

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS
JANUARY 2016***

PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends,

I have just completed an amazing 14 months as your priest in charge, a roller coaster ride containing all the highs and lows of parish life that you would expect, and some that you wouldn't. But it might surprise you to know that during 2015 our seven parishes between them have seen 28 funerals, 13 beautiful unique weddings, and 5 beautiful babies plus one adult have been Baptised, all of which have been an immense privilege to have a part in.

I'd like to take this opportunity at the start of a new year to thank most sincerely all members of the Ministry Team, the retired clergy and lay elders all of whom have most generously played a large part in providing the services required, Thanks also to my Churchwardens, members of all the Parochial Church Councils, and their treasurers and secretaries, together with the many often unsung heroes of parish life, those who keep our churches clean, the flower arrangers who keep them looking beautiful and welcoming, bell ringers, magazine editors, and last but by no means least the choir(s), together with our organists, who by their skills enable the rest of us to sing praise to almighty God with confidence.

And to close this my first letter of 2016 I'd like to restate what I wrote last year, which is that I am still full of hope and anticipation for what our seven parishes may achieve together, and that I look forward to this new year, and beyond with the same dream, which is in case you've forgotten that we may become 'One', one Church with seven beautiful buildings to worship in, which provide uplifting services that encourage people to participate across parish boundaries. 'One' by becoming new Benefice, which is nothing more than a legal joining us together process. 'One' as we seek to take our faith and witness outside our buildings and into our communities. 'One' as we respect our past, respond to the present, and prepare for the future.

So Happy New Year everyone, and I hope that if you're a person who makes new year resolutions (which I am not, because I always fail to keep them) yours will help bring you a sense of satisfaction, and also that the year brings you peace and happiness. With love in Christ

Deirdre

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Elders: Miss Eileen Leach 685298
Mrs Mary Baker 685807

Churchwardens: Mrs Alison Molyneux 685244
Mrs Mary Baker 685807

Kettleburgh

Elders: Mrs Jackie Clark 723623

Churchwardens: Mr John Bater 723532

DIARY FOR JANUARY 2016 (for further details of each event see below diary)		
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> - "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"
Wednesday 13 th	7.30pm	<u>Monewden Local History Society Talk</u> – "The History of Magic" by Colin Hopper, at Monewden Village Hall
Saturday 23 rd	2.30pm	<u>Plant Heritage Talk</u> at Stowupland village hall (see below)
Friday 29 th	6.30pm for 7pm start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall. Due to the popularity of this event, there is no room for new members. Anyone interested will be placed on a waiting list until a vacancy occurs.
Saturday 30 th	5 – 7pm	<u>Frostfest</u> for age 10 – 15 yrs, at Brandeston Village Hall

MONEDWEN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Talks are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from Sept to April, at 7.30pm at Monewden Village Hall (next to the church). Visitors welcome £2.50. The annual subscription is £12 for our 8 meetings and is due at the September meeting. Next couple of talks are:-

January 13th	The History of Magic	Colin Hopper
February 10th	The History of the Hervey Family	David Lilley

Peter Driver

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB 2nd Friday of each month starting at 7.30pm at the village hall. Membership is £10 for the year. First film of the year, on Friday 8th January, is “The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel”.

Plant Heritage Suffolk Group Warmly invites you to a talk

Bulbs at Kew by Kit Strange

Kit looks after the extensive bulb collection at Kew, maintains the collection in the Davies Alpine House and exhibits for events at Kew and UK colleges. She has travelled widely in the course of her career.

Saturday 23rd January 2016 at 2.30pm

Stowupland Village Hall IP14 4BQ

Plant stall including rare and unusual plants
Delicious refreshments available for purchase

Admission: Free to members

£5 entrance fee for non-members

New members and non-members are most welcome

www.suffolkplantheritage.com

NCCPG Reg. Charity 1004009

Local Contact: Margaret Palmer 01206 299832

No need to book!

FrostFest Challenge 2016

for ages 10 to 15

All the local churches invite you
and your friends to Brandeston
Village Hall
on Saturday 30th January 5 to
7pm

OUT OF THE
SHADOWS

Codebreakers

Ropes challenge

Get creative
with shadows

If you would like to know more, please contact...

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ADVANCE NOTICES

Thursday 11 th – Saturday 13 th February	7.30pm daily & 2.30pm Saturday	' Alice in Wonderland ' at Kettleburgh Village Hall Tickets £6 adults, £3 under 12s 01728 724017 or susanebrooks@btinternet.com "
Thursdays 18 th & 25 th February, 3 rd & 10 th March	7.30pm	Lent Course at Brandeston Hall School – see below
Saturday 20 th February	2.30pm	Suffolk Plant Heritage Talk , “The Narcissus (pre 1930 daffodils) Plant Collection” by Duncan Donald at Stowupland Village Hall
Friday 22nd April	7.30pm	Kettleburgh Quiz Evening

LENT COURSE 2016

The theme is “Lord, teach us to pray”

Dates: 18th /25th February and 3rd/10th March at 7.30pm

Venue: Brandeston Hall School

The course is being facilitated by Dr Anne Spalding the Diocesan Advisor in Spirituality, so it will be well worth turning out for on a dark evening and remember as usual you can attend just one or all and any of the sessions. More details on the programme to follow in the February magazines.

Deirdre

Kettleburgh Players
present

ALICE

IN WONDERLAND

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE HALL

FEBRUARY 11, 12 & 13

at 7.30pm &

Saturday Matinee 2.30pm

Tickets £6, under 12s £3



Box Office 01728 724017

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DOUGLAS ANTHONY MURPHY

With sadness we record the death of Tony Murphy, aged 84 years, on 10th November 2015 in St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich. Tony lived with his partner, Caroline Shilton, to whom we send very much sympathy and our love, at 6 Constable Court, Kettleburgh; many people will know where he lived because of the colourful garden which reached to the road and was lovingly maintained.

A service to give thanks to God for his life was held at St Andrew's Church, Kettleburgh on Friday 20th November, followed by interment in the churchyard. The church was very full, many people knew him and some had come a considerable distance to say 'goodbye' and share their experiences of his life. What a good man he had been and what fun! May he rest in peace.

This is the Obituary which was given for him by Debbie Germain in church on Nov. 20th, she was very brave.

Douglas Anthony Murphy

Or as he was know to all of us, Tony. A man, well loved and thought of. But you can say that of so many people. What made Tony stand out was his reliability, caring and dedication not only to those he loved and cared about but to everything he did.

Tony was definitely a people person and this was reflected in his chosen jobs during his incredibly long working life, the majority of which was spent in East London with Joy. I am sure that it will come as no surprise that one of Tony's jobs was as a cabbie, a role that seems absolutely tailor-made for him, indeed he continued his taxiing in Kettleburgh when he worked for Pat and Roger Bishop. Many an evening was spent in hysterics as Tony regaled us with amusing tales of the various exploits what went on in his cab and he certainly didn't hold back about his, not always complimentary, opinions on some of the many famous fares that he ferried around London. He also spent time in charge of a series of launderettes and I can easily picture him as the male version of Dot Cotton sharing gossip over tea and cigarettes. A large part of his working life was spent as a sales rep for toiletries and personal hygiene products, a job that he thoroughly enjoyed and excelled at. Tony was the 'Go to' man if sales needed boosting in an area and indeed it was his great aptitude for sales that got him sent to Australia to expand the company base. This was a time he loved and his natural charm held him in good stead, how could you possibly not place an order with this most delightful man.

So how did this Londoner come to end up in deepest, darkest Suffolk? Well, sadly Joy became very ill and had to move into a nursing home, and after a long battle Tony managed to get her a place in Chantry House, Ipswich, where she could receive the standard of care she required and so it was that Tony moved to Suffolk in order that he could visit her regularly, which he continued to do so until he was too unwell.

Tony and Caroline met once he moved to Suffolk and eventually Tony moved to Kettleburgh where they looked after each other through thick and thin. Tony embraced village life and was fully involved in all aspects of it with 14 years as caretaker of the village hall, gardening at Wickham Skeith, cleaning at The Chequers, helping out at auctions at Campsea Ashe and driving for Pat and Roger. This may not seem remarkable

in itself but this was a man in his 70's who, whilst still working, battled through cancer, not once but twice, had various broken bones, and a heart attack, but every illness was faced with immense strength of character and a fighting spirit; he never let it get him down and it was unthinkable that he would give in. His wonderful sense of humour and irony always managed to shine through.

In his spare time, yes he did manage to find some, Tony had plenty to keep him occupied. He loved shopping and in particular could not resist a bargain. I still remember trying to find space for over 300 toilet rolls because they were too good an opportunity to miss! His love of gardening was well known in the village and he could often be found sitting crossed legged in the front garden weeding and planting his beloved flowers. He was also passionate about Formula 1 and even though by then he was very ill, he was absolutely delighted that Lewis Hamilton had won his 3rd World Championship.

Tony was very unwell in his last few months and finally at the age of 84 he admitted defeat and had to give up work, though that didn't stop him getting out the Brasso when he came round for coffee! Caroline nursed him continuously through all his illnesses and in the last few months of his life devoted all her time to him, showing the same strength of character and resilience to match Tony's.

I personally am honoured to have known and been friends with such a lovely, caring man who went out of his way to help others. To my husband, Ron, he was 'my mate', Marmite, his best friend and we will miss him terribly.

I am sure you will join me in saying our goodbyes and fond farewells to this man among men and let him rest now in peace and offer our sincere condolences to Caroline and Joy.

God bless, Tony. You will be remembered with much love.

As we thank God again for Tony's life, we send our love and sympathy to Caroline and Joy, with their respective families. We pray that they may know God's blessing and peace.

Graham Vellacott

RON AND BETTY EDGE

This feindly couple formerly lived at 4, Ling's Field, Kettleburgh, and died in June 2006 and May 2015 respectively. We are sad to record this but we tell of their ashes being laid to rest in St Andrew's Church graveyard on 1st December 2015. Eight people were gathered together to thank God for their lives in our community. Their daughter, Lisa, was present and had organised the gathering.

As we stood in the sunshine and remembered Ron, a man liked by so many people, he loved to read the newspapers and discuss; he worked in insurance for Willis Faber in Ipswich, he also liked cooking and some people remember the quality (and heat!) of his curries. He may have learnt this when he served in the Royal Navy in the Middle East.

I am happy to record that after discussion and prayer in Ron's bedroom he asked to be baptised, Betty brought water and he was Baptised sitting on the edge of his bed. He and Betty were so happy. Praise the Lord! He died two days later.

Many happy memories come to mind with Betty; she was always happy with something art connected, whether it be her garden, the church flowers, painting (she loved to paint little pictures, they were little gems), or working in her dress ahop 'Dresshope' in Woodbridge. She loved to work with Claire and the Kettleburgh Horticultural Society as they put together the annual show in early September.

We thank God for the lives of Ron and Betty and all the good things we have known about them. We also send our love and sympathy to Lisa who, in addition, suffers herself from a stroke she had a month after Ron's death. God bless you and keep you going.

Graham

Vellacott

PAST EVENTS

NEWS FROM KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE HALL

On 4th December around 35 people (and one dog) came to sing carols and join in the countdown, led by Deirdre, to turning on the lights on the Christmas tree. The Village Hall committee decided earlier in the year to move the tree to a new position, on the green by the village hall sign. With its sturdy metal base, a new set of lights and electricity courtesy of Mandy and Patrick, we think it looks splendid! Thanks to John and Anne for arranging for the provision of the tree and to the Village Hall committee members for the mince pies and mulled wine.

There will be no coffee morning in Kettleburgh in January as the first Friday falls on New Year's Day. So the first Kettleburgh Coffee Morning of 2016 will be on Friday 5th February.

Jackie Clark

KETTLEBURGH CAROL SINGING

If you thought you missed the carol singers this Christmas – you are right, you did, because it didn't happen! It was a thoroughly wet and miserable night, and although two people and one Scout leader turned out, there were no Cubs or Scouts to swell the numbers and the decision was reluctantly made to cancel. Sadly the Children's Society will not receive our usual donation, but you could always put more in your personal collecting box (available from Pat Peck - 621144) or you could make an online donation. Let's hope for better weather and more enthusiasm next year!

[Pat will be collecting in the Children's Society boxes for emptying later in January.]

Jackie Clark

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

Results of the December draw are as follows:-

1st Prize: Carly Grimmer

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Results of December 100+ club draw:

1 st	£100	No 23	Patience Scott Douglas
2 nd	£50	No 55	Mary Mitson-Woods
3 rd	£25	No 17	Pat Morgan
4 th	£10	No 4	Sally Moody

NOTICES**'NEW' UNITED BENEFICE**

At a recent meeting of the Deanery Mission & Pastoral Committee, we were given the permission of the Deanery to begin the process of making our seven parishes into a formal/ legal union which is what a Benefice actually is.

So we have to decide what to call ourselves, as the suggested South Loes Benefice hasn't been well received locally. You have until 12th Night January 6th to phone or email your suggestions for a name for our seven parishes. The main criteria for it being it should in some form describe where the parishes are.

At the meeting my tongue in cheek suggestion of The magnificent Seven was turned down amid much laughter, but on the way back from the meeting in Framlingham, Nan Waterfall, the lay representative on this committee and I played silly games and the following two idea's occurred to us. So just ideas to get you thinking, how about The Eastern Seven - we are all on the Eastern edge of the Deanery, OREBECK - The river Ore runs through Parham, Hacheston and Marlesford and Beck covers Brandeston, Easton, Campsea Ashe, Kettleburgh.

If I am inundated with serious suggestions we will hold a vote to arrive at a democratic decision .

Deirdre

HOSPICE NEEDS YOUR UNWANTED PRESENTS

Did you receive any unwanted or duplicate presents this Christmas?

Then why not donate them to your local St Elizabeth Hospice shop, so they can be sold to raise money to help provide vital care and support to patients and their families.

Jason Rudderham, St Elizabeth Hospice's head of retail, said: "There's always a few presents we are given that we don't like or don't need, so instead of putting it to the back of your cupboard, please consider donating them to the hospice."

“Whether it’s clothing or accessories that don’t fit, or aren’t your size, or if your child was given two of the same toy, these items can be resold in our hospice shops.

“All the money raised from their sale goes towards providing local hospice care for local people.”

Items including clothes, accessories, homeware, DVDs, books, toys and china can all be donated directly to St Elizabeth Hospice’s shops. To find your nearest St Elizabeth Hospice shop, visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/shops

If you would like to donate furniture, please don’t drop it off, just call 0845 259 0319 and the Hospice will come and collect it from you.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

How to use your mobile library

Your mobile library will be visiting you every 4 weeks on the day and time indicated below. These details can also be found on the Suffolk Libraries website at www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Staff can reserve any item that we have in stock, free, for collection on the mobile library or at any library that suits you. If you would prefer to do this from home, it’s easy. By using your library card and PIN you can search our catalogue using the link above and order and renew items. You can also return items to any Suffolk library.

If you need help or have any queries you can call our customer services telephone number on 01473 263838 or email help@suffolklibraries.co.uk

If you need to contact your mobile library manager please ring them on 07736 007604. If they are unable to answer please leave a message and they will ring you back.

Saxmundham mobile library route 7

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	1100-1125
7E	Otley	Village Stores	1130-1205
7F	Ashbocking	The Green	1215-1235
7G	Helmingham	Forge	1240-1250
7H	Framsden	Village hall	1400-1415
7I	Cretingham	New Bell PH	1430-1445
7J	Brandeston	Queen’s Head PH	1450-1510
7K	Kettleburgh	Church Rd	1515-1530

Calling every 4 weeks on Thursdays

2016 dates

21 Jan, 18 Feb, 17 Mar, 14 Apr, 12 May, 9 Jun, 7 Jul,
4 Aug, 1 Sept, 29 Sept, 27 Oct, 24 Nov, 22 Dec

What you may borrow

Item	Loan Period	Loan Charge	Maximum Number
Books	8 weeks	FREE	20
DVDs	4 weeks	£1 (1 or 2 discs) £2 (3 or more discs) £3 Premier	6
CDs (music)	4 weeks	£1.25	6
Spoken Word	8 weeks	FREE	6
Computer games	4 weeks	£3	2
CD-ROMs	8 weeks	Educational FREE Leisure £1.55	6
Language courses	12 weeks	FREE	6

Overdue Charges

Item	Charge per visit	Maximum charge
Books	Adult 13p Child 1p	91p 10p
DVDs	33p (1 or 2 discs) 66p (3 or more discs) 66p Premier	£2.31 £4.62 £4.62
CDs (music)	13p	91p
Spoken Word	13p (1 or 2 discs) 25p (3 or more discs)	91p 1.75
Computer games	78p	£5.46
CD-ROMs	28p	£1.96
Language courses	26p (1 or 2 discs) 37p (3 or more discs)	£1.82 £2.59

BRANDESTON WEBSITE AND EMAIL LIST

Darryl Morgan, who runs the Brandeston website, has updated it with a new look and some new features. One of these is to store the Brandeston email list which is used to circulate news to residents and supporters of events in the village about things that are going on, events at the Queen, cats that go missing, bikes for sale etc. etc.

Our old village email list has been transferred to this new system so you can check that you are included or become a new recipient by registering – you can do this on the front page of the new website www.brandeston.net If you are already on the list it will tell you. There is a separate list for the Brandeston Wine Society and by signing up on that

list, which you can find on the Wine Society page, Martin Churchill will keep you up to date with the society's events.

The way that you can send an email to this list remains the same – send it to either Kathy Churchill on kathy.churchill@keme.co.uk or me sue.thurlow@btconnect.com and we will circulate it for you.

This is a really good way to keep up to date with what is going on so please do register.

Sue Thurlow

Sec. Brandeston Village Hall

THE SURVIVING WINTER APPEAL

Unbelievable as it might sound, 450* vulnerable people in Suffolk die in the winter months from causes directly attributable to the cold and poor living conditions. The vast majority of individuals affected are over 65 years old.

In fact, this is just the tip of the iceberg- almost 30,000** households in Suffolk currently live in fuel poverty. Many will suffer in silence during the coldest months, hidden from view, withdrawn from their community and surrounds.

Spearheaded by the Suffolk Community Foundation and in partnership with Age UK Suffolk and the East Anglian Daily Times, the Surviving Winter campaign offers vulnerable older individuals respite from the anxiety of managing fuel costs and the opportunity to stay warm and healthy during the winter. Over £85,000 was raised in the winter of 2014-2015, helping over 300 older households in the county.

Suffolk Community Foundation is now asking you to pledge your Winter Fuel Payment to those in need of extra support during the winter.

The money raised will be used in 2 ways:

- Support payments to those in need to help heat their homes properly, eat healthily and keep in touch with their community.
- Grants to local charities who support older, vulnerable people.

This truly is an extraordinarily worthwhile campaign, so please.....IF YOU DON'T NEED IT, PLEASE DONATE IT!

For ways to donate please contact The Suffolk Community Foundation on 01473 602 602.

To claim please contact Age UK Suffolk on 01473 359911

**Public Health England 2012/13 **Office for National Statistics*

***Office for National Statistics*

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.

Covers

Thank you very much to **Janet Weston** who is providing regular drawings for our magazine cover.

If anyone else would like to draw a cover sometime, you are very welcome too.

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

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

Kettleburgh

Margaret Meadows
Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark
Jane O'Leary
Fay Clarke

CHURCH FLOWERS

3rd Jan Eve Crane
10th Helen Saxton
17th Ruth Garratt
24th Jackie Hounsell
31st Alison Molyneux

Anne Bater
Jane O'Leary
Jane O'Leary
Wendy Griffiths
Wendy Griffiths

HISTORY CORNER

Having been poking around in various historical archives for many years now I have trained my eye to pick up anything concerning local villages. It is even more rewarding finding something when it concerns two.

“The churchwardens of Brandeston paid 3 shillings and four pence In the reign of Edward vi (1547-1553) to one Geffry Gurl yng of Monewden for the making of 6 bridges within the parish of Brandeston, which are decayed and fallen down”

Since the Reformation, money from the sale of “catholic” church trappings such as the priest’s robes, silver etc had to be sent to the Royal coffers. The exception to this rule was that the money could be spent on local, public works such as bridges.

These bridges, usually referred to these days as “Five Bridges”, along the delightful footpath beside Brandeston Hall, have nowhere near the same importance as they did then when they provided the pack horse route between the two villages. We can safely assume that Geffry Gurl yng either owned or ran a carpenters business and had a good reputation.

Wills of the period also give clues to the changes happening to our parish churches at this time. In one Monewden will, a farmer left “three shillings and four pence for the whitening of the church”, that is, the white washing over of wall paintings, a direct connection to the "old" religion.

Today, some churches have to pay conservators to recover and protect fragments that have survived below the layers of white coating.

Thank goodness for the small army of volunteers who work so hard to keep our wonderful, ancient buildings in good repair.

To finish off this month, the Ipswich Journal provided a nice little snippet in 1801. "Snape bridge and Kettleburgh bridge. All persons willing to contract for the building of new bridges at the above are to deliver their proposals for the same and also for the purchase of the old bridge at Snape, to the magistrates at sessions hall in Woodbridge on or before the 8th day of July next,agreeable to the plans which may be seen at Mr Aldiss of Woodbridge. June 24th 1801.

It seems very likely that our lovely little hump back bridge on the Hoo road dates from around this date.

Peter Driver.