

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS**

MAY 2014



THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

From The Rural Dean

Dear friends

IN PRAISE OF CHURCHWARDENS

May is the month when Churchwardens are 'Admitted to their Office' at an Archdeacon's Visitation. This is the sort of grand and rather arcane occasion that the Church of England excels at. And it's full of the usual contradictions, in that it is a legal requirement for a church to have two churchwardens, but no-one is legally required to do it!

The Churchwardens are elected at the 'Meeting of Parishioners' held in April, but they don't formally start in office until they are admitted by the Archdeacon. In the old days, one churchwarden was chosen by the rector, and one by the parishioners; nowadays that only applies if the rector and parishioners can't agree. In practice, we're all just relieved that someone is prepared to take the job on! Nevertheless, the position is an important one and a privilege to occupy.

A Churchwarden is often the public face of the local parish church - especially when the rector is somewhere else. Churchwardens are bishop's officers - there to ensure that everything is done decently and in order, and the requirements of church law are met. Any irregularities should be reported to the bishop! No-one should be frightened of taking the job on, though. I don't think I've ever heard anyone criticise a churchwarden for not doing his/her job properly, and there is always help available from somewhere - either the PCC or diocesan office, and of course the rector (at the moment the rural dean) and Deirdre. Perhaps I can take this opportunity to thank those who have offered themselves to do the job - both the old hands and any newcomers - and assure them of my support for the year ahead. This year's Visitation is on Wednesday 7th May, 7:30pm at Dennington Church. All are welcome to come and support their churchwardens as they make their promise.

Best wishes
Stephen Brian

The Revd Dr Stephen Brian (Rural Dean) 01728 685308

Contact details if you need to contact a member of the Clergy: The Revd Dr Stephen Brian (Rural Dean) 01728 685308
 or The Revd Deirdre West 01728 688340

Brandeston

Elders: Miss Eileen Leach 685298
 Mrs Mary Baker 685807
 Churchwardens: Mrs Alison
 Molyneux 685244 Mrs Mary Baker
 685807

Kettleburgh

Elders: Mrs Jackie Clark 723623
 Mrs Valerie Upson 723078
 Churchwardens: Mr John Bater 723532
 Mrs Valerie Upson 723078

DIARY FOR MAY 2014

Thursday 1st	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 2 nd	10.30am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Sunday 4 th and Monday 5 th	11am – 5pm	<u>Wickham Market WW1 Exhibition</u> at Wickham Market Village Hall – see below
Monday 5 th	7.30pm	“ <u>It’s a grave business</u> ” humorous talk by Peter Driver at Wickham Market Village Hall – free admission
Thursday 8 th	7.30pm	<u>Eastern Angles - ‘Palm Wine and Stout’</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Friday 9 th	7.30pm	<u>Film Club – ‘Railway Man’</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Sunday 18 th	9.30am for 9.45 start	<u>Brandeston Village Walk and Brunch</u> Meeting point – village hall. Tickets: Adults - £6, children - £3, or a family ticket (2 adults+2children) - £15.
Wednesday 21 st	8.00pm	<u>Brandeston Annual Parish Meeting</u> – see below

Sunday 25 th	10am-4pm	<u>Spring Plant Fair</u> at Helmingham Hall – see below
Sunday 25 th	3.30pm	<u>Rogation Sunday Service and Tea</u> at Kettleburgh Church and Church Farm

Wickham Market Area Archive Centre

27th Annual Exhibition

WORLD WAR 1 – LOCAL STORIES

Sunday & Monday, 4th & 5th May 2014

Wickham Market Village Hall

11am to 5pm

Refreshments (Cream Teas Sunday pm)

As many of you will know, Wilda Woodland left her archive to the WMAAC. I have had the privilege of sorting it out and it has proved to be a challenge and will take a very long time yet! She had a lot of information about those who died in the First World War in Kettleburgh and Brandeston and I hope to use her material to form part of the Archive's Annual Exhibition. Please come along! (Dinah Reed 01728 723613)

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB Membership is £10 for the year.

May 9th	Railway Man	A victim from World War II's "Death Railway" sets out to find those responsible for his torture. A true story. Director: Jonathan Teplitzky Writers: Frank Cottrell Boyce (screenplay), Eric Lomax (autobiography), Stars: Nicole Kidman, Stellan Skarsgård, Colin Firth
June 13th	Summer in February	A true tale of love, liberty and scandal amongst the Edwardian artists' colony in Cornwall Director: Christopher Menaul Stars: Dominic Cooper, Emily Browning, Dan Stevens
July 11th	Rush	A re-creation of the merciless 1970s rivalry between Formula One rivals James Hunt and Niki Lauda. Director: Ron Howard Writer: Peter Morgan (screenplay) Stars: Daniel Brühl, Chris Hemsworth, Olivia Wilde



Palm Wine & Stout

by Segun Lee-French

Directed by Ivan Cutting

Brandeston Village Hall

Thursday 8th May at 7.30pm.

For tickets ring: 01728 685807 Price of tickets: £8 (£7 for concessions)

Eastern Angles are back on the road this spring with their latest show, *Palm Wine & Stout*. Written by acclaimed poet and playwright Segun Lee-French, this funny and emotional play is based on the writer's own visit back to a small Nigerian village in search of his father.

The story, which focuses on Taiye, a young British man on a quest to find out more about his African heritage, draws some fascinating parallels with English village life. Along the way Taiye experiences both the vibrant bustle of modern Nigerian city life and the mysterious rituals of rural African villagers. With half-brother, Femi, as his guide, Taiye's journey becomes a challenging culture clash incorporating music, dance and a host of spiritual ancestors.

Director Ivan Cutting said; *"This is a fantastic play. We took the show out in 2010 when it got some great feedback from critics and audiences so now we want more people to experience this heart-warming piece of theatre. It's got some really great atmospheric music, some very funny moments and will certainly strike a chord with anyone familiar with the day-to-day eccentricities and petty politics of village life!"*

Mary Baker

BRANDESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Brandeston Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 21 May 2014 at 8.00pm. All the Brandeston electorate are invited to attend.

Agenda :

1. Chairman's welcome and acceptance of apologies for absence.

2. To sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 21 May 2013 as a true record (after amendment if necessary)
3. Matters arising from previous minutes
 - (i) Drainage investigation by Anglian Water (previous minute 3-1314)
 - (ii) Planning approvals – Mutton Lane (previous minute 10-1314)
4. Chairman’s Review of 2012-13
5. Financial Report
6. Village Hall
7. Reports from Suffolk County Councillor and Suffolk Coastal District Councillor
8. Report from local Police Officer.
9. Any other business as may be raised and accepted as appropriate by the Chairman

A M Hounsell
Clerk to Brandeston Parish Council

PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM
Helmingham Hall IP14 6EF

SPRING PLANT FAIR

SUNDAY 25TH MAY 2014

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Adults: £6 (includes entry to gardens)

Children: Free!

FREE PLANT FOR FIRST 800 VISITORS!

Specialist nurseries - National Plant Collections

Garden Tours - Plant Doctor & Talks

Live Music & entertainment - Local food & drink

www.suffolkplantheritage.com
NCCPG Reg charity 1004009

www.helmingham.com
Tel: 01473 890799

KETTLEBURGH SERVICE

A service of Choral Evensong combined with a service for Rogation Sunday will be held on 25th May at 3.30pm in Kettleburgh Church. After the shortened church service, prayers will be said for the fields and gardens on our way to a marquee in the garden at Church Farm and the service will end there with a final hymn and blessing. A delicious tea of sandwiches, scones and cakes will be provided and all will be very welcome.

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ADVANCE NOTICES

Tuesday 3 rd June	10.30am	Cats' Protection Coffee Morning – see below
Saturday 14 th June	4 – 6pm	Kettleburgh fete
Saturday 28 th June		Brandeston Fete – see below
Saturday 16 th Aug		Nobody's Wedding at Brandeston
Thursday 28 th Aug	9am	Deanery Pilgrimage to Ely Cathedral – see below.
Saturday 30 th Aug		Brandeston Garage Sales
Saturday 13 th Sept	9am-5pm	Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride
Saturday 27 th Sept		Late Summer Dance with Live Band at Brandeston

CATS PROTECTION

A Coffee Morning will be held at Manly, Kettleburgh from 10.30a.m. - noon on **Tuesday 3rd June** in aid of the above charity (no. 2063644). Guest: Mr Rob Dunger from BBC Radio Suffolk. Mr Bill Clark will provide entertainment once again on his street organ, which was much enjoyed last year. There will be stalls and a draw.

Kathleen Lusted

CALLING ALL KETTLEBURGH RESIDENTS!

Amazing isn't it! The Kettleburgh Fete is only 6 weeks away ...on Saturday 14th June in the Chequers as usual. As you may know, the Committee collect house-to-house on the Wednesday night before the Fete. Last year, for some reason, we didn't have much to collect! So this year, we are asking if you could **please**, look out and save for the Fete: **Books, Bric a Brac, DVDs, CDs, unwanted gifts, good clothing, jewellery, bags and hats, toys, garden tools, crockery to sell and crockery to smash!**

We will collect this from you or your step on **Wednesday 11th June at about 6 pm.**

Dinah Reed

BRANDESTON VILLAGE FETE

Because our village fete in mid June has been affected by poor weather over the last few years it has been decided to move the date to Saturday, 28th June i.e. 2 weeks later. It will be held in the grounds of the Queen's Head pub as in previous years.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE

This year the Revd Jonathan Olanczuk has taken over from the Revd Deirdre West as organiser of the Deanery Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will take place on August 28th and will be to Ely Cathedral. The coach will leave Sweffling Church at 9.00am and will return by 5.30pm. Parking will be available in the village. The cost will be £20.00 per person. There will be a tour of the cathedral and the Bishop of Ely will preside at a service of Holy Communion during the visit. Please contact Sheila Tesh on 01728 663518 to reserve your place on the coach. If you have been on the previous pilgrimages you will know that it is a day not to be missed, so book early!

MABEL VERA STEARN

Sadly we record the death of Mabel Stearn, aged 93 years, on Saturday March 1st at Foxearth Lodge Nursing Home. Her home was, with the family, West Hill Farm where she had lived for many, many years. Her funeral was held at All Saint's Church, Brandeston, on Wednesday March 19th. The church was almost full; this was an indication of the love and respect which she was given in the community. Mabel was interred in the churchyard in a grave next to her late husband, Raymond. In the service, which was taken by Rev. Deirdre West, a moving tribute was given by Emily-Jane as she remembered her grandmother with a good deal of happiness and love.

Let me tell you about Mabel Stearn:

Mabel was born on 21st February 1921; she was one of five children born in Monk Soham. She grew up and eventually she met and married a farmer – Raymond Stearn. They lived at Kenton Lodge where she was kept busy with her bees and delivered honey around on her bicycle.

Mabel travelled to Glasgow and Oxford during her time with the ATS in the war; she also cared for Land Girls which were sent to work on the farm. She and her husband Raymond moved to West End Farm in 1954, the home where Edwin and Carol grew up and as if being a farmer's wife did not keep her busy enough she was a R.B.L. Poppy collector for over 30 years, as well as a Mothers Union member too.

Together they enjoyed many holidays when they were younger, a favourite place being a trip to Scotland after the harvest was complete. Mabel was sad when Raymond died in

1981, but she was determined that life was for living to the full. She had a love of her dogs all her life and could often be seen out with a dog. She had Labradors, spaniels and terriers; her final dog, Sam, who was who was twelve years old when she was ninety.

Mabel loved her home and her family, her garden, flowers and to keep a tidy house; Edwin and Carol would say how often she moved furniture about. We thank God for her life and her faithful example. May Mabel rest in peace.

We send our sympathy and our love to Carol, Edwin and all the family. *Graham Vellacott*

PAST EVENTS

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The results of the first draw of the new season are as follows:

1st Prize Peter Dring

2nd Prize Jackie and Bill Clark

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Congratulations to the first winners of the new club-year!!

First prize The Duffy Family

Second prize Nick Hayward

The next draw will be held at the village hall on Thursday 01 May

Mark Hounsell

NOTICES

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DEREK HILL

In October the bellringers rang a quarter peel, in memory of Derek Hill, the day after his funeral.

A Quarter-peel board has been commissioned, and the wording is as follows:

St Andrew - Kettleburgh , Suffolk

Saturday 19th October 2013

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Christopher McArthur
2. Muriel Page
3. Jane Harper
4. James Juby
5. Thomas Scase (C)
6. John Taylor

Rung in remembrance of Derek Russell Hill , 42 years churchwarden at Kettleburgh, buried here yesterday, aged 84.

The board is hanging in the church for a month, in case anybody would like to see it. It will then be moved to the ringing chamber.

The peel board was funded by Brandeston and Kettleburgh ringers, and Kettleburgh PCC. With thanks to Chris McArthur for organising the peel board.

Persephone Booth

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST

Fund raising

Another successful fund raising event was held at the Chequers on Friday 4th April. The pub along with members of the Kettleburgh petanque team (who also contribute to the Kettleburgh Green Trust) organised a race night which went down very well with the punters. The profits from the event will be shared between the KGT and funding a new petanque piste for the village.

This event, along with March's very popular breakfast has helped to bolster the Trust's funds to keep the Green looking its best.

We have received several full money boxes bursting with all those annoying coins. Pennies make pounds so if you can help, please email us for a box if you haven't received one.

Green maintenance

The Trust is in the process of securing a new contactor who will take over from Darran Frost who has looked after the Green for the last few years. Darran has done an outstanding job keeping the Green pristine for the community and we are very grateful for his hard work and dedication. The new contractor will start as soon as we have gathered and considered several quotes from individuals and companies. In the meantime, unless someone volunteers to mow the grass for us, it may look a little longer than you would expect for a while. If you can help, let us know.

Forthcoming events and plans

The fundraising volunteers will be meeting in early May to consider fundraising events for the rest of the year. Future events will be published on the village website and on Facebook.

Helping out

If you can help out by giving up some your time as volunteer or a trustee, please get in touch.

kgtchair@wheeler-rowe or write to us at Aleenta, Church Road, Kettleburgh.

Caroline Wheeler-Rowe
On behalf of the Kettleburgh Green Trust
Charity No 1110467

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Ed Sheeran donations to Framlingham shop raise £4,000 for Hospice

Ed Sheeran's collection of donated clothes has raised around £4,000 for St Elizabeth Hospice.

The 100-piece collection, which included hoodies, T-shirts, trainers and Ed's iconic onesie, was sold at the St Elizabeth Hospice shop in Framlingham and in an online eBay auction in April.

The five-day auction raised around £1,500 with people from across the world bidding on the items.

Worldwide Twitter interest was sparked when Ed's mum Imogen, who lives in Framlingham, dropped off eight bags of the singer's clothes to the Hospice's shop.

Rachail Pollard, Shop Manager of St Elizabeth Hospice's Framlingham shop, said: "We are extremely grateful to Ed Sheeran and his family for donating the items to St Elizabeth Hospice.

"Thank you to everybody who bid on the auction and who bought items from our Hospice shop. The sale in the shop and the online auction has raised a combined total of £4,000 which is a fantastic amount and will help us continue to provide local Hospice care for local people.

"It has been an exciting time for all of us, and I would like to thank all the volunteers, customers and shop staff, and of course Ed and his family, for all their support".

The sale at the shop, in Market Hill, Framlingham, saw eager fans queuing up for the chance to own a unique piece of Ed Sheeran memorabilia, some who had travelled from Norfolk and Herts. Over £1,000 was raised in the first hour of the goods going on sale, and since then has raised another £1,500 from sales.

St Elizabeth Hospice improves life for people living with a progressive illness in East Suffolk and South Norfolk.

The Hospice costs **£9.1 million a year** to run and relies on donations, fundraising, gifts in Wills and support for its shops to fund the majority of these costs.

Pilates Class run by a Senior Physiotherapist

All levels welcome

Improves fitness, enhances well-being and reduces musculoskeletal pain

Thursday's 19:45-20:45

Charsfield Village Hall

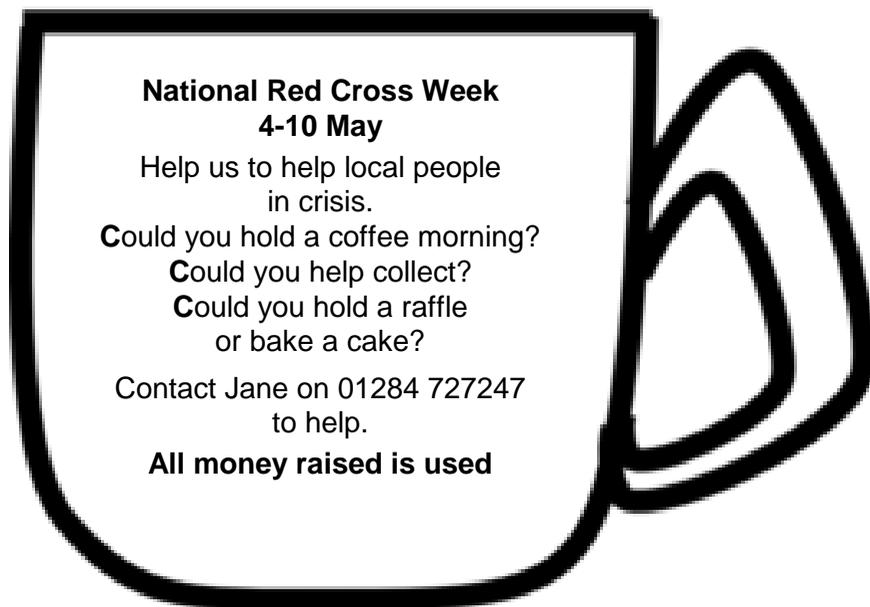
For further information please call

Ruth Dickson 07985 600176

Email: ruth.dickson@hotmail.co.uk

Can you help the Red Cross this Red Cross Week?

May 4-10th is Red Cross Week 2014; please help us to carry on helping vulnerable people in your Parish.



Happi project: (Health Awareness: Prevent, Promote, Inform)

This summer look out for Red Cross first aid teams at events providing free blood pressure checks to members of the public. Around 40 per cent of all strokes could be prevented if people with undiagnosed **high blood pressure** were identified and treated.

A stroke happens when the blood supply to the brain is disrupted. High blood pressure puts strain on your blood vessels, the high pressure can damage the lining of an artery allowing blood clots to form. These clots can block the blood flow to the brain or cause blood vessels to burst and lead to bleeding in the brain.

Lifestyle changes can reduce your blood pressure to a normal level such as:

- > Stopping smoking
- > Eating a healthy diet
- > Drinking sensibly
- > Taking regular exercise

Open Gardens:

Join us at an Open Garden this Summer. Beautiful gardens and homemade teas. Leaflets are available in local libraries, tourist information or from Jane 01284 727247. All money raised is used to help vulnerable people in Suffolk.

Garden Open	Date open
The Place for Plants, Mill Road, East Bergholt, Colchester CO7 6UP	13 April
Grundle Farm & Wattisfield Croft, Wattisfield, nr Diss IP22 1BN	26/27 April
Rickinghall Village Gardens, Grundle Farm nr Diss IP22 1BN	18 May
Bevills, Sudbury Road, Bures CO8 5JW	1 June
Haughley Park, nr Stowmarket IP14 3JY	8 June
Heron House, opening with 4 neighbours, Aldeburgh, IP15 5EP	15 June
Little Thurlow Hall, nr Haverhill, CB9 7HY	15 June
The Barn, Westleton, nr Yoxford IP17 3AN	22 June
The Priory, Stoke by Nayland, CO6 4RL	22 June
Columbine Hall, Stowupland , nr Stowmarket, IP14 4AT	28 June
Riverside House, Clare, CO10 8NS	29 June
Glemham Hall, nr Woodbridge, IP13 0BT	13 July
Willow Farm, The Green Saxtead, Woodbridge IP13 9QB	13 July
Tollemache Hall, nr Ipswich, IP8 4RT	20 July
Horringer Hill House, Bury St Eds IP33 2EE	27 July

Useful contact numbers:

Mobility aid loans (wheelchairs etc) 01284 727252

Support at home (Short-term support for vulnerable people) 01473 702485

Support in emergencies 01603 426361

EASTON BOWLS 'ROLL UP'

Just a reminder that the Easton Bowls Club 'Roll Up' starts on 3rd May and continues every alternate Saturday for the outdoor bowls season. If you are interested come along, starting at 2.00 p.m. and the final word, nearly, footwear must be absolutely flat soled. Bowls, woods and a warm welcome are provided.

Turn up any time during the three hours for a go. The Green is at the top of Cemetery Lane and there is a clear sign on The Street '**Bowls Club**' pointing up the Lane.

If you have any questions or just require more information try Charles Pollock on 01728 747343.

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, IP13 7LF

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

Please send e-mails in Microsoft Word format (97), PDF or jpg for pictures/scans.

Covers are particularly welcome!

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

4th Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
11th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
18th Christine Matthew and Don Evans
25th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
1st June Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker

Kettleburgh

Pat Peck
Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows
Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark

CHURCH FLOWERS

4th Pippa Brown
11th Ruth Garratt
18th Jackie Hounsell
25th Alison Molyneux
1st June Marian Kirton

Jackie Clark
Jackie Clark
Kathleen Taylor
Kathleen Taylor
Eiluned Davies