

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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DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2009		
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</u> – “The Lives of Others” 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

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.

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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

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

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.

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

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

Mark Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Winners of the draw held on 4th September 2009

FIRST PRIZE - Iain Sanderson

SECOND PRIZE - Pat & Roger Bishop

Gwenda Weeks

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.

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.

WMW

