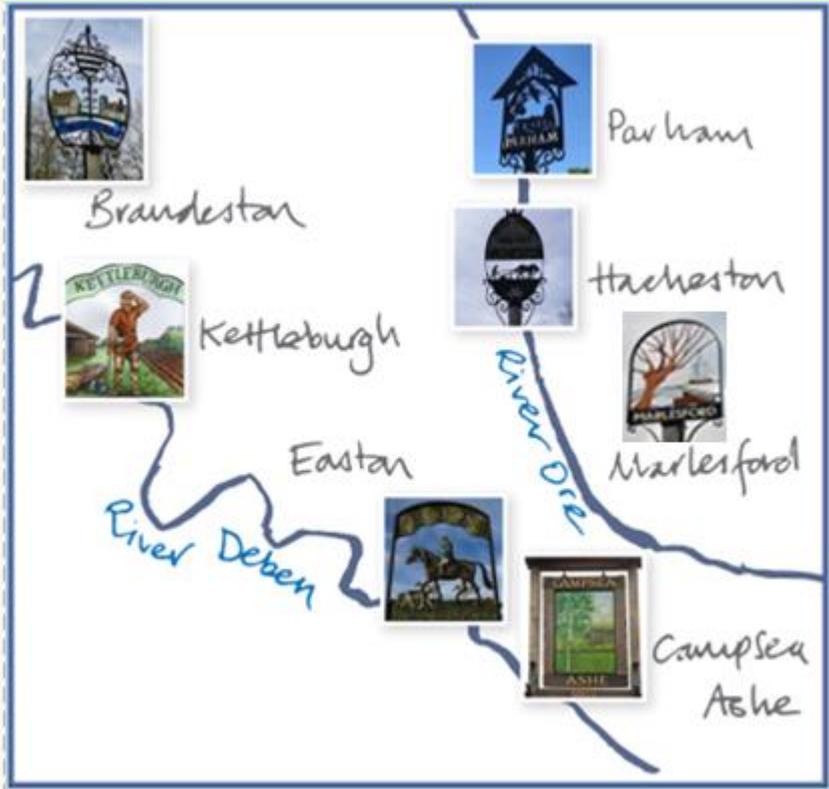


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A word from Mary Baker

Reading poetry is a helpful way to get us thinking about God and the world that we live in – maybe a poem a day could be a good task for us during Lent. Here is one to start you off.

Spring Flowers

Bowing adorers of the gale,
Ye cowslips delicately pale,
Upraise your loaded stems;
Unfold your cups in splendour; speak!
Who decked you with that ruddy streak
And gilt your golden gems?
Violets, sweet tenants of the shade,
In purple's richest pride arrayed,
Your errand here fulfil;
Go, bid the artist's simple stain
Your lustre imitate--in vain--
And match your Maker's skill.
Daisies, ye flowers of lowly birth,
Embroiderers of the carpet earth,
That stud the velvet sod,
Open to Spring's refreshing air,
In sweetest smiling bloom declare
Your Maker and your God.

John Clare

Lent, by Jean M Watt

*Lent is a tree without blossom, without leaf,
Barer than blackthorn in its winter sleep,
All unadorned. Unlike Christmas which decrees
The setting-up, the dressing-up of trees,
Lent is a taking down, a stripping bare,
A starkness after all has been withdrawn
Of surplus and superfluous,
Leaving no hiding-place, only an emptiness
Between black branches, a most precious space
Before the leaf, before the time of flowers;
Lest we should see only the leaf, the flower,
Lest we should miss the stars.*

Church News

BREAKING NEWS... The Right Revd Martin Seeley, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, is delighted to announce that The Revd Ann Kember has been appointed as Priest in Charge of the Orebeck benefice. Ann is currently Rector of the benefice of St Mary's, Chard with Combe St Nicholas, Wambrook and Whitestaunton in Somerset in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. A date for Ann's licensing service will be confirmed in due course. The Bishop has asked me to pass on his thanks to all those involved in the process of Ann's appointment, and he assures you of his prayers. Please pray for Ann and her husband Mick as they prepare for their move. This appointment is subject to completion of legal formalities.

Martin Parmenter update

Martin is home again following three weeks in hospital following an operation, pneumonia and finally Covid in that order. He is fragile but slowly progressing. Many thanks to everyone - neighbours and friends - for practical help, cards, visits, kind wishes and not least for the prayers which have sustained us both. Deirdre and Martin

Brandeston



BRANDESTON FOOD BANK

We had a fantastic response to our appeal for items for the food bank in February. The people at the Salvation Army were delighted. Thank you all very much.



All Saints' Church, Brandeston

Foodbank collections this month

Tinned meat, fish and vegetables; toiletries, instant mashed potatoes and UHT milk are all in demand at the moment, but all your gifts will be very welcome.

We are collecting for the Salvation Army foodbank in the Woodbridge and East Suffolk area.

Thank you very much for all your generous donations.

The box for donations will be outside the Baker's house, Tanglewood, Mill Lane

Our next collection will be

1st to 8th March.

One item each goes a long way.



Brandeston



Ruth Risk 1943- 2023

David and family would like to thank everybody who sent messages and cards and attended the funeral of Ruth. We felt it was a lovely service and send-off and were greatly heartened by your support and sharing memories with you afterward.

All Saints Brandeston Church Cleaning Rota

Julia Elson & Kelly Jeffery	5th March 2023
Lydia Freeman	19th March 2023
Helen Fletcher	2nd April 2023
Karren Piper	
Ruth Garratt	16th April 2023
Mary Baker	

Brandeston Film Club

Brandeston Film Club will be showing **Mrs Harris goes to Paris** on **Friday 10th March 2023, 7.00 p.m.** at Brandeston Village Hall. Based on the novella by Paul Gallico. Mrs Harris (Lesley Manville), a widowed charlady in post-war London, falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own. "There's such a lovely sweet-natured sense of fun in this Cinderella tale, a multicoloured confection like something that Fortnum & Mason might put in the shop window.

Watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO9JcPbbmAA>.

No need to book in advance.

Christopher McArthur 07887 825008

Roz McKenzie 07910979781

Steve Western and Michael Cousens



Brandeston



The Churchill Arms Brandeston's Pop Up Pub will next open its doors at 6:00 pm on Friday, 24th March. It will be the third time we've run it and for those who haven't yet popped in, you've missed a friendly night out where you can meet friends, neighbours and other village residents and where the only noise is the buzz of conversations all around the hall.

There is a choice of at least two draft beers, various bottled beers, lagers, red, white and rosé wines, prosecco, gin, and soft drinks. On the snack side there are crisps, peanuts, hot dogs and the very popular fish finger bap.

These are the planned opening dates for the next six months:

- 24 March • 21 April • (6,7,8 May – Coronation) • 19 May (a week before half term) • 16 June • 21 July.

The Churchill Arms welcomes children and is a Brandeston Village Hall supported event. No dogs are allowed in the village hall.

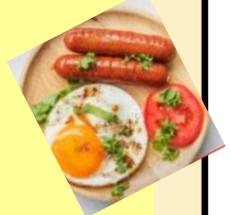
Helen Fletcher, Pat and Darryl Morgan

THE BIG BRANDESTON BREAKFAST IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Sunday 12th March from 9.00 to 11.00 am
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Kettleburgh



The results of the February 2023 KGT Lottery draw :

1st Prize: Rob Booth

2nd Prize: Nora and Louise

Kettleburgh Coffee Mornings

Come along to the Village Hall on the first Friday of each month between 10:30am and midday.



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St Andrews Church, Kettleburgh

	Cleaning	Flowers
March	Anne & John Bater	Anne Bater
April	Claire Norman	Claire Norman

Easton



All Saints' Church, Easton

Services in Easton

There will be Morning Prayer on 12th March and Holy Communion on 26th March both services at 11.00 am. The Benefice service on 5th March is at Brandeston at 10.00 am when Revd Robin Alderson will take the service.

Sunday Cafe



Discussion Group

The Discussion Group meets again on 1st March, when we shall be pooling our knowledge about St David (well, it is St David's Day!). We shall be meeting this month at Little Barn, Northgates, Monewden, at 10.30 am. New members are always welcome. (If you need a lift, please phone 01728 746667).

Services on Zoom

There will be no Zoom service on 19th March as it clashes with the Mothering Sunday service.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

On 28th March the annual meeting of All Saints' will be held in Easton church at 7 pm. This will present the annual report and accounts, which will also be on display in the church porch from 18th March.



Parham



A GREAT RESULT!

THANK YOU to everyone who turned out to sing carols in Parham on 20th December. This was the first time we had ventured out since before Covid which made it extra special for everyone concerned. There were 20 of us, including Dan on trumpet, so we made a goodly sound which was much appreciated by those we called on. As usual, the well deserved refreshments afterwards were greatly enjoyed! Special thanks go to Dan Friend who came down from Norwich to play for us.

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Parham we raised £220 for the East Anglia Children's Hospices. Jane Slade

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Parham



Parham Parish Council

We were pleased to welcome Charlotte Stanley from Mill Green as a Councillor at our first meeting of the year. Charlotte grew up in Parham as a child and she has now returned to live here with her own children. Charlotte is an NHS nurse and also runs a private ear-cleaning clinic.

We currently have a full Council with all 7 Councillor vacancies filled, but there will be parish (and ward) elections on Thursday 4th May when all seats will be available again. If you are interested in standing as a Parish Councillor, please contact the clerk who can drop a nomination form off to you. Forms need completing and hand-delivering to East Suffolk Council by 4th April. Please note, for the first time, all voters will be required to take photo ID with them when they vote. If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

You can apply for this at www.voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk

If more than 7 candidates apply then Parham will have a contested election which electors will vote on, if not the election will be uncontested. All Councillors will begin their term in office on Tuesday 9th May.

Our next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 7th March in the meeting room at the Village Hall. We will be discussing plans for the Coronation weekend and preparing for our end-of-year audit. Residents are welcome to attend and can ask questions or suggest items for discussion at a future meeting during the Public Forum.

Looking ahead, please save the date for our **Annual Parish Meeting** and Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, which will both be held on **Tuesday 23rd May.**

www.parham.suffolk.cloud



Volunteer!



We would love to hear from you if you are interested in volunteering at Parham Airfield Museum. Become part of the friendly volunteer crew. From helping our visitors on open days, working in our tearoom, or joining our maintenance teams, we've got a role for you. If you would like to help, please contact us at: parhamairfield@yahoo.co.uk



Parham Airfield

Museum Volunteer Vacancies

As a charity Parham Airfield Museum relies on its team of volunteers to help it run and thrive. We are always looking for new volunteers to undertake a range of tasks including helping our visitors on our open days (Sundays from April-end of October and Wednesdays over summer), helping in the tearoom and working behind the scenes with our maintenance team. We offer full training and continued support.

A few hours of your time would make all the difference. If you would like to join our friendly team of volunteers, please contact us on Parhamairfield@yahoo.co.uk and we will provide further information, or you could come for a trial session.

Parham Village Hall

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Tuesdays

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10:00 – 11:00

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eliewri24@hotmail.co.uk

Table Tennis

19:30 – 21:30 (every other
Tuesday)

Contact: Terry Mee –
terrymee@suffolkonline.net

Thursdays

Powerhoop

18:30 – 19:30

Contact: Eleanor Sharratt
– 07976299297 or
eliewri24@hotmail.co.uk

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Village Hall at our recent events, it's been lovely to see you all.

Did You Know...

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Hacheston



Hacheston Village Hall is open for hiring.

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6.00 -7.30 **Yoga** Jo Ogden-King jokingy@hotmail.com 07855 755982

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4.45pm –8.15pm **Ballet.** Anna Hartley admin@arschoolofdance.com 07740 769742

Wednesdays

9.45am-10.45am **Fitness dance** Cassie Drake cassiedrake1@hotmail.com 07956 351275

2.00pm–2.45pm; 4.30pm–

7.45pm **Ballet.** Anna Hartley admin@arschoolofdance.com 07740 769742

Thursdays

10.00am – 12.00pm **Art Club.** Lorna Edwards lornaed@hotmail.com 07971 077415

4.45pm – 8.15 pm **Karate.** Elizabeth Arvanitidou earvan120@gmail.com 07495 608475

Fridays

8.30am–1.00pm **Cardio rehab** with Jon Register info@jonregister.co.uk 07941 303956

Hacheston



Here's a date for you diaries, **Mothering Sunday falls on Sunday 19th March** this year and the elders will be leading a celebration at 10.30 in Hacheston Village Hall, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Kaye Dawe: 07510 612672

All Saints Church, Hacheston—Flower Rota

March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th –LENT

April 9th –EASTER

April 16th, 23rd, 30th– Sarah Mackenzie

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If you don't have a team of 6, please feel free to come along and we can make teams up.

Hacheston



Hacheston Parish Council

Lydia Kirk joined us as the Parish Clerk in November. Lydia is the clerk for 3 other local parish councils and is also the new Deputy Town Clerk at Fram so she has brought a wealth of experience with her and has settled in well to the job. Lydia has also been our Poll Clerk in Hacheston for several years so she will be a familiar face to many of you.

We had a productive meeting in January and are looking at several ways the Parish Council can be modernised.

Our new village website, www.hacheston.suffolk.cloud is now live. You can find all Parish Council documents such as minutes and agendas here as well as other local information. Please let us know if you have any village news or events that you would like sharing on the website; we would like it to become a useful resource for the whole village.

We are also compiling a digital mailing list which we hope will allow more effective two-way communication with residents. We will use this to share news, important updates, local road closures etc. Each house should by now have been hand-delivered a flyer about this and there are also links to join the list directly from the 'Newsletter' tab of our website. Your details won't be passed on and you can unsubscribe at any point.

We will be having parish elections in May. The Parish Council would benefit from some new Councillors with fresh ideas and enthusiasm if it is to be kept relevant and effective. We only normally meet 6 times a year and correspond via email between meetings. Hacheston is a small village so a Councillor's work does not take up a lot of time and it is an interesting and rewarding voluntary position. More details can be found on our Election poster and website. If you would like to find out more please email the clerk in the first instance- hachestonparishclerk@gmail.com Nomination forms can be delivered to you.

Our next parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Village Hall. Why not come along to hear what we have planned for the Coronation and hear some ideas of how our CIL funding might be spent? Residents are welcome to ask questions during the Public Forum of the meeting.

Save the Date: Our next main event will be the Annual Parish Meetings on Friday 12th May. We will be hearing from groups in the village and recapping on the past year. We will be providing refreshments and hope to make this a social occasion. We would encourage residents to come and chat with the newly elected Councillors, and find out our plans for 2023 and beyond. We would love it if more residents took an active interest in the Parish Council; we are here to help you and work for the good of the village as a whole.

Marlesford



Marlesford Litter Pick and the Great British Spring Clean

Saturday 25th March 2020 14:00 - 15:00

Thank you to our regular team of litter pickers for keeping your allocated roads tidy. In support of your efforts and to reach those areas that other litter pickers can't reach, we are organising an hour long litter pick starting at the Community Centre to collect litter around the village.



Our litter collection is part of the national Great British Spring Clean being promoted by Keep Britain Tidy. For other initiatives countrywide see www.keepbritaintidy.org

Bags and some litter pickers available but please bring your own if you have them. Together we can make a difference and clean up the environment on our doorstep. All ages welcome. Ring 07901882464 for more details.

Be a councillor on Marlesford Parish Council?

Local elections take place on 4th May and that includes for the Parish Council so this is a good time to consider standing.

If you want to help improve the quality of life and the environment in the village including making sure people of all ages views are heard, being a councillor could be for you.

Nomination papers have to be submitted by the end March. If you wish to know more look on the East Suffolk website or contact our clerk Mel marlesfordpc@gmail.com

Marlesford



Marlesford diary

March 24th Soup 'n Scone 12.00 –
1.00 Community Centre

April 30th Music@Marlesford at
7.00pm. Details in the April Maga-



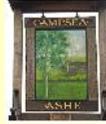
Campsea Ashe



Kathy and Jeremy
Spencer
from Campsea Ashe,
are sailing round the world.

Table Mountain in the back-
ground.

Campsea Ashe



A Reminder that on Sunday 26th March at the Campsea Ashe 9.30 Communion Service, Tony Allwood will attend, along with 30 cushions for us to use during the service. This is the Diocesan cushion trial! We'll use the cushions during the service and give Tony our views at the end. If you're thinking of changing or improving your heating, do come along and test the cushions!

Lost and Found. In Campsea Ashe Church we have a pair of ladies' leather gloves, also a pair of glasses were left on a windowsill recently. Both items are on the table just inside the church, waiting to be reunited with their owners.

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Ukraine Reflection from Dan Poulter

I'm aware the first anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine approaches, by the time you read these lines this sombre date will have just passed.

Like many of you I have been reflecting on the impact this has had across our country and particularly here in Suffolk.

The tragic loss of life in Ukraine is deeply saddening and many people have been forced to flee their homes. The UK response to the crisis has been commendable, not least of all here in Suffolk where, as ever, I've been heartened by the response of our local communities.

I've seen first-hand, the compassion for Ukrainian refugees from residents across Suffolk and it is humbling to witness the way the Ukrainian families have settled into life here, with children attending schools and parents finding work. How difficult attempting a normal life in a foreign country must be, whilst worrying about loved ones forced to stay behind.

As a regular visitor to our local schools, during a recent visit I was delighted to meet with a young Ukrainian student who my parliamentary team and I assisted in settling here. The student is now thriving within the school, and I was impressed to learn how easily they had settled into school and Suffolk life, supported by staff and fellow pupils.

We all remain concerned about what the future holds for Ukraine and hope for a resolution soon.



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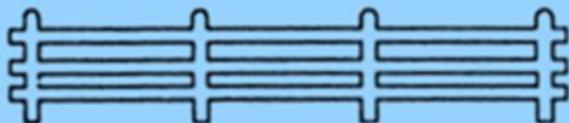


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