

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

A letter from Tunstall

Dear Friends

A parish magazine is a wonderful resource isn't it, whether we read all of it from cover to cover, or just use it to find out when the church services are each month. Our magazines are a bargain whether they cost £5 a year, or less, or in fact are a free edition, and one delivered free to every household in all seven parishes is a long held dream, but until income can equal printing costs, or a generous benefactor can be found that seems unlikely to be realised.

While on the topic of magazines I'd like to thank everyone who plays a part in getting our **three** magazines out to you; the readers, month in and month out, year by year. The hardworking editors, the production teams, distributors, deliverers, those who sell the advertising space and help defray the printing costs and at the same time provide a useful local resource – a mini yellow pages to you the readers, all of them deserve a medal.

And as I write this letter I find myself caught between worrying about what I will say in next month's letter, and finishing this one. I need to write two because I will be on holiday when the next one is due, and I have a sore arm from a recent yellow fever vaccination to boot!

I knew being priest in charge of 7 parishes, would be busy, what I didn't expect was to find my desk not big enough for all the separate piles my organising mind wants to create. But it appears at the moment that creating two monthly letters at the same time is a bit too much for my poor brain. And this made me wonder how many of you also find yourself worrying about something at the moment, something you need to do, something that's just happened, or that may be about to happen. And I'd just like to remind you about the power of prayer - it's a great thing for body and mind and spirit, better than a trip to the Doctor for antidepressants, or to the supermarket for more wine!

What a remedy prayer is, something free, and yet totally priceless, but it's more than just attending the Sunday service, it's a continuous process, sometimes it can be just as simple as finding space to sit still or walk, in God's presence, for a few minutes every day, holding the matters, people or concerns that are on our minds, out to God.

St Paul said we should pray without ceasing – and so we should, even if it sounds impossible, and if we savour what is good in our lives, and hold out to God what isn't, this seems to me to be a much wiser way of living, than constantly worrying about the past which we can do nothing about, or the future which will happen whether we will it or not.

So while I'm busy getting ready for a holiday in Africa, please pray for our damaged world and the millions of dispossessed people, yourselves and the things on your mind causing you concern, and also for me.

With love in Christ

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2015
(for further details of each event see below diary)

Thursday 5 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 6 th	10.30am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Thursday 12 th – Saturday 14 th	7.30pm daily & 2.30pm on Sat.	<u>Pantomime – “Robin Hood”</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 13 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> - “Belle”
Saturday 14 th	10.30am – 12	<u>Valentine’s Day Coffee and Cakes</u> at Brandeston Village Hall
Saturday 21 st	2.30pm	<u>Plant Heritage Society Talk</u> at Stowupland Village Hall – see below
Wednesday 25 th	3pm	<u>Lent Course starts</u> at Hacheston Village Hall meeting room
Thursday 26 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Village Hall AGM</u>
Friday 27 th	6.30 for 7pm start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below

ROBIN HOOD

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE HALL

12-13-14 February at 7.30 with a 2.30 matinee on Saturday

Robin Hood will be the 6th pantomime production by **The Kettleburgh Players** and each one has been better than the last! (or so the cast seem to think!)

Auditions and rehearsals started back in September and it's been noses to the grindstone ever since. Lines have been learned, costumes made, props gathered and the stage is set for that all important first night on **Thursday 12th February**.

So come along and thrill to the adventures Robin Hood and Maid Marian, hiss and boo the evil plans of the dastardly Sheriff and encourage that famous duo Friar Tuck and Little John in their efforts to help Robin. Oh yes, his Mum is there too with problems of her own.

TICKETS £6.00 & £3.00

Box Office enquiries on 01728 724017, or susanebrooks@btinternet.com or the link in the Kettleburgh Village website.

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB 2nd Friday of each month starting at 7.30pm at the village hall. Membership is £10 for the year.

February 13th	Belle (2013)	The mixed race daughter of a Royal Navy Admiral is raised by her aristocratic great-uncle in 18th century England. Director: Amma Asante Writer: Misan Sagay Stars: Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Matthew Goode, Emily Watson
March 13th	A Most Wanted Man (2014)	A Chechen Muslim illegally emigrates to Hamburg, where he gets caught in the international war on terror. Director: Anton Corbijn Writers: Andrew Bovell (screenplay), John le Carré (novel) Stars: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Rachel McAdams, Daniel Brühl
April 10th	Mr. Turner (2014)	An exploration of the last quarter century of the great, if eccentric, British painter J.M.W. Turner's life. Director: Mike Leigh Writer: Mike Leigh: (screenplay) Stars: Timothy Spall, Paul Jesson, Dorothy Atkinson

VALENTINE'S DAY COFFEE AND CAKES – Saturday, 14th February

On Valentine's Day Brandeston village hall will be open from 10.30 to midday serving coffee, scones, cakes etc. as well as selling produce, plants and flowers to celebrate the day. There will also be large cakes, buns etc. to take home to your loved one for your own Valentine tea. Newspapers will be available to sit and read as well as friends to chat to so please do come alone. Offers of cakes/biscuits/produce/potted plants/bouquets of flowers are greatly appreciated for the stall - please contact either Lucy Nobbs (01728 684422) or Sue Thurlow (685673) to arrange collection if preferred.

**Plant Heritage Suffolk Group
Warmly invites you to a talk**

'WEATHER INTELLIGENCE: HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?'

BY PETER GIBBS

Professional Meteorologist and BBC Weather Forecast Presenter

**Saturday 21st February 2015 at 2.30pm
Stowupland Village Hall IP14 4BQ**

Plant stall including rare and unusual plants
Refreshments available for purchase following talk

Free to members

£5 entrance fee for non-members

New members and non-members are most welcome

www.suffolkplantheritage.com

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LENT COURSE 2015 - "Prayers of the Bible"

Wednesdays 25th Feb, 4th, 11th 18th and 25th March 2015 at 3pm for about an hour in Hacheston Village Hall Meeting room, a place we have used successfully on previous occasions, which seems to be fairly central to all parishes, is warm with good parking. The course will be lead by Revd Richard Ginn. Please bring your bible, a few pieces of paper, and something with which to write. Each session will be a 'unit', so please don't worry if you can't come to every gathering – just come when you can. The first meeting will focus on Matthew Chapter 6 verses 9 – 13. You may like to look through this passage beforehand.

Deirdre

BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held in the hall on Thursday, 26th February starting at 7.30 p.m. followed by nibbles and a glass of wine. The committee hopes you will be able to come along to hear a report on the year and to offer any ideas and suggestions for 2015.

BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE – 27 FEBRUARY 2015

The next Whist Drive will take place in Brandeston Village Hall on Friday, 27th February 2015. Doors open at **6.30 p.m.** to enable a prompt start to play at **7.00 p.m.** The cost is just **£2.50** per person. This entry fee includes your choice from a selection of fine wines and a lovely spread of great, locally-produced refreshments, which will be served in the interval. Any profits go towards the upkeep of Brandeston Village Hall together with various other locally-based charities. All are welcome to attend, especially any newcomers to the game.

If you would like to join us, please call either Pam or Rick on **685920** to book your place at the tables. This advance warning enables us to ensure that the correct number of players can attend. It also helps us to gauge the approximate amount of food and wine required for the evening.

We look forward to seeing you.
Pam and Rick Reade

ADVANCE NOTICES

Friday 6 th March	7.30pm	Race Night at The Chequers, Kettleburgh
Sunday 15 th March	9.30am	Brandeston Village Walk – meet at village hall at 9.30 for 9.45 start - see below
Mon 30 th March to Wed 1 st April	6.30pm	Compline services – see below
30 th /31 st May		Festive Weekend of Music and Flowers in Brandeston – see below

BRANDESTON VILLAGE WALK – Sunday, 15th March

On the last walk we saw a large herd of deer and this time we will be looking for mad March hares. The same format as last time – meeting at the village hall at 9.30 for a 9.45 start followed by bacon rolls etc. in the hall afterward. Tickets: Adults - £6; children - £3 or a family ticket (2+2) - £15 from Sue Thurlow – 685673 or sue.thurlow@btconnect.com. This will be a ticket event to avoid wasting food in aid of the tennis court fund.

COMPLINE is a service of Night Prayer, ancient, with its origins back in the C6th and St Benedict, where in the monastic life it marked the completion of the working day, and the start of the grand silence. Compline provides us with a time of silence for reflection and contemplative prayer, and the 1928 version which has been used in these parishes for over 20 years has a gentle rhythm to it, which for me and other regular followers is addictive. And it is something I have a mind to try occasionally during the year, a Friday evening and the end of a working week comes to mind, as does weekly in Lent and during Holy Week. So on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week 2015 we will meet at **6.30pm** normally seated in the choir pews, as a reminder that it was a monastic ‘office’ and we let out the tensions of the day and shift our attention back to God. It is not lengthy (20 minutes or so) and for many it is the perfect end to a busy day, and sitting in a familiar church at dusk can be an oddly comforting experience. It is also a perfect preparation for what is to follow later in the week, so if you are a ‘fan’ or never tried it, now is your chance and the dates are:

Monday 30th March in Hacheston

Tuesday 31st in Parham

Wednesday 1st April in Easton

Deirdre

FESTIVE WEEKEND OF MUSIC AND FLOWERS – being planned for 30th/31st May

All Saints’ Church and the front lawns of Brandeston Hall (by kind permission of the Headmaster) will become a focus of entertainment with

- Cream Teas, Flower and Plants stalls
- Music by the Castleton Brass Band,
The Stradbroke Junior Brass,
The Rabble Chorus and more
- A Grand Evening Concert with vocal, instrumental and keyboard entertainment with refreshments,

And of course

- The Church decked with flowers to view, with quiet music accompaniment and stewards on hand to talk of the history.

All this and much more planned

More news each month.

Janet Weston

PAST EVENTS

BRANDESTON CHAPEL EVENING on 20th December attracted nearly 50 residents of Brandeston to enjoy food, wine and good cheer to start the Christmas festivities. The evening raised £475 for the chapel restoration fund. Many thanks to those who helped to make this a very successful event again this year.

Sue Thurlow

BRANDESTON VILLAGE CHRISTMAS WALK

It was a lovely sunny morning for the walk on 28th December which touched on 3 parishes – Brandeston, Monewden and Kettleburgh. There were 28 walkers including children and dogs who undertook the 3.5 mile hike followed by bacon rolls and hot coffee in the hall. With the raffle this event contributed £123 to the tennis court fund. It was a lovely village event which was much enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to The Morgans for cooking the delicious bacon rolls.

Sue Thurlow

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Results for January KGT Lottery draw are as follows:

1st Prize: Wendy Griffiths

2nd Prize: M&E Deveney

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Prize winners for January were as follows :-

First prize Phillipa Demetriadi

Second prize Tim Everson

The next draw will be held at the village hall on Thursday, 05 February, 2015

Mark Hounsell

NOTICES

MOBILE LIBRARY 2015

Saxmundham Mobile Library calls every 4 weeks on Thursdays on the following dates for 2015:

19 Feb, 19 Mar, 16 April, 14 May, 11 Jun, 9 Jul, 6 Aug, 3 Sept, 1 Oct, 29 Oct, 26 Nov, no visit on 24 Dec

Stop	Village	Location	Time
7A	Dallinghoo	Village Hall	0945-1000
7B	Charsfield	South View, The Street	1005-1030
7C	Monewden	Church	1040-1050
7D	Otley	Spring Park	1100-1120
7E	Otley	Village Stores	1125-1215
7F	Ashbocking	The Green	1225-1245
7G	Helmingham	Forge	1250-1300
7H	Framsden	Village Hall	1410-1425
7I	Earl Soham	The Old Stores	1440-1455
7J	Cretingham	New Bell PH	1505-1525
7K	Brandeston	Queen's Head PH	1530-1550
7L	Kettleburgh	Church Rd	1555-1610

HOSPICE SHOPS NEED DONATIONS

St Elizabeth Hospice is appealing for donations of good quality items for its shop in Framlingham.

The local charity needs donations of goods such as clothes, shoes, accessories, toys, games, books DVDs, and homeware to resell in its shops to raise vital funds for Hospice care.

Jason Rudderham, St Elizabeth Hospice's Head of Retail, said: "All our Hospice shops are well supported by the community, whether that's through donating items, shopping, or volunteering in the stores – and this month we need your help as we're running low on stock.

"Any items you can donate will be gratefully received and all the money generated from our shops goes towards providing care and support for our patients and their families."

If you would like to support your local Hospice by donating items, please drop them off at your nearest St Elizabeth shop in Market Hill during opening hours, Monday to Saturday, 9am – 5pm.

Visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/shops to find out more.

VILLAGE WEBSITES

