

**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
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THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

This month we have been asked to write something about the role of lay elders in the benefice and perhaps encourage some of you to come and join us.

Lay elders are peculiar to the diocese of St Edmundsbury, but we are not peculiar people! In many parishes across the country lay people take non-communion services, help with the chalice and do other tasks in the church. In some places, churchwardens do similar tasks. We stress that we are not “holier” than other people, just that we feel called to help the church’s work at a local level. At first we were concerned that people might think we were becoming rather self-important but everyone has been very supportive. There are two main branches to the Lay Elders’ work: helping with services (liturgical work) and pastoral work. Most of us were trained by the Diocesan team over a period of six months and this training was extremely useful and gave us confidence to try taking/helping with services such as family service and evening prayer and the do’s and don’ts of home visiting and pastoral care. Most of us feel more at home with one aspect rather than both.

Our main task is to allow the clergy to carry out their work with a little less pressure on their time and energies. Also, during an interregnum we are called upon to make ourselves useful! The work is very rewarding both personally and in testing and extending our own faith.

We are not allowed to preach, but we are allowed to give a talk or introduce holy play or read a commentary from a reputable source. It sounds a fine line to tread, but it boils down to not telling people what they should believe or think (we would not presume!), but opening up some lines of possible thought or action.

Among other things we do is, of course, a ministry of prayer. This is personal to all of us in our prayer life, but we also lead intercessions in our churches.

Assisting with Communion by taking the chalice is both a pleasure and a solemn honour. When there are a large number of communicants, it becomes a practical necessity but even when the number of communicants is small it brings something of sharing to the act of communion.

If you have been thinking about how you could help the church’s work, you might like to think about trying out the training in one or both aspects of the work. You would, we feel sure, find it very rewarding.

With best wishes,

Jane Woodbury-Eggins and Valerie Upson

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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2010		
Thursday 2 nd	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning and 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 3 rd	10am-12noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Saturday 4 th	2.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Village Produce Show</u> at Village Hall
Thursday 9 th	7.00pm	<u>Pantomime Auditions</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 10 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “Changeling” at Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 11 th	9am - 6pm	<u>Church Bike Ride</u> sponsor forms from Pat Peck (Kettleburgh) -621144 or Ruth Garratt (Brandeston) - 685233
Sunday 12 th	10am – 5.30pm	<u>Monewden Blacksmiths Shop Open</u> – see below
Sunday 19 th	10.30am – 4pm	<u>Autumn Plant Fair</u> at Helmingham Hall – see below.
Sunday 19 th	Following 6.30pm Evening Worship	<u>Introduction to Alpha Course</u> , wine & nibbles at Hacheston Church
Monday 20 th	7.30pm	<u>Talk by Dr Daniel Poulter</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Monday 20 th	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> by Peter Driver, at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall – see below.
Wednesday 22 nd	7.30pm	<u>Table Tennis</u> at Brandeston Village Hall. For more info contact Doug & Chris Parr – 685658

		or John Garratt - 685233
Thursday 23 rd	6.30 for 7.00pm	<u>Start of Alpha Course</u> at Hacheston Village Hall – see below
Friday 24 th	6.30pm for 7pm start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 26 th	3.30pm	<u>Brandeston Harvest Festival</u> at the Church, followed by tea in the Village Hall

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB

10th September – Changeling. A grief-stricken mother takes on the LAPD to her own detriment when it stubbornly tries to pass off an obvious imposter as her missing child.

8th October – Le Chateau de Ma Mere. We loved Le Gloire de Mon Pere. This French film is in the same genre – a charming story.

12th November – Rebecca (1940 version) – a welcome classic.

The film club is always held on the second Friday of the month in the village hall. New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free. *Sue Thurlow*

MONEDDEN BLACKSMITHS SHOP OPEN - Sunday 12th Sept, 10am – 5.30pm
Last chance this year! Wide range of blacksmiths' and carpenters' tools; wagon, tumbrel and farm bygones on display.

Wrought iron items from Hector Moore's Forge at Brandeston, and art work by his wife Mary. All welcome. Admission free.

PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM

AUTUMN PLANT FAIR

Sunday 19th Sept, 10.30am – 4pm

- National Plant Collections
 - Specialist nurseries
 - Plant Doctor
 - Apple Detective
 - Garden accessories
 - Home made lunches and teas
- £6 including entry to Helmingham Hall Gardens

Helmingham Hall IP14 6EF

On B1077, 9 miles north of Ipswich

ALPHA COURSE - CONFIRMED DATES FOR THE COURSE

'Exploring the meaning of Life'

The course will start with a glass of wine and nibbles after the 6.30 Evening Worship at Hacheston on **19th September**. Leonard Payne, the regional representative for **ALPHA**, will preach and give an introduction to the course and its content. If you are interested in coming on the course, or you would like to hear more about ALPHA, please come and listen to him.

The Course will take place on Thursday evenings, in Hacheston Village Hall, where there is excellent parking. We have had to adjust the dates of the course. The **first session** will now be on **23rd September**. Subsequent sessions will take place on Thursday evenings, **EXCEPT that session 10 will take place on Monday 1st November** instead of Thursday 4th November. The final session will take place on Thursday 2nd December.

A key element of the course is an ‘away day’ on **Saturday 13th November**, when Bishop Sandy Millar will lead three sessions on the subject of The Holy Spirit. Each evening session begins with a hot supper at 6.30 for 7pm, for which a donation may be made. The evenings should finish by about 9pm.

Everyone on the course will need a “handbook”. These will be available for purchase (price £) at Evensong at Hacheston on 19th September and at the first session on 23rd September.

To whet your appetite, some of the topics to be discussed are:

Who is Jesus?

Why did He die?

How can we have faith?

Why and how do I pray?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

You do need to register your interest in attending as places are limited, and several have already been taken.

Please ring or email

Deirdre West on 01728 688340 or deirdre.west@btinternet.com

GO ON - DO IT NOW YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO.

DR DANIEL POULTER MP: My First 120 Days in Parliament

On Monday, 20 September 2010, Daniel Poulter will be giving a talk on his first three months as a new MP. This is an excellent opportunity to listen to and meet Daniel. The talk will take place in Brandeston Village Hall starting at 7.30; tickets are £2 each and will include nibbles. This is being widely advertised and we expect that tickets will go quickly so early booking is advisable. Tickets are available from the Coffee Morning, and Pat and Darryl Morgan (685378).

MARDLE

During the Autumn and Winter Letheringham PCC organize mardles. (A mardle is a gossip or chat). They rely on income from the mardles to keep the church fabric in good

order, and a mardle is also a social event with a glass of wine, canapés and a good speaker. Beware, mardles can become addictive!

The first mardle of the Autumn, on Mon 20th Sept, will be given by Peter Driver, who will tell us stories about Suffolk, and Woodbridge in particular, during Napoleonic times. (Owing to his frequent absences abroad Dr Paul Whiting is unable to come on this date as advertised, but we hope to see him in due course). A glass of wine and canapés are included in the £6 entrance fee. Proceeds to Letheringham Church funds.

Future mardles –

Mon 18th October: *Boudicca – ancient British queen of the Iceni*. Illustrated talk by Lucy Wyatt.

Mon 15th November: *Chistian Relics*. Talk by Charles Freeman.

Roger & Sylvia Keene

THE GREAT BRANDESTON WHIST DRIVE

Calling all card players, calling all card players

You do not have long to wait now for the return of Whist Drives to Brandeston Village Hall. The first Whist Drive of the new season will be held on Friday 24th September at 6.30pm for a prompt start at 7.00pm. Great, locally produced refreshments and a choice of quality wines are included in this evening of skill and fun at only £2.50 per head. We look forward to meeting our company of "regulars" once again but, as always, we would be delighted to welcome any new participants. You do not need to possess any previous experience of Whist - we can quickly teach you all of the basics.

If you are at all interested, please phone Pam or Rick Reade on 685920 to make sure of your place and to enable us to ascertain just how many tables will be required for the opening evening of the 2010 - 2011 Whist Drive season. We look forward to hearing from you.

Pam & Rick Reade

ADVANCE NOTICES

10 th October		Kettleburgh Harvest Festival & Supper
23 rd October		Old Tyme Music Hall Evening at Kettleburgh Village Hall
12 th November		Quiz Evening at Kettleburgh Village Hall
10 th , 11 th , 12 th Feb 2011		Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Kettleburgh Village Hall

PAST EVENTS

AUTOJUMBLE 2010

Another lovely sunny dawn and the first stand holders rattled past Church Farm house at 4.19 a.m. From then on until 2.00 p.m. everyone was coming and going - buyers, sellers and helpers. From as far afield as Shaftesbury and Woverhampton cars were coming in to support the autojumble. This brings in money from outside the locality which is to the good. As ever we are indebted to the many people from the village who give up an hour or two on a Sunday to direct people, park cars and help with the barbecue and in the catering marquee...**thank you all so much.** Without you we couldn't run the show. The proceeds from the October 2009 autojumble enabled John and Derek to buy a new, bigger and stronger marquee which will be useful for our other functions. A point of interest...a list of the charities we have supported and the amount of money sent each time since the first event in 2004 will be pinned on the notice board in the village hall. Was this the last autojumble? Watch this space..... !

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LEATHERINGHAM RIVERSIDE GARDENS

The event on 18th July made over £1000 for church funds. We thank everyone who came to support us and especially the people who worked so hard on the day to make such an enjoyable occasion.

Roger and Sylvia Keene

BRANDESTON WEDDING

Brandeston Hall Old Boy, **Luke Wilton** was married in All Saints' Brandeston on Saturday 7th August.

Luke, an investment banker, married **Sze Leng Wong**, a Singaporean Accountant who he met while working in the Far East. Both of them are now working in London.

Flowers in the Church, beautifully arranged by the Brandeston Church flower arranging team, were predominantly red, a colour associated in the Chinese culture with good luck. The service was a wonderfully happy occasion, attended by about 130 members of the Bride and Bridegroom's families and friends, including a number who had travelled from Singapore for the wedding.

The Bride, who was given away by her brother, wore a stunning full-length dress with veil and train, which had been made in Singapore. She was attended by two bridesmaids, one of whom was the sister of the Bridegroom.

Luke was supported by four Best Men! Among the hymns sung during the service was "Jerusalem."

The Wedding was followed by a reception at Yaxley Hall. This included the traditional Chinese Tea Ceremony, when the Bride and Bridegroom serve their parents tea, showing respect and gratefulness to their elders, and, in turn, receive gifts from them. Thereafter, they are served tea by their own siblings, to whom they offer gifts. After the tea, the Bride and Bridegroom share various items of food.

Luke and Sze Leng chose to be married in Brandeston Church because of Luke's happy childhood memories of Brandeston Hall.

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Please note winners for August 2010 were :-

First Graham Vellacott

Second Keith Goodchild

Next draw Thursday 2nd September at the village hall

Mark Hounsell

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The following is the result of August's KGT Lottery draw held at the coffee morning.

1st Prize: Darran Frost

2nd Prize: J. Young

Trevor Jessop

NOTICES

CLEANER NEEDED

Brandeston Village Hall is looking for a new cleaner. After a stint of 3 years our current cleaner is moving on to full time employment so we are looking for someone to help us. It would involve 2 hours or so a week. Anyone interested please call Darryl Morgan (685378) or Sue Thurlow (685673).

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 is invited to make application in writing before 31st October to the secretary Valerie Upson, Fieldings Kettleburgh.



www.singout2010.org.uk

is forming a Youth Choir of Singers age between
14 and 19 years to take part in

A unique musical experience

Featuring the UK debut of `Cantata: Shadows of Sleep` by Joseph Phibbs
and `Dialogue with the Sea` by Jana Rowland

to be performed by a combined youth choir from local schools with the Britten-Pears Chamber Choir

Musical Director Peter Nardone

at
Snape Maltings Concert Hall
Saturday 13th November 2010

SingOut010 has a few spaces left for its ensemble youth choir to perform
two exciting new choral works on the main stage at Snape Maltings Concert
Hall in November. We are looking for young Sopranos, Altos, and Tenors
and Basses between 14 and 19 years of age.

If you are living within easy access of Snape Maltings and Saxmundham and
would like to be part of a unique musical programme and perform at a
recorded Premiere Concert we would like to hear from you.

We will be arranging a programme of rehearsals in late summer and early
autumn for those wishing to continue through to final performance.

Email singout2010@googlemail.com or phone 01728 622029 for
further details.

SingOut2010 is promoted by the Rotary Club of Saxmundham who operates a child
protection policy.

LINK ROMANIA SHOEBOX APPEAL 2010



Many people now contribute to this charity each year, and this is just a reminder to start thinking about items for box(es) this year. Leaflets to attach to the shoeboxes will be available at Kettleburgh coffee mornings, at the back of Kettleburgh Church and at Kettleburgh Harvest Supper. If you would like to know more about the appeal,

contact Jackie Clark (723623) or take a look at the website: www.linkromania.co.uk
There is a link on the Kettleburgh website (Church page). Last year a record number - 46,755 - boxes were delivered to families in Romania, Moldova, Albania, Bulgaria and Ukraine.

2011 LETHERINGHAM CALENDAR – available now!

The new triptych painting in St Mary’s Church, Letheringham was the inspiration for this charming calendar. Each month shows a different view taken from Tessa Newcomb’s painting.

Also – a delightful set of 6 blank greeting cards each with a different view taken from the painting.

Calendar with stout envelope - £7.50

Pack of six greeting cards with envelopes - £7.50

Tel. Polly Ffitch (747449) or Roger Keene (748337), or available at Mardles on 20 Sept, 18 Oct & 15 Nov. Proceeds to Letheringham Church.

EASTON AND LETHRINGHAM VILLAGE HALL was refurbished inside and given a brand new kitchen a year or so ago, and now a working party has redecorated the outside and made it look really smart. It is available for private functions and especially lends itself to family parties or events. Ring Jenny McEvoy on 01728 747366 for more information.



VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Village volunteers are needed to spread the word in their local community about a fundraising campaign to build a new children’s hospice in Ipswich.

Villagers are needed from the width and breadth of Suffolk and North Essex and people living in towns could also take up the position. From Barrow to Yaxley, from Aldham to Wyverstone and all the towns and villages inbetween, EACH hopes the Treehouse Appeal message will reach every Suffolk resident.

East Anglia’s Children’s Hospices (EACH) are running the Treehouse Appeal to raise £3 million to build and equip a new children’s hospice to provide care and support to life-threatened children and their families across Suffolk and North Essex.

EACH are looking for new volunteers to actively promote the Treehouse Appeal by organising collecting boxes and fundraising events as well as spreading the word in their local communities.

There are more than 500 towns and villages across Suffolk and EACH would like to get as many of those places involved with the Treehouse Appeal. As the new hospice will care for life-threatened children and their families in North Essex too, EACH hopes residents from the region will also get involved.

Mark Fox, EACH fundraiser, said: "Someone volunteered for EACH recently and I asked them how they found it, they replied through a beaming smile, 'It felt great, it just gives you that charity high, why don't more people do it?'"

"Volunteers are so important to the charity by distributing collecting tins, picking up cheques, putting up posters in their local community. It really does get us into the little nooks and crannies of the county that can sometimes be really difficult to get to.

"It's easy to become a volunteer, all you need is the passion to make a difference, and what a perfect opportunity to make a huge difference to children with life-threatening conditions and complex health care needs."

SECURITY WARNING

Police are again urging residents to be careful when dealing with doorstep and telephone callers after receiving reports that a company was contacting householders offering property marking 'in conjunction with police'.

The company appears to have been calling residents and claiming to work with police to offer the service to mark valuable items such as TVs, jewellery and audio devices. Any unsolicited calls should always be treated with caution but these appear to be a hoax, as police do not endorse private companies to carry out work like this. If you would like to have your property marked you can have this done free of charge and without further obligation – just contact either your local Safer Neighbourhood Team or local Crime Reduction Officer, or if you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch your local liaison officer, at Suffolk Police on 01473 613500.

Police are also encouraging residents to alert more vulnerable friends, relatives and neighbours to the need to be cautious when dealing with any doorstep or telephone callers.

VILLAGE WEBSITES

For up-to-date information about your village, visit these websites:
www.brandeston.net

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, PDF or jpg for pictures/scans.
Covers are always welcome too!

TIMES PAST

‘September blow soft
Till the fruits are in the loft’

Looking at customs and celebrations this month they centre on Harvest Home and Michaelmas. In the past the Harvest Home Supper which celebrated the carrying home of the last harvest load or the cutting of the last upstanding corn, often took place at the end of August or early September.

Harvest Festival services of thanksgiving also were held when the churches were decorated with displays of the finest produce and flowers. Both these celebrations are continued in our two parishes.

September 14th saw Holy-Cross which was the festival of the Exaltation of the Cross. A popular custom on this day was to go nutting. Another custom connected with food was the belief that it was unlucky to eat blackberries after September 29th, Michaelmas.

‘On Michaelmas day the Devil puts his feet on blackberries’

St Michael is one of the three archangels, St Gabriel and St Raphael being the others, mentioned in the Bible. Michaelmas is a quarter day in England and was the date for the termination of the year of service for men and women hired at the ‘hiring fairs’ held the previous year. Anyone who wished to make a change of master did so at this time.

Often rent audits were held too and a celebratory meal was served. Popular fare for Michaelmas dinner was hot roast goose; this being the time of year when geese are in their prime.

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A full list of services can be found in the middle of the magazine

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

5th Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
12th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
19th Christine Matthews and Don Evans
26th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
3rd Oct Peter and Trish Smyth

Kettleburgh

Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark
Eddie Bell
Jane O'Leary
Fay Clarke

CHURCH FLOWERS

5th Alison Molyneux
12th Bel Goldie-Morrison
19th Nancy Demetriadi
26th HARVEST
3rd Oct Helen Saxton

Irene Dick
Irene Dick
Lucy Howell
Lucy Howell
Anne Bater