ruth Garratt on 685233

or Doug & Chris Parr on 685658

John Garratt

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM OF BETHANY MOORE

Kevin and Sarah Moore's daughter, **Bethany Kathleen**, born on 31st March 2008, was baptised in St Andrew's Church, Kettleburgh on Sunday 29th June.

This was a very special occasion for the Moore family and their many friends. Bethany was supported by four godparents, Donna Hanson, Kelly McKee, Paul Coles and James Mayhew. She looked beautiful and behaved very well throughout the service, and seemed particularly to enjoy being introduced to the members of the congregation as her new brothers and sisters in Christ.

After the service, Kevin and Sarah welcomed family and friends to a delicious lunch at Brandeston Village Hall.

RA

DAPHNE ANNE AITKEN

With sadness we record the death of Daphne Anne Aitken, aged 61 years, of 1 Constable Court, Kettleburgh on Saturday 5th July 2008 in Ipswich Hospital. A funeral service and thanksgiving for Daphne was held in Kettleburgh Church on Thursday 17th July, followed by interment in the churchyard. The service was very well attended, the church full.

Daphne Anne Aitken (née Talbot)

Daphne, we all know, was a friendly, happy, outgoing person, you could not help but like her, she was magnetic. Daphne was born in Earl Soham at Pound Corner Cottage, then after a few years the family moved to Ashfield council houses. She had two younger sisters, Victoria and Brenda. Daphne went to Earl Soham school and then to Framlingham Modern School but she was not academic, in fact poor at lessons! So she was sent to Ashley Downs School at Lowestoft – a boarding school for ‘slow learners’. She was happy there for three years and left aged 15 to work at the mushroom farm in Debach. She went on to work at Brandeston Hall, Kenton packing station with turkeys, and Chris Bigdon at Bruisyard with antiques.

As a girl she loved playing picking flowers with her sisters outside. The family later moved to 8 Bedford Road, Earl Soham and they would go up to the Dell, the little wooded valley where the new Rectory now stands. A popular job was to take their dolls and was them in the cattle trough! There was a period of time when her family lived at Cherry Tree Farm, Earl Soham; that is on the Bedford Road opposite the chicken houses. Her father worked for Commander Daniels, with cows, the girls and their mother would go pea and bean picking, picking up potatoes, any field work. It was at this time that Daphne had her own cat called Marmalade, who was very special to her. For several years Daphne lived at Saxtead and then in 1994 she moved to Kettleburgh where she has been ever since. She worked for several people including the Griffiths and Michael Bazin, both of whom she was very fond of. She was great fun and so friendly, but what else do we remember? Skip hunting! Imagine it – up ended into any skip to find soft toys and valuables. Going to Felixstowe to get fish and chips, rabbit pie casserole and dumplings, “buy one get one free”, her pin-up boy Michael Schumacher. The Community Club was a great help to her and she to it; the Gala fell on her 50th birthday. She was on the float, at the front dressed up, not sure what as! She would always dress up at Halloween – I could go on, we all loved her. Many people say to me “she lived a full life” and she did. We thank God for her life. May she rest in peace.

We chose these verses from the Bible because it brings to us the Christian hope, words of Jesus speaking to ordinary people as we are, people facing up to the loss of a loved one. Jesus says in my father’s house are many mansions, rooms, in other words there is room for all people who want to come. We don’t understand too much of the detail, but it is encouraging that he has gone to prepare a place for each one. Thomas speaks for each of us “...how can we know the way”. He accepts that there is a way but how can we be sure, “know”; Jesus says have faith in me, I am the way. Each one of us can know this reassurance by faith. Rooms for all God’s people.

We send our love and sympathy to Roy, Terry (Daphne's son), Victoria and Brenda, with a prayer that they may know God's comfort.

A very, very special 'thank you' to Debbie Germain; she has worked tirelessly to care for Daphne and Roy, planning the funeral, linking with the family and just giving and giving of so much. Thank you, Debbie, for all. GV

PAST EVENTS

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Results of July draw:

1 st Prize	Paddy Fielder
2 nd Prize	John Garratt

August draw will take place at the village hall on 7th August 2008

Mark Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Results of draw on 4th July:

1 st Prize	Mrs Diane Smith
2 nd Prize	Jo Gilbert

Gwenda Weeks

BRANDESTON FETE – 21ST JUNE

Although the weather didn't look too promising at first, the afternoon improved a lot so all was set fair for the festivities. It was a new venue, of course, at the Queen's Head and unlike the playing field, where the stalls tended to be spread out, they were squeezed into a much smaller area. As it turned out, this was a huge benefit because the intimacy and atmosphere of the event increased immeasurably. A really good crowd was there from the start and, with the event being right by the road, we had lots of passers-by who stopped and joined in. Support was well up with Peter Arbon saying his takings for bowling were double last year's, fashion accessories reported about three times last year's takings and the bottle stall said business was brisk right up until the end of the fete. Children's games made a welcome return and were organised and sponsored by Anna Carr of 'Ruby and Ted', Framlingham.

And the financial result ... we raised over £3,000 (to be shared between the village hall and the church fabric fund) – over £800 more than last. A lovely afternoon - much enjoyed by all.

The fete took place alongside the three-day Brandeston Beer Festival at the Queen which definitely added to the excitement of the day and was followed on Sunday with the Jazz and Hog Roast in the garden at the pub. A great weekend in Brandeston.

Sue Thurlow

Our move to the grounds of the Queen's Head was a huge success. Our highest result ever of £3158.53 was matched by the friendliness of the day. Comments from people who attended suggest that it was our best ever fete with a terrific atmosphere. We thought earlier in the day that it was going to be spoilt by the rain but it stopped before the fete got under way with Dee Alderson formally opening it on behalf of the All Saints PCC and the Brandeston Village Hall who will share the proceeds.

Sincere thanks must go to Alan Randall of the Queen's Head for allowing it to take place on his lawns and within the Brandeston Beer Festival at the pub. Thanks also to all the organisers and stallholders who worked hard to make the day the success it was. Full reports and photos can be found on the web site.

Darryl Morgan

STRAWBERRY TEA

On the lovely Sunday afternoon of 29th June, many people gathered at Kettleburgh Village Hall to indulge in delicious strawberries and cream, teas and home-made cakes. The hall was full, with some tables even having two sittings – a great success!

Many thanks to Wendy for organising the event, and to everyone who helped with setting up the hall, picking strawberries (especially to Laura and Charlotte who picked for over an hour and who don't even like strawberries!), making cakes, donating raffle prizes, and helping on the day. A wonderful total of £162.85 was raised for the Church Fabric Fund.

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WINE CLUB

A well attended evening on Friday, 4th July when New World wines were sipped to accompany a BBQ. The next wine club will be in September sometime – date to be confirmed later.

Sue Thurlow

1ST EARL SOHAM SCOUT GROUP

A huge thank you to everyone who turned out again to support us with the annual SCOUT DUCK RACE! We were lucky with the weather, and judging from all the comments we have had since, everyone had a great time. We are pleased to announce that we made £1,750, which was up on last year, with nearly 500 people attending. This will help purchase more equipment for our whole group, as well as more canvas for the Scouts. This Summer they will be going to Northumberland for their annual Summer camp with 1st Framlingham. We hope they have a great time. Thank you again, and we hope to see you all again next year!

Sally Western, for 1st Earl Soham Scout Group.

NOTICES

KETTLEBURGH CHURCHYARD

The long grass to the right of the path and behind the "new" graves in the church yard will be cut when the many wild flowers have seeded. Walking through the churchyard at the moment there are butterflies, bees, bumble bees and any number of small birds all feeding on the flowers, scabious, knapweed, purple vetch and chicory to name a few, and the grass seeds in this rougher area. I anticipate cutting this grass around the end of August.

A gentle reminder to anyone who puts cut flowers on graves in glass jars to please remember to remove the jars again as they pose a real hazard to a lawn mower and strimmer.....thank you.

John Bater (Church Warden)

GOODBYE COMERS

Nicky and Terry moved into Kettleburgh with toddler Helen in 1989. Over the last 19 years between them they have been on every committee in the village.

Terry took over from Ann Brown in 1996 as treasurer of Kettleburgh PCC doing a brilliant job with our church finances, along with Nicky as Secretary.

The highly successful quizzes held twice a year have raised a total of nearly £19,000 over 14 years ending on a record of £1,000 at the last quiz in May. These have been run by Nicky and Terry with help from Graham Hillier, Cathy and Jane O'Leary and have been one of the most popular fund raising evenings of the year. All monies have gone to various charities, the last to St. Elizabeth Hospice.

Nobody knows more about organising a village fete than Nicky who with her committee ran Kettleburgh Fete for many years. And so it goes on.....

A farewell lunch was held in the marquee at Church Farm for PCC members and their families on Sunday 9th June when Nicky and Terry were presented with a new painting of St. Andrews Church by Sue Scott in appreciation of many years of their loyal support and help in the village.

We wish them well in their new house - Kettleburgh's loss is Aldeburgh's gain. *JB*

Link Romania Shoebox Appeal 2008

Details about the 2008 appeal has arrived from the Link Romania headquarters in Worthing. Some background information: the Link Romania Family Shoebox Appeal has been in existence since 1992 and has brought happiness and hope to many thousands of people over the years. It's a really simple idea and anyone in the UK can pack up a shoebox to send as a Christmas gift to a desperately poor family in Eastern Europe. Over the years, Link Romania has sent in excess of 400,000 shoeboxes to over 80 different locations. These boxes are given to poor families, many of whom do not have running water, heating or electricity. They live in terrible conditions and struggle to survive. It is difficult to explain how much the shoeboxes are appreciated. Those of you who have filled a shoebox before may already have started collecting items. If you would like to donate a shoebox this year it is time to start collecting: sweets, toiletries, gloves, socks, stationery, a solar powered calculator, balloons, toys and games are all acceptable. The idea is to try and include something for every member of a family. Boxes need to be filled and wrapped by the end of October. There will be more details later about the collection dates. Leaflets will be available at the back of Kettleburgh Church and at Kettleburgh Harvest Supper. If you would like any further information, please contact me on 723623.

Jackie Clark

EASTON SCHOOL NEWS

The Tempest

Well done to all the children for their part in making 'The Tempest' a fantastic production. Everyone sang and acted brilliantly. We hope to have some film clips on the school blog soon.

NSPPCC

A big thanks to everyone; we raised £508 which is an amazing total for a school of this size.

Thank you Tea Party

If you have helped in the classrooms over the last year then expect an invite early next term to a thank you tea party. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the school in any way, it is very much appreciated by all.

Library

The library was officially reopened by authoress Kathy Henderson. She inspired the children by showing some of the first writing, carved into small stones that she borrowed from the British Museum. Thanks to all who attended and bought books for the school.

Cheryl Singleton

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

TIMES PAST

A local magazine was first published in January 1932. At that time it was named the 'Loes Deanery Magazine' and covered a number of the parishes within the Deanery, namely Badingham, Charsfield, Dallinghoo and Petistree with Loudham, Dennington, Earl Soham, Framlingham with Saxstead, Marlesford, Monewdon with Hoo and our two, Brandeston with Kettleburgh.

In format it was a larger size being 19cm (7½ in) x 25cm (9¾ in) with 7 sides of local news, 12 sides of advertisements and a 'News of the Diocese' insert which was issued quarterly. Additionally there was a further part 'The New Day' of 12 pages which in June had articles on faith healing, nature, steel, 18th century portrait painters, St Bartholomew's Hospital, together with Daily Bible Readings, and the concluding chapters of a serial story, 'The Brand of Kali'.

Brandeston and Kettleburgh's clergyman, the Reverend Douglas S. Chapman wrote a half page which included details from the registers of a marriage and burial in Brandeston, with a baptism and two marriages in Kettleburgh. Interestingly, he reported that three candidates from our parishes had been confirmed by the Bishop of Charsfield. He continued, 'Ruby Moyse would have been another candidate but left her home for a job of work just as the classes started. She will be missed as a member of the choir at Kettleburgh.' We now know her as Mrs Ruby Peck of Brandeston.

There are three more magazines of this era. March 1933 which reported an influenza epidemic, resulting in the postponement of the Annual Brandeston and Kettleburgh Church meetings.

April's issue showed that 5 services were to be held in the two churches on Easter Day. A number of people were still ill in the villages, but congratulations were given to two sets of new parents and a couple who had celebrated their Golden Wedding. Mr Chapman had 24 Kettleburgh children without a Sunday School teacher. He was also worried about the Easter Church decorations of which he was in charge; obviously he was a very caring person.

May's publication was more cheerful. Four baptisms had taken place in Kettleburgh, Easter decorations had been a success, and on Easter Day there had been 60 communicants at Brandeston and 14 at Kettleburgh. A dance held at Brandeston Hut had made £11.0.0 profit for the Organ fund, while at the deferred Kettleburgh Annual Church Meeting it had been decided that a fête should take place in the garden of the Old Rectory, now Holly House. Mr Chapman's letter ended by giving a list of the new Parochial Church Councillors for the 2 parishes.

Just a glimpse of village life in the early 1930's.

WMW

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.
