

**THE PARISHES OF
BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH**

Dear Friends

I cannot remember any previous Archbishop of Canterbury's remarks about the Law in England, or on any other subject, creating such a controversy as we have seen in recent weeks. The media has carried a diversity of reactions, some, but not all, of which have been thoughtful and thought provoking.

Archbishop Rowan apologised for any "unclarity" in what he said. I often find that having understood the argument I am still left feeling "unclear" about how to resolve the conflicting ethical and moral issues of many of today's controversies. All too often I see the reasoning on both sides but find it difficult to decide which carries more weight. As a result, all too easily, I look for compromise or try to keep both options open or, sometimes rather uncomfortably, sit on the fence.

The question that lies behind some of what Archbishop Rowan has said recently is how does "faith" shape the way we live in this country today, particularly when there is such diversity of culture and belief.

The law of the land may regulate us, but it is not the only influence on our behaviour. For example, our feelings about climate change may lead us to "recycle" far more enthusiastically than is demanded by simple compliance with Suffolk Coastal's regulations. In all sorts of ways, belief affects the choices we make, what we eat, where we shop and how we behave towards other people, and these things shape whether and how we work and live together, in our domestic, local, national and even global communities.

Jesus wanted his followers to be like salt, enhancing the flavour of the communities of which they are a part.

This month we shall be commemorating Jesus' crucifixion and celebrating his resurrection. These events are central to Christian belief. But the question which each of us has to work out our own answer to is whether and how our homes and communities reflect not just what we might choose to call Christian values, but Christian living; that is, each of us, each day, allowing the way we live to be shaped by Jesus' obedience and self-sacrifice and flavoured with all the joy and hope of his risen life.

I hope that you will enjoy God's blessing this Easter.

Robin Alderson

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DIARY FOR MARCH 2008		
Saturday 1 st	7pm for 7.30 start	<u>Film Evening – “Calendar Girls”</u> at Brandeston Village Hall i.a.o. Mid-Suffolk carriage Driving for the Disabled – see below.
Sunday 2 nd		<u>Mothering Sunday Services</u> – see service sheet
Tuesday 4 th		<u>Eastern Angles</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – SOLD OUT! see below
Wednesday 5 th	10.30am & 7.30pm	<u>Lent Goups</u> – see below
Thursday 6 th	11am	<u>Brandeston 100+ Club Draw</u> at Coffee Morning
Friday 7 th	10am – 12 noon	<u>Kettleburgh Café</u>
Tuesday 11 th	10.30am	<u>Lent Goups</u> – see below
Wednesday 12 th	7.30pm	<u>Lent Goups</u> – see below
Wednesday 12 th	7.15pm	<u>Kettleburgh Parish Council Meeting</u>
Friday 14 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Sunday 16 th		<u>Palm Sunday services</u> (with donkey procession at Kettleburgh) – see service sheet
Monday 17 th	2.30pm	<u>Student Cross arrives at Easton Church</u>
Friday 28 th	7pm for 7.30 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall - see below.
Monday 31 st	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Church APCM</u> at Village Hall

FILM EVENING – Saturday 1st March

In aid of Mid-Suffolk Carriage Driving for the Disabled – a showing of “Calendar Girls” in Brandeston village hall – 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start .

Tickets - £7.50 including refreshments from:

Sue Rainbird – 685339 Sarah Edmundson – 685221

EASTERN ANGLES – 4th March

Everyone very pleased to see the return of Eastern Angles to Brandeston village hall after a break of some years. All the tickets were sold within one week. Sorry to those who were unsuccessful in booking a seat. We hope to have them back on their next tour.

FILM CLUB – 14th March

The next film will be “Casino Royale” starring Daniel Craig, Eva Green and Judi Dench. The latest, much talked about, James Bond movie. Film starts at 7.30 p.m. New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free.

LENT GROUPS IN 2008

THE LORD’S PRAYER – Praying it, meaning it, living it.

Our five-part course continues into March. All are welcome, whether you have come to earlier sessions or not. The Group meetings in March take place as follows:

Date	Time	Venue	Topic
5 th March	10.30am	Kings Acre, Harriers Walk, Easton	As we forgive
	7.30pm	Rose Farm, Brandeston	
11 th March	10.30am	Almond Tree Cottage, Easton	In Heaven
12 th March	7.30pm	The Priory, Brandeston	

WHIST DRIVE – 28th March

Do come along to Brandeston Village Hall on 28th March for a mad evening of cards and fun. You do not have to be a proficient card player. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. and cards are dealt at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Drinks and good food are provided together with the presence of the very best local company. The cost is a mere £2.50 per person.

Phone Rick or Pam Reade on 685920 to reserve your place.

Rick and Pam Reade

ADVANCED NOTICES

Sunday 27 th April		Rogation Service
Saturday 10 th May	8am - noon	Kettleburgh Plant Sale at Village Hall – see below.
Wednesday 14 th May	7.30pm	Kettleburgh Annual Parish Meeting – see “Kettleburgh Parish Council” below.

Saturday 17 th May		Easton May Fair
Wednesday 21 st May	7.30pm	Kettleburgh Annual Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 14 th June		Kettleburgh Fete – see below.
Sunday 15 th June		Easton Festival
Saturday 21 st June		Brandeston Fete
Sunday 22 nd June	11am – 5pm	Kettleburgh Gardens Open Day
Sunday 29 th June	3.00pm	“Music at Watermill” i.a.o. Kettleburgh Village Green
Sunday 14 th September	12 noon – 4pm	Hog roast on the green at Kettleburgh Village Green

KETTLEBURGH PLANT SALE

Advance notice of the annual plant sale which will be held on Saturday 10th May. Derek Hill will be growing his usual wide selection of tomatoes, but this year we would like to extend the provision of plants for the garden more widely. When you are sowing your seeds this spring, perhaps you could sow a few extra, grow some extra plants and pot them up ready for the sale. Flowers and vegetables will be most welcome. Or maybe when you are dividing your herbaceous plants this spring, pot up those you don't have room for replanting and save them for the sale too. We will also have a produce stall, so if you have made marmalade, perhaps you will have a spare jar ready to bring along. More news next month.

Jackie Clark

KETTLEBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

Those of you who have read the February Kettleburgh Parish Council newsletter may be wondering about the missing questionnaire. KPC is considering the idea of a 'Good Neighbour Scheme', as outlined in the newsletter. However, it was decided at the last minute that a broader survey of the Parish should be carried out, with the Good Neighbour Scheme as one of the possible outcomes.

You will have the opportunity to discuss this topic and any others of interest or concern at the Annual Parish Meeting. This will be held on Wednesday 14th May, in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

The Annual Parish Meeting also provides an opportunity for everyone to hear from our local representatives: County and District Councillors, the Safer Neighbourhoods Team from Suffolk Police, local organisations and our own Parish Council Chairman are all invited to give reports.

More details to follow.

Jackie Clark.

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE FETE

CHANGE OF DATE:

Please note that the fete is now to be held on **14th June** (the 2nd Saturday) from 4.00pm in The Chequers garden.

There will, hopefully, be some new stalls this year so keep watching this space!
 The fete will not be a success without your help, so please book the date, think about how you can help on the day and bring your friends.
 We will be asking if you can help in any way, but don't wait for us to find you - give us a call and volunteer.
 Oh yes, and as you spring clean, keep to one side any of those items that you don't want any more and that might be useful on one of the stalls, ready for picking up the week before the fete .
 If you are new to the area and want to know more please call either Valerie Compton 723080, or Pat Bishop 723657. *Valerie C*



<i>Remaining 2008 Dates</i>	
<i>7 March</i>	<i>1 August</i>
<i>4 April</i>	<i>5 September</i>
<i>2 May</i>	<i>3 October</i>
<i>6 June</i>	<i>7 November</i>
<i>4 July</i>	<i>5 December</i>

PAST EVENTS

KETTLEBURGH BREAKFAST – 20th January

All the tables were full and the orders were in for the famous full breakfast. Lots of families came and most of the new residents came to say hello.

Maurice Scott very kindly donated all the eggs and Paul and Caroline who have just moved from The Old School House in Kettleburgh donated £50 towards the Kettleburgh Green funds as a thank you for their time in the village.

Helen Kay cooked all morning and would like to thank all the helpers, especially Patrick and Mandy, and all the washing-uppers !

The Kettleburgh Green Trust is greatly encouraged by the popularity of this event and will continue to work to bring the community together by way of events throughout the year.

Gwenda Weeks, Secretary/Trustee

BRANDESTON QUIZ NIGHT – 26th January

A full house of 11 teams (66 entrants) pitted their wits against the quiz master. Lots of friendly rivalry and brain teasing questions made for a really good evening which included a sausage supper. In the end the scores were very close with the winning team coming from Worlingworth.

Many thanks to Peter Thurlow for setting the questions and to all the helpers. £490 was raised for village hall funds.

Sue Thurlow

VALENTINES DANCE – 9th February

A really great night. The hall was packed, lots of dancing to good music. A good time was had by all. The food was excellent – thanks to all those who contributed. Thanks to Fred and his team for all the organisation which resulted in over £600 being raised for hall funds.

Sue Thurlow

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

The draw for February took place at the village hall on Thursday 7th February. The winners were

First prize – Paddy Fielder

Second Prize – Scott and Rebecca Bange

The draw for March will take place at the village hall at 11.00 am on Thursday 6th March. Members are asked to renew their membership for 2008-09 through the village hall committee.

Mark Hounsell

NOTICES

SUFFOLK ACRE COULD HELP YOU COMBAT YOUR FEAR OF COMPUTERS!

Suffolk ACRE, a registered charity based in Ipswich, is now a classified UK Online Centre.

As an UK Online Centre we can provide access to on-line courses which can help you to improve your language and computer skills.

By being a UK Online Centre, we are connecting people – to technology, to each other, to government, to their communities and to society as a whole.

We can give you the opportunity to learn new skills and opportunities which could not only raise your self-esteem but provide new choices, chances and perhaps even job opportunities.

By spending a few fun hours with us, you will be able to access the wonderful world of the Internet. The Internet can be used for anything from searching for a job to ordering groceries online. You will be able to learn about computers and how to use them, and also to assess your literacy and numeracy skills. There is also a short, on-line course to help people improve their English skills, especially if English is your second language.

If you would like more information about booking a session then call Karen Richardson on 01473 242513.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

I am pleased to report that the sum collected on behalf of The Children's Society through their box scheme amounted to £273.17. Thank you to everybody who has a box in their home. I have a few spare boxes if anybody would like one.

Nicky Comer

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Kettleburgh Green Trust is looking for musicians, singers and entertainers who would be willing to contribute their talents to future fund-raising activities. If you can sing, play in a band, or tell jokes, we want to hear from you. Ring Helen Kay on 723900, or email me at helen.v.kay@btinternet.com

OPEN GARDENS IN KETTLEBURGH

Is there anyone out there who would be willing to open their garden for one day - Sunday 22nd June 2008, from 11am - 5pm? This would be to raise money for the ongoing funding of the Village Green.

All that you have to do is welcome visitors to your garden - which is something every gardener likes to do.

Please think about it then ring me on 621053. The more gardens we have, the greater the interest for our visitors. Thank you.

Liz Marzetti

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY ARTICLE 5

Play your part in reducing cycle crime

Cycle crime is an ongoing problem. The number of cyclists is increasing as people look to improve their health, avoid congestion and reduce emissions. As more of us use cycles, it is vital we ensure they are kept secure at all times.

Many people got new bikes for Christmas so this can be the peak season for thefts. In the year 2006/2007 there were 1,759 cycles reported cycle thefts across Suffolk.

Tracker bikes fitted with GPS satellite tracking equipment are being used by Suffolk Police across the county to deter and catch cycle thieves, who may be frequent offenders.

Five simple steps to protect your bike:

Lock it – wherever you are even within a secure shed or garden

Secure it – with good quality security locks such as the hardened D-shaped lock

Mark it – using a UV pen to write your postcode and highlight this fact with stickers

Record it – registering your bike with www.immobolise.com

Park it – using secure cycle parks or in a busy well lit area

If you have any information relating to cycle theft, contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01473 613 500, or visit www.suffolk.police.uk

Suffolk County Council is encouraging cycling as a sustainable means of transport by installing cycle-friendly routes and facilities across the county, providing free cycle maps and supporting cycling events.

For further information, visit the Suffolk County Council website at www.suffolk.gov.uk or contact a member of the Cycling Team on 0845 606 6067

COMMUNITY SAFETY ARTICLE 6

Play your part by preventative planting to deter unwelcome visitors and enhance your garden and its wildlife

Have you ever thought that while improving your garden you could be making your property a little safer with plants that are unfriendly to intruders and burglars?

There are various hedging plants and shrubs that have defensive systems and will form dense and thorny barriers which will help to protect your property if grown along boundaries, near windows or against walls and fences.

Burglars particularly dislike prickly plants and an accidental brush with a thorn may leave DNA and fragments at the scene of the crime.

Hedges are particularly useful in protecting the boundary of your garden.

Native species that are most suitable and help biodiversity include: Beech, Blackthorn, Box, Escallonia, Field maple Hawthorn, Hazel, Holly, Hornbeam Privet, Pyracantha, Yew. Mixed hedges containing some of these species can be designed to suit the location and create a strong boundary, creating shelter and security.

Thorny shrubs that can be used to form dense borders include:

Barberry / Berberis species of various heights

Firethorn / Pyracantha species with coloured berries

Shrub rose / Rosa rugosa species with pink or white flowers and hips/fruit.

Gorse / Genista hispanica

Ornamental bramble / Rubus species

Shrubs which form dense thickets and growth include:

Cotoneaster conspicuous 'Decorus' and other taller species

Elaeagnus x ebbingei and E angustifolia

Flowering currant /Ribes species

Symphoricarpos chenaultii 'Hancock;

Lonicera pileata

Prunus laurocerasus

For more crime prevention advice, contact your area Safer Neighbourhood Team via www.safersuffolk.org.uk, call Suffolk Constabulary on 01473 613500, or ask Neighbourhood Watch via www.suffolk.police.uk

For advice on planting and fencing contact your District Planning Authority and/or Landscape Officer. For advice on hedging the Parish Council or Tree Warden may be able to help you.

EASTON SCHOOL NEWS

Snape Concert

Tickets are now on sale for the performance on 8th March. Unlike previous years there will be no allocation to the school, all tickets are being sold on a first come first served basis.

Parent Helpers

This is another plea for anyone who is able to help with cycling proficiency. We have had no helpers volunteer so the project looks unlikely to go ahead - please let me know if you can spare a few hours.

Also, we are looking to develop the area behind the shed into a garden. Anyone with 'green fingers' (Grandparents welcome) please make yourselves known! Once the garden is dug we would like children to be helped to plant, look after and harvest our crops.

Out of School Activities Directory

We are currently trying to put together a directory of all the clubs, classes and support groups that are available to children and parents in our area. When completed we feel that this would be a really useful resource for all our parents and especially those who have just moved into the area or whose children have just started school.

If your children or other family members attend or know about any club it would be great if you could pass on the details (including the website if you know it). Thank you very much for your time. We hope to complete the document in the first half of the summer term.

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

To be a Friend of the Kettleburgh Green and help an excellent cause as well as the chance to win a MONTHLY CASH PRIZE

1st Prize : £25

2nd Prize : £10

Prizes to be drawn at the monthly Kettleburgh Café, commencing 4th April.

Membership costs £12 per year.

Closing date: 31st March 2008

Members of the Kettleburgh Green Trust Lottery Club can buy as many tickets as they wish and it is open to anyone over the age of 16. The more tickets you buy the better the chance you have of being a winner.

For more information contact Gwenda 723703 or Libby 720128.

YOUR KETTLEBURGH WEBSITE

Check out "Community News" - "Parish Council" - "Village Green" & more..

Some of the history of Kettleburgh is featured on the website along with dates for your diary, pictures of events and the village green and lots of other information. Find out about the story behind Best Farm products that sell at the Kettleburgh Café.

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

Gwenda Weeks

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.

TIMES PAST

In the autumn of last year Brandeston had a visit from Paul Coppen who lives now in County Durham where he breeds Belted Galloway cattle. His story shows how much life has changed over the last 60 years, and how lucky we are that circumstances have improved so much in some ways.

Paul's father, Albert Coppen, brought up in London, near the Old Kent Road, studied at night school and obtained qualifications in civil engineering. Thereafter he was engaged in the building of the Odeon, Leicester Square and the Trocadero in London.

Paul's mother, Florence, was a milliner and good dressmaker. The pair met at a mission church, married, and went to live in Mitcham, Surrey, where Paul was born in 1938.

When war was declared, Albert, as a religious conscientious objector, was sent to work on the land. The family first lived at Haselor, a village near Alcester, Warwickshire, where a daughter, Madeleine was born. Then they joined with two other men in similar circumstances taking over a farm, Quintons, in Ashfield-Cum-Thorpe.

After hostilities ended in the summer of 1945, Albert Coppen decided to return to life as an engineer, securing work at Cocksedges in Ipswich. The family rented Sots Hole, now Margaret Catchpole cottage in Brandeston. Albert travelled at first by bicycle and bus, then by motorbike. However he had an accident at Framsdon, after that his health deteriorated and leukaemia was diagnosed.

Meanwhile Paul, aged seven, attended Kettleburgh School. Florence, who was expecting her third child, found it difficult to cope with collecting firewood and going down to the Deben for pails of water.

Then came the horrendous winter of 1946-47. Snow fell heavily and it is recalled in Brandeston that on March 9th, the birthday of the local Women's Institute, no one from Kettleburgh was able to attend the party, held in the Hut, because the village was cut off.

After that came the thaw. The cottage was flooded. Now Mr and Mrs Chapman have lowered the soil round the building and deepened the pond but then things were different.

Paul's mother was assured by the doctor that the baby would not be born for a while, so both he and the midwife were away when the critical time came. At 2 o'clock in the morning Paul, now eight, armed with a torch was sent for help to the Vicar, Father Davies, who had a phone.

However the baby did not wait. When Paul returned, it was to find that his brother's birth was taking place, assisted by Paul's seriously ill father. Paul remembers being so cold that he took refuge in a tea chest, kept in the kitchen, as a kennel for the dog, Punch. Andrew, Paul's brother was born at 4.00am on May 28th. Afterwards, Albert Coppen was taken to Ipswich Hospital where he died three weeks later, on June 20th, being buried at Ashfield.

Not a happy tale. Nevertheless Paul traces his love of nature and eventual study of botany and plant biochemistry to the life he experienced in Ashfield and Brandeston. He always calls at that still remote cottage when he is in the area and is glad that it remains as it was when he was a child, unspoilt and original.

WMW