

BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH PARISH NEWS

MAY 2015



PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

The Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost on the 24th May this year, a festival sometimes called Whit Sunday, or Whitsuntide. And what is a fairly recent adoption of the late Spring Bank holiday, on the last Monday of May is an attempt to deal with the fact that Whitsuntide is a moveable feast dependent entirely on the date of Easter.

For Christians, Whitsuntide (or Pentecost) is an important day, very much a day to celebrate, in fact many see it as the birthday of the Church, because of the way in which, as vividly described in the Bible, the Spirit of God filled Jesus's followers as they were locked together in an upstairs room in Jerusalem. When the Spirit entered it drove them out into the streets to tell the crowds of foreign pilgrims thronging into the city, what Jesus had done for humanity by his death and resurrection, and what this would mean for the future of the world!

They were inspired, fired by the energy and the power of the Holy Spirit to such an extent that they were able to communicate with joy and confidence the love of God, which they knew to be theirs, to everyone they spoke to. And it was a message that transformed all who heard it, and which has continued to transform the world over the last two millennia.

So with all the challenges and burdens that beset Church life in our villages from time to time, not least the imminent danger of a roof collapse in Hacheston, and amid the host of good things we shall be celebrating this summer, flower festivals, fetes, festival weekends of flowers and music, garden openings and concerts it is good not to lose sight of the message of Pentecost. We should remember amid all the business of celebrating this summer the irrepressible energy, the extraordinary power, and the warmth of compassion and love with which the truth of Jesus was, and has been over the ages communicated. And maybe as we worship in all our seven churches on this special Sunday we may be lucky enough to experience for ourselves something of the transforming power of God's Spirit; his gifts at work in our lives, gifts which can transform and inspire us, and through us the world in which we live. With love in Christ,

Deirdre

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 2015 (for further details of each event see below diary)		
Friday 1 st	10.30am – 12	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Thursday 7 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 8 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> - “A Good Year”
9 th and 23 rd	2.30 – 4.30pm	<u>Easton Bowls Club</u>
9 th – 31 st		<u>Suffolk Walking Festival</u> – see below
Wednesday 13 th	3pm	<u>Bible Study</u> at Hacheston Village Hall
Saturday 23 rd	7.30pm	<u>Live theatre performance of “Oysters” by Eastern Angles</u> at Brandeston Village Hall. Tickets £8 (£7 for concessions)
Sunday 24 th	10am – 4pm	<u>Spring Plant Fair</u> at Helmingham Hall
Monday 25 th	8am – 1pm	<u>Autojumble</u> at Church Farm, Kettleburgh
30 th /31 st		<u>Festive Weekend of Music and Flowers</u> in Brandeston – see below

AN INVITATION TO BIBLE STUDY

At our Lent Group meetings, we looked at some of the Prayers of the Bible. Requests have been made for further shared study opportunities. So – this is an invitation to come and look at some aspects of the letter to the Philippians. It is possible to go into great depth in considering the words of Scripture, but the primary aim of these meetings will be to allow God to equip us for our everyday lives so that we can serve him better.

The following programme outlines the intended plan of study of Philippians:

May 13th Chapter One – Openness to God
June 10th Chapter Two – The Qualities of Christ
July 22nd Chapter Three – Christian Ambition
August 19th Chapter Four – Christian Perseverance

All these gatherings will be in Hacheston Village Hall, in the Committee Room, at 3pm on Wednesdays. Please come to any session, or to all. It will be helpful if you have read the set chapter in advance.

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

May 8th	A Good Year (2006)	A British investment broker inherits his uncle's chateau and vineyard in Provence, where he spent much of his childhood. He discovers a new laid-back lifestyle as he tries to renovate the estate to be sold. Director: Ridley Scott Writers: Marc Klein (screenplay), Peter Mayle (novel) Stars: Russell Crowe, Abbie Cornish, Albert Finney
June 12th	The Imitation Game	During World War II, mathematician Alan Turing tries to crack the enigma code with help from fellow mathematicians. Director: Morten Tyldum Writers: Andrew Hodges (book), Graham Moore (screenplay) Stars: Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley, Matthew Goode
July 10th	Once Upon a Time in America (1984)	A former Prohibition-era Jewish gangster returns to the Lower East Side of Manhattan over thirty years later, where he once again must confront the ghosts and regrets of his old life. Director: Sergio Leone Writers: Harry Grey (novel), Leonardo Benvenuti, Stars: Robert De Niro, James Woods, Elizabeth McGovern

EASTON BOWLS CLUB

Are you willing to have a go at lawn bowls?

Easton Bowls Club will have open Roll Ups every other Saturday starting on 9th May at 2.30 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. Come and have a try, bowls are available and if you have previously bowled come along. If you cannot make the 9th; there is the 23rd and in June the 6th and 20th are Saturdays. The last Roll Up will be on August 29th. The only stipulation to rolling a wood on the green is absolutely flat soled shoes. Sorry no heels or stilettoes. The green is at the top of Cemetery Lane and there is a clear sign on The Street, **Bowls Club**, pointing up the Lane.

For any more information please contact Charles Pollock on 01728 747343.



The Kettle will be boiling for you at Church Farm, Kettleburgh IP13 7LF

Monday 25th May

Sunday 26th July

Sunday 25th October

Set up the day before encouraged!

From 8.00am to 1.00pm

Early birds before 8am £5.00

Entry for adults and children £3.50

Clear you garage £12.00 a pitch

To book, phone 01728 724858 any day before 9.30pm

Sponsored by:- Clarke & Simpson & Andy Tiernan Classics

The Autojumble is a fundraising event for the church and Ipswich Hospital Cancer Wing. Help is always very welcome with car park marshalling etc. If you are able to help please contact Derek on 724 858.

SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL 9th – 31st May 2015

See details of walks in last months magazine or www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk to look at

the programme and to book your tickets. You can also pick up a brochure from your local tourist information centre.



**“Oysters” by Eastern Angles
at Brandeston Village Hall
Saturday 23rd May at 7.30 pm**

Tickets £8 (£7 for concessions)

The region's leading touring theatre company, Eastern Angles, is coming your way.

They are back on the road with their latest touring production, *Oysters*, written and directed by Eastern Angles' founder and Artistic Director Ivan Cutting.

This play is inspired by real-life experiences of boat-builders, Oyster farmers and townspeople living on the Essex coast.

Mo has just turned fifty and is busy restoring an oyster dredger recovered from an Essex riverbed. Helping him bring the boat back to life is Angie, a young apprentice with a chip on her shoulder. When a piece of Mo's beloved dredger goes missing their lives are up-ended and the past floats to the surface.

Oysters has been researched and developed as part of the Pioneer Sailing Trust *Land and Sea* project, which is focused on restoring the 1893 Oyster Smack *Priscilla* www.pioneersailingtrust.org.uk

**To book your tickets please contact Mary Baker 01728 685807
marybaker555@hotmail.co.uk**

Oysters is sponsored by Ipswich Building Society & Abellio Greater Anglia

Helmingham Hall

Plant Heritage

PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM

Helmingham Hall IP14 6EF

SPRING PLANT FAIR

SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2015 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Adults: £7 (includes entry to gardens)

Children: Free!

FREE PLANT FOR FIRST 800 VISITORS!

Specialist nurseries - National Plant Collections

Garden Tours - Plant Doctor & Workshops

Live Music & entertainment - Local food & drink

Rare and unusual plants

www.suffolkplantheritage.com

www.helmingham.com

NCCPG Reg charity 1004009

Tel: 01473 890799

t @helminghamhall

**Everyone is invited to our Celebration of Music and Flowers
At All Saints' Church, Brandeston**

On the weekend of 30th and 31st May

The Church and plant stall will be open from 11.00am on both days

Saturday and Sunday 2 to 5 pm: music, flowers and cream teas to enjoy.

**Saturday 30th May at 7.30pm. Concert of light classics including
Suffolk Singers and professional musicians. Tickets £10 including
light refreshments.**

Please book in advance. Ring 01728 685807.

Sunday 31st May-The weekend will end with Songs of Praise in the Church
at 5pm

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 13 th June	4 – 6pm	Kettleburgh Village Fete in the Chequers Garden
Saturday 20 th June		Brandeston Village Fete in the grounds of the Queen's Head pub
10 th July	10.30am – 12 noon	Cats' Protection Coffee Morning at Manly, Kettleburgh
11 th July	6.30 – 9pm	Charity Fashion Show at Brandeston Village Hall, in aid of CLIC Sargent (for children & young people with cancer). Tickets £5 each, from Jasmin Clarke 07734 431908

PAST EVENTS

BRANDESTON VILLAGE WALK

The Brandeston Village Walk on Sunday, 22nd March was enjoyed by approx. 20 walkers following a route around Brandeston and Kettleburgh on a fine morning followed by very welcome hot coffee, bacon rolls etc. in the village hall. A lovely village event which raised £173 for the tennis court fund.

Sue Thurlow

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The draw for April will be held with May draw on 1st May at the coffee morning.

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

To be reported next month

MAURICE GEORGE SCOTT

With sadness we again record Maurice's death on March 12th 2015, aged 84 years. A service of thanksgiving for his life was held at Brandeston church on 26th March, followed by interment in the churchyard. Very many people were present and overflowed into the churchyard. So many people had come because they loved and respected a faithful friend in Maurice; they may even have bought or sold a horse with him, hunted or been to Appleby Horse Fair. Near the grave his old and faithful trap stood laden with flowers, the trap that had been to Appleby some while ago. Furthermore, in the field at the head of the grave there was the Master of the Easton Harriers (Alan Thomas) with his whipper-in and ten good hounds. Several times he blew "Gone Away" on his horn and did a little canter with his hounds in the field. It was good for all people, just as Maurice would have liked it, the church bells rang, the sun shone and there was joy among the sadness. We thanked God for Maurice's life.

In the church we sang some of Maurice's favourite hymns and tributes were paid by his son-in-law Martin Churchill, his daughter Kathy, and his eldest granddaughter, Jemma, read a poem "To those I love and those that love me." People were invited to gather at the Cretingham Bell afterwards to drink and reminisce, which they did!

I will tell you now something of Maurice's life. I am indebted to Martin for the material he used at the service, which I have summarised for you.

Maurice Scott was born on Canvey Island on the 30th March 1930 to parents Victor and Annie and was the youngest of three after Pete and Jean. Pete the eldest went into the family coach merchant business but Maurice always wanted to farm. After school and at weekends he would help at a nearby farm owned by two old brothers, Harry and Joe White. On leaving school at 16 he then worked full time there and when the two brothers retired, he ran and managed it for them. He had a certain skill with hay making and sold hay for good prices up in London to the Household Cavalry and also to the racing stables of Newmarket. Maurice always loved horses and learnt a lot of his skills from his father who had previously been a carriage driver, taking people off the island across the causeway at low tide before the bridge was built. When Howards Dairies based at Westcliff-on-Sea sold their horses in favour of electric milk floats Maurice brought 2 or 3, of which one was their show horse. He was a smart dock tailed cob who was a great character called Bobtail Bill with whom Maurice competed at local harness classes.

He started to dabble in property and eventually the opportunity came to buy the brothers farm which Maurice was able to do with the help of a loan from his father.

In 1961 he met and courted Sue who he met (inevitably) at a horse show. He later teased her that it was her horse he noticed first, a rather smart welsh cob he thought would make a lovely driving horse.

On 27th October 1962 they married at St Margaret's Church in Leigh-On-Sea, Sue's home town, and were driven away from the church by a pair of horses belonging to a friend. Their reception was at the Roundhouse Hotel and then they spend a few days in the Sun Inn at Dedham just south of here.

Victor was born in 1965 and named after Maurice's father who had died suddenly the year before. Maurice celebrated by buying a foal although it took until 2am to hammer out a deal leaving Sue worried sick in the days before mobiles. Little Victor went everywhere with his dad.

Then in 1968 their daughter, Kathleen was born and before she could even walk she was popped on a small pony called Nimrod. He looked like a Hereford calf but ultimately proved himself to be a star jumper in tandem with Kathy and they entered many competitions together.

Life on Canvey Island was good with plenty of friends and fun. Maurice, being a very canny business man, realised that his land was very desirable as it bordered the seawall and so he held off selling until the Occidental Oil Company offered him a price he couldn't refuse. He first brought a small farm in Sussex which was idyllic and the family enjoyed happy holidays there in the summer, but it had limitations commercially so he then looked to Suffolk to make a new home. They had family connections here, Maurice's great grandfather is buried in the churchyard at Butley and Sue had spent summer holidays here in Framlingham as a child. Eventually, they found and fell in love with Brook Farm. Then, as now, land prices were going up so Maurice put in an offer prior to the auction, it was accepted and they moved in, horses, dogs, cats, chickens and all in 1972.

Sue had been riding since she was a teenager and with Kathy on lead rein they joined the Easton Harriers and it wasn't long before Maurice joined too on his faithful hunter, Buck. Many happy days were spent cleaning and polishing horse and rider only to go out and get covered in mud.

His pony Bobtail Bill, at the age of 17, took Maurice together with Tony and Johnny Stammers on a sponsored drive all the way to Appleby in Cumbria, not far from the Scottish border. Ivan Leach went as well driving the support lorry. They raised over £4,000 for 'Driving for the Disabled' and the cart Maurice used is the one here today.

Maurice was a founder member of the 'British Driving Society' and became a respected judge, which took him and Sue travelling round the country including the 'Horse of the Year Show' and 'Burghley Horse Trials.' He was very proud of this role and was much respected for his judgement, fairness and eye for detail.

He was also honoured to become President of the 'Mid Suffolk Driving for the Disabled' and to be President of the Fram Show in 2008.

Maurice also loved his beer and was very proud that the barley Victor grew was so good that Earl Soham brewery used it in their new brew and named it Brandeston Gold accordingly. In fact, this love of beer extended further to actually buying a share in a pub, The Kings Head, in Laxfield, usually known as the Low House and today it is one of the jewels in Adnams Crown.

Tony wanted the pub to open primarily as a destination for his carriage drives but I asked Maurice why he'd got involved. I think his answer was along the lines of, "I dunno, I just always fancied owning a pub."

He was always great fun, generous and hospitable and always his own man. He was a straight talker but if you talked straight back you would get on. Although we mourn his passing today he leaves us his family and I'm sure many others here with many happy

memories and the lesson that life is to be lived, it's challenges to be embraced but not to forget to have a lot of fun along the way. May Maurice rest in peace.

We send our love, sympathy and our prayer to Sue, Victor, Tracy, Kathy, Martin, Jemma and Molly; may they know God's peace.

Graham Vellacott

NOTICES

CALLING ALL JAM MAKERS

Do you make jam? If you do, and you've got one or two spare pots in your cupboard, would you consider donating them to the music and flowers event being organised by Brandeston church at the end of May? We are selling cream teas and anticipate large numbers of customers, so the more jam the better (and home made is always better than the shop stuff) If you have any, can you please drop them off to Tanglewood on Mill Lane or bring them to the Thursday coffee morning in the village hall.

Thank you very much, Mary

NEWS FROM KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE GREEN

Village green play area enhancement

We have now secured over £17, 000 of grants to enhance our children's play area on the village green. The plan is to install a slide, swings, roundabout, springers and additional seating. The cost will be in excess of £21,000 when the VAT and groundworks are taken into account. We have a little money in the bank including a kind donation by Derek Hill before he passed away. Derek was a big supporter of the village green and he wanted his donation to go towards enhancing the play area. We hope he would approve of our big plans! However, there is still a shortfall so if you can help by providing a donation, please contact us. kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com or 0472 609385 (day).

Big Breakfast success

The ever popular breakfast event to raise funds for the KGT was held on Sunday 12th April. Although we had fewer customers than previously, probably due to a combination of other events and Easter holidays, we managed to make a profit and everyone had a great breakfast. We were able to welcome villagers including some new arrivals to our lovely village and visitors from further afield including the visiting petanque team. We raffled a great big hamper of goodies which was won by Marion, Heidi's mum. The funds raised will go to ensuring we can continue to maintain the green for everyone to enjoy.

We cannot run these events without volunteers so thanks to Heidi, Chris, Karen, Richard and Paul in the kitchen and to Angela, Deborah and Juliet for their waitressing skills.

Help us

If you're planning a personal challenge this year, why not do it for charity. The Kettleburgh Green Trust is a registered charity and you can raise money using BT's My Donate service where your donations can be topped up by GiftAid and it can all be managed easily on-line. Contact Caroline at kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com for further information.

Shop on-line?

Many of us do these days and do you know you can raise money for the village green but just sitting at your computer doing some shopping? Many retailers such as Amazon, John Lewis and Marks & Spencer to name but a few participate in the scheme where they will give your nominated charity a donation just for shopping with them. To get set up, go to easyfundraising.org.uk, get registered and search for the Kettleburgh Green Trust. So far we have raised £188.52.

Keep in touch with us by liking us on Facebook, following us on Twitter @kgtchair.

Caroline Wheeler-Rowe
Treasurer and Fundraising Committee Chair
Kettleburgh Green Trust
Registered Charity 1110467

kgtchair@wheeler-rowe.com
www.kettleburgh.onesuffolk.net/KGT

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE - Appeal for volunteers

St Elizabeth Hospice is appealing for volunteers to help in their shop in Framlingham. Volunteers in Hospice shops have a variety of roles; from processing newly donated items, serving customers or helping 'behind the scenes'. No previous experience is required, just a willingness to help, and full training will be given.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and make friends within your community, as well as supporting your local Hospice.

If you can spare a few hours a week or month, call the shop manager on 01728 723351, pop into the shop on Market Hill, or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/volunteer

St Elizabeth Hospice is an independent charity which provides care and support to people living with a progressive illness, and their carers and families, across East Suffolk and South Norfolk.

BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

The term of the sitting councillors will come to an end in May and several of the present members are intending to step down. There will, therefore, be vacancies and it is a great

opportunity for residents to be involved in village life and decisions that can be made at a local level.

In recent years there have never been more candidates than places available, so there has been no election. Councillors have simply been co-opted, but if there are more candidates than places available there will be an election in the usual way.

Anyone interested in serving on the parish council please contact David Risk – current chairman – on 685294

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

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, PDF or jpg for pictures/scans.

Janet Weston is providing regular drawings for our magazine cover, for which we are very grateful. If anyone else would like to draw a cover sometime, you are very welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

3rd Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
10th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
17th Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
24th Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
31st Christine Matthews and Kelly Jeffery
7th June Marian Hutson and Julia Elson

Kettleburgh

Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark
Jane O'Leary
Fay Clarke
Claire Norman
Anne Bater

CHURCH FLOWERS

3rd Jackie Hounsell
10th Alison Molyneux
17th Marian Kirton
24th Helen Saxton
31st Flower Festival
7th June Eve Crane

Eiluned Davies
TBA
