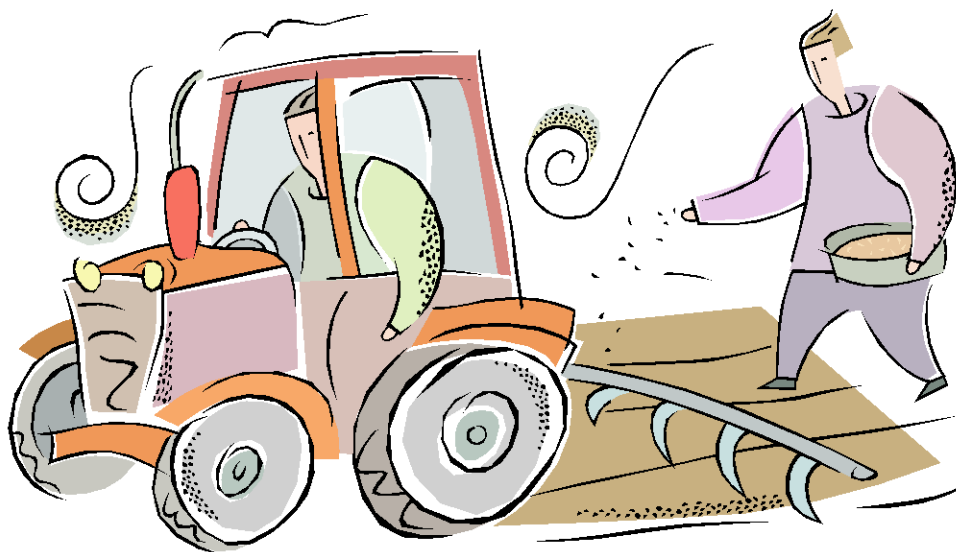


**BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS
SEPTEMBER 2008**



SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER 2008

PLEASE NOTE: This months' service include some variation for our normal monthly pattern.

Date	Brandeston	Kettleburgh	Easton
7 th <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	11.00am Family Worship	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.00am Service of Baptism
14 th <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00am Holy Communion (CW)	5.30pm Songs of Praise (Requests for hymns can be posted in the Church)
21 st <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	11.00am Harvest Festival	6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
28 th <i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>	6.30 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	11.15am Family Worship	10.00am Harvest Festival
5 th Oct <i>20th Sunday after Trinity</i>	11.00am Family Worship	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Services in Campsea Ashe, Marlesford, Hacheston & Parham during September 2008

7 September	10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Marlesford
14 September	8.00am	Holy Communion at Hacheston
	9.30am	Holy Communion Service at Campsea Ashe
	11.00am	Harvest Festival at Parham
21 September	8.00am	Holy Communion at Parham
	9.30am	Holy Communion Service at Marlesford
	6.30pm	Harvest Festival at Campsea Ashe
28 September	8.00am	Holy Communion at Campsea Ashe
	9.30am	Harvest Festival at Hacheston
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Marlesford
5 October	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Campsea Ashe

CHURCH FLOWERS

Brandeston

7th Peter Arbon
14th Nancy Demetriadi
21st Ruth Garratt
27th HARVEST
5th Oct. Eve Crane

CHURCH CLEANING

7th Mary and Richard Mitson-Woods
14th Christine Matthews and Don Evans
21st Helen Fletcher and Karen Piper
27th Peter and Trish Smyth
5th Oct. Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker

Kettleburgh

Lucy Howell
Lucy Howell
Betty Edge
Betty Edge
HARVEST

Pat Peck
Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows
Sue Scott
Alison Gibson

THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

Dear Friends

I am sometimes made aware, in all sorts of ways, that our daily expectations of comfort convenience and companionship in life can lead us to be unappreciative of the good things we have; it is that old business of whether our glass is half full or half empty. Saying “thank you” can be a tonic both for ourselves and for those who we may have good reason to thank but seldom do.

As you will see elsewhere in this month’s magazine, there’s a Sunday in late September or early October when we shall celebrate Harvest Festival in each Church in the benefice. On each occasion, the church decorations of flowers, fruit and all sorts of produce will tell the story of harvest, and during each service symbolic gifts will be offered to God as a token of our thankfulness for the provision of food, through soil and weather and the work of many people.

The origins of our Church celebrations can be traced to Lammas Day, traditionally observed in medieval England on 1 August, when the first fruits of the years’ harvest were gathered, and bread made with the new wheat was offered and solemnly blessed. This was then followed by the celebration of “harvest home” on each farm once all had been gathered in.

Those were times when the harvest was a real community effort. Before the days of combine harvesters and grain driers, reaping and stooking, stacking and threshing involved an immense physical effort and weather was enormously significant in getting the harvest in. The sense of involvement, achievement and thankfulness touched everyone, as did the celebrations, once the barns and granaries were full with the years’ provision.

In this country, today, whilst we are conscious of the need for good weather to ripen and harvest each crop, mechanisation, agro-economics and logistics may have given us a false sense of security. In recent months, however, food shortages in some parts of the world, the increasing cost of food and public discussion about food-security might open our eyes to the fact that these things cannot be taken for granted.

It seems to me that the antidote to becoming obsessed with worry about the future might be for us to feel a greater sense of gratitude and appreciation of the value of all that we have and all that we are and all that we enjoy in our villages today. As we celebrate Harvest Festival this year, I hope that we can express just such a deep sense of thankfulness for the good things that make our lives what they are.

With very best wishes

Robin Alderson

Assistant Priest: Reverend Robin Alderson	688255
	Mob. 07790 242002
<u>Brandeston</u>	
Elders: Mrs Mary Baker	685807
Miss Eileen Leach MBE	685298
Churchwardens: Miss Eileen Leach MBE	685298
Mrs Alison Molyneux	685244
<u>Kettleburgh</u>	
Elders: Mrs Jackie Clark	723623
Mrs Valerie Upson	723078
Churchwardens: Mr John Bater	723532
Mrs Valerie Upson	723078

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

Thursday 4 th	10am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning</u> inc 100+ Club Draw at 11am
Thursday 4 th	10.30am – 12 noon	<u>Cats Protection Coffee Morning</u> with Ipswich Community Wind Band, at Manly, Kettleburgh. Guest of honour: Innis Cloete, Esq. B.V.Sc, MRCVS
Friday 5 th	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Saturday 6 th	2.30p.m	<u>Kettleburgh Village Produce Show</u> – see below.
Thursday 11 th	7.30pm	<u>Kettleburgh Amateur Dramatics</u> meeting at village hall – see below.
Friday 12 th	7.30pm	<u>Brandeston Film Club</u> – “The Chorus” at Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 13 th		<u>Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride</u> – see below.
Sunday 14 th	5.30pm	<u>Songs of Praise</u> at Easton Church
Saturday 20 th	7.30pm	<u>Cheese and Wine Evening and Auction</u> in aid of Kettleburgh Green Trust, at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see ‘Advanced Notices’
Sunday 21 st	11am	<u>Harvest Festival</u> at Brandeston Church
Sunday 21 st	11.30am	<u>Harvest Festival</u> at Letheringham Church

Monday 22 nd	7.30pm	<u>Mardle</u> at Easton Village Hall - see below.
Wednesday 24 th	7.30pm	<u>Table Tennis</u> at Brandeston – see below.
Sunday 28 th	8am – 1pm	<u>Autojumble</u> at Church Farm, Kettleburgh – see below.
Sunday 28 th	10am	<u>Harvest Festival</u> at Easton Church

KETTLEBURGH FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

This year's show will be held in the village hall at 2.30 pm on September 6th. Entries to be staged by 10.30am. Open to everyone, not just Kettleburgh residents, and not just expert cooks and gardeners, the show has classes for vegetables, flowers, fruit, wine, cookery, photography and a special section for children's work. There will be refreshments, a raffle and a chance to chat. Surplus and donated produce is sold at 4.30pm. The photography and children's classes are as below:-

- Photographs: 1. Party Time
 2. Suffolk Summer
- Children: 1. A decorated egg (egg can be hardboiled or blown)
 2. A garden on a plate
 3. My favourite photo (photo to be taken by child)

Please support this event. We need new entrants to ensure the show continues to thrive and additional help beforehand and on the day. If you've never entered before, have a go, you might surprise yourself. If you'd like advice on how to stage something we're all willing to help. Schedules available from Peter Arbon, 1 The Oaks, Brandeston (685304), Claire Norman, 2 Redroofs, Kettleburgh (724372), or Val Butcher, Woodlands, Church Rd, Kettleburgh (724777).
Claire
Norman

KETTLEBURGH AMATEUR DRAMATICS

Your Village Hall Committee is intending to put on '**Cinderella**' in **Feb '09** to raise funds for the Hall. We need lots of help!

There's back stage, scenery, lights, sound, refreshments, props, costume, dance, music, box office etc, etc..... Oh, yes, and acting.

If you are aged between 8 and 80, we need you - you'll enjoy it! Oh, yes you will!

Why not come along to the Hall on Thursday Sept 11th at 7.30 pm to find out more about it.

See you there.

Liz Marzetti

FILM CLUB

12th September, 2008 – The Chorus 2004

Starring Jean-Paul Bonnaire, Gerard Jugnot – set in 1948 a professor of music becomes the supervisor at a boarding school for the rehabilitation of minors. He finds a disconcerting repressive regime which he tries to transform through the power of song. Film starts at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome – membership is £10 for the whole season. Once you have become a member all films are free. *Sue Thurlow*

THE CHURCH BIKE RIDE

The Church Bike Ride will take place on Saturday 13th September. Anyone wanting a sponsor form and a list of churches to visit can contact:

Pat Peck – Kettleburgh 621144

Ruth Garratt – Brandeston 685233

This can be a most enjoyable day for one person or as a family or group.

This will be the 27th year of the annual bike ride.

Ruth Garratt

EASTON AND LETHERINGHAM MARDLE

The next Mardle, at 7.30pm on Monday 22nd September (in Easton and Letheringham Village Hall) will be a talk by Alexander Masters and his partner Dr. Flora Dennis, entitled 'Bells and Moonshine'. Mr Masters is the well-known author of 'A Life Backwards', which has since been made into a film. Tickets £6, which includes a drink and refreshments. Everyone welcome – do support us. *Sylvia Keene*

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis will be starting again in Brandeston village hall on Wednesday 24th September 7.30 – 9.30pm. All are welcome.

For more information contact

John & Ruth Garratt on 685233

or Doug & Chris Parr on 685658

John Garratt

AUTOJUMBLE – 28 Sept

John Bater and Derek Holt are holding their annual Autojumble at Church Farm, Kettleburgh on the morning of Sunday 28th September from 8.00am to 1.00pm. They are asking for help before and during the event which, this year, is in aid of **Kettleburgh Village Hall**.

If you are able to help, maybe for just a short time, please telephone Derek Holt on 01728 724858 or John Bater on 01728 723532 to arrange times.

Barbara Holt, Bridgette Chase and Anne Bater would also like help with refreshments during the morning. Please contact them on the above telephone numbers if you can help in this way.

**Church Farm, Kettleburgh,
Near Woodbridge
in Suffolk, IP13 7LF**

“The Kettle”

SUFFOLK’S AUTO JUMBLE

**Tractor Spares, Stationary Engines,
Vintage Bygones, Motorcycles,
Quality old Tools and Boat Jumble.**

FUN PLOUGH DAY

**The Kettle will be boiling for you at
Kettleburgh near Woodbridge.
(2 miles south of Framlingham)**

5th year of Event

**Sunday, 28th September 2008
From 8-00am to 1-00pm**

Pitches £10 Entry for adults and children £3

In aid of Kettleburgh Village Hall

Book pitches on 01728 724 858 before 9-30pm

NO CAR BOOTS

Sponsored by Andy Tiernan Classics Ltd

ADVANCED NOTICES

Sat. 11 th October	6pm	English Chantry Choir singers at Letheringham Church – tickets £10 including interval refreshments.
Sun. 12 th October	5.30pm	Kettleburgh Harvest Festival and Supper
Sun. 12 th October		Talk on the Arctic by Chris Parfitt at Brandeston Village Hall – more details next month
Sat. 22 nd November	7.30pm	Neil Lanham's ' Ruby and Her Horses ' at Brandeston Village Hall
Sat. 6 th December	8.00pm	Village Dance with 'The Fat Band' at Kettleburgh Village Hall

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST

We would like to let you know of two forthcoming events which are being organised to fund-raise for your Village Green to enable the Trust to provide more play equipment for all ages and to continue to maintain and improve your Village Green.

As it is your Green we know that you will want to support these events and would like to make sure that you have the first opportunity to book your tickets.

A Cheese & Wine Experience with Auction

on 20th September in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm prompt.

Tickets £15

For Tickets & Information Contact:

Caroline 723315 or Gwenda 723703

Email: caltosh@sky.com or gwendaweeks@mac.com

We are lucky to have both Hamish Johnston & Timothy Wood to entertain us with their knowledge of cheese & wine, demonstrate and interact with all those at tables & we will also tickle your taste buds with some tasty nibbles.

In addition we have some very special prizes for both an auction & raffle.

For example.....

A week in a beautiful two-bedroom cottage called
Le Moulin in Normandy, set close to a Mill with its own island setting.

+

6 tickets for Babes in the Wood at the Seckford Theatre in December

+

A Day at Suffolk Punch

+

Designer Jewellery by Debbie Thomas

+

more

A Village Dance with The Fat Band

in Kettleburgh Village Hall on the 6th December from 8pm 'til late

Tickets: £8

More information to follow soon - the last time they came to Kettleburgh
it was a sell out!!

Again for further information you can contact

Caroline 723315 or Gwenda 723703

Email: caltosh@sky.com or gwendaweeks@mac.com

PAST EVENTS

A WEDDING

Our congratulations to **Chris Strachan and Sam Tassera** of 24 The Street, Brandeston, who were married on 28th May 2008 at Aberfoyle in Scotland. Chris and Sam have visited this area of Central Scotland many times and fallen in love with it; the many Lochs and forests around Loch Lomond. It is remote and romantic, and the couple stayed there for a honeymoon.

This Civil Marriage was followed by a Blessing in Brandeston Church on Sunday 17th August. The blessing was incorporated into the Family Holy Communion service. There were family from both Sam and Chris present as well as friends, our normal congregation and there were several children which all helped to make a happy, family atmosphere. The children in church made a house out of a cardboard box as they illustrated the Bible story of building our lives (and marriage too) on the sure foundation of Christ's love. They also sent the couple away with a Congratulations banner for their house.

A small reception was held in their lovely garden which is behind their cottage in The Street; they have about an acre of garden which stretches behind other cottages. A happy time on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

Chris and Sam moved to Brandeston from Caterham in Surrey four years ago; living at No. 16 Low Street before moving to their present house in The Street a year ago. Chris is

an ecologist working for the Environment Agency, and Sam is a Junior School teacher at Brandeston Hall.

We send our love and good wishes to Chris and Sam with our prayers that they may settle into happy married life. May God bless you both. GV

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for August were

1 st Prize	Darryl Morgan
2 nd Prize	Richard Martin

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

August winners were

1 st Prize	Mark de Roeper
2 nd Prize	Malcolm Todd

BRANDESTON VILLAGE LUNCH

The monthly Village Lunch at Brandeston on 12 August 2008 started with a special grace. It went as follows:

Dear God
Sportsmen in Scotland on this day
For fast, high birds will always pray,
While here in Suffolk we complain
At half an inch per hour of rain!
As we survive this morning's douse,
May we give thanks and not just grouse.
Your every gift let us embrace
With hearty thanks and eager grace. Amen

NOTICES

KETTLEBURGH GREEN MATTERS - Update 14 August 2008

New Trees

The newly planted trees on the Green, are coming back to life. After talking to various people it would appear that large trees can behave this way when re-planted, as the roots get stressed.

Thankfully, due to Derek's help putting tanks of water on the green and residents watering the trees when they can with the buckets provided, they have been saved.

We will leave the water on the Green as long as Derek is happy to fill them in case we get a nice hot late summer and we need to step up the watering again. Thanks!

Play Equipment

We are currently looking at a new set of play equipment to cover all ages, including Adults. We are seeking quotations from other suppliers.

We also have to seek the necessary funding and will be progressing applications shortly.

Gwenda Weeks

VILLAGE GREEN – ADOPT A BORDER – DONATE PLANTS AND CUTTINGS

Would you like to care for your Village Green with a 'hands on' approach? In particular, the plant borders need further planting. Do you have some plants you are splitting this year, some cuttings or extra plants? You are welcome to plant and do not resist the temptation to pull up the weeds!

Perhaps you would like to adopt an area which you and your family can care for. Just contact: **Gwenda** or tel 723703

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As some are aware, and some not, I am now the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, replacing Rob Booth. I wish the wider audience in the village to be aware, in case they wish to speak/inform/email or whatever to me about 'concerns', in order for me to liaise with the police. My phone number is 724711, email (derrick48@btopenworld.com).

Please be aware I am only 'low-key', and I must stress that if anyone in the village witnesses what they believe to be 'a crime in progress', they are to ring 999 and not me. However, for less urgent matters, I can try and offer limited advice/liase with my ex-colleagues etc. Such matters as 'suspicious vehicles (take the numberplates!)', callers asking to buy/sell/gain entry to your house to value items etc.

As our PCSO (Mary Thompson) tells us, crime is very low here, as older residents will know better than I, but if I can help anyone's 'concerns' I will pass them on to the appropriate people etc.

If anyone wishes to contact me I am available by e-mail or phone as above.

Derrick Neilson, 1 Barrel Cottages, The Street.



Get Active and support St Elizabeth Hospice

Why not team up with St Elizabeth Hospice and **Get Active** with our annual sports appeal?

If you are running or organising a sporting event, why not do it in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice. This is a great opportunity to help raise vital funds for the hospice and **Get Active** at the same time.

You can hold any kind of sporting event, whatever your interests and levels of fitness. How about organising a sponsored walk, holding an aerobics marathon or arranging a bowls competition? The Hospice's community fundraising team will support you by providing posters tailored to your event, invitations, balloons, sponsorship forms or any help and advice you might need.

St Elizabeth Hospice continually needs the support of the local community to enable us to care and support our patients and their families, friends and carers. The Hospice is an independent charity and all of the wide ranging services are provided free of charge. It costs £10 per minute to run the Hospice, with annual running costs of £5.2 million. Your support will enable us to continue to provide care for the people of East Suffolk.

For more information, please contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk



Open Event at Hospice

The £1million building project at St Elizabeth Hospice will soon be completed, followed by an open event on Wednesday 17th September.

The Hospice was fortunate enough to be awarded a grant from the Department of Health last year to make alterations to the Hospice building to improve the physical environment for patient care. The Hospice Board agreed additional funding and embarked on a £1 million refurbishment project with the aim of making a difference to future services offered to patients. This project has transformed the day care services, dining room, physiotherapy and occupational therapy and also upgraded the nurse call system in the in-patient unit.

The Open Event on Wednesday 17th September 13:30 – 16:30 and 17:30 – 20:00, will allow the local community to see the new facilities and find out more from Hospice staff about developments in the services provided by their local Hospice. There will also be an opportunity to see an exhibition of patients' creative work, entitled "The Sharing Exhibition" and enjoy some refreshments.

For more information on the open event, please call Helen Causer, Marketing and Communications Manager, on 01473 707033 or email helen.causer@stelizabethhospice.org.uk.

COMMUNITY SAFETY SERIES – Article 10

Play your part by finding out what's going on in your neighbourhood

Watching out for our neighbours helps to keep our communities secure, but modern lifestyles make it harder to keep in touch with what's going on locally.

Over 95,000 households in Suffolk are covered by Neighbourhood Watch schemes - bringing residents together help to prevent and detect crimes, and to make them feel safe - working alongside the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

Now, the county's Police Direct high tech messaging service provided by Suffolk Constabulary can bring you the latest information about crime and policing issues in your area.

The free service will send you alerts via email, text or phone giving:

- Latest information on local crime
- Warnings about bogus callers
- Crime reduction advice
- Updates from your Safer Neighbourhood Team
- News on major traffic disruptions

Reporting Loan Sharks in Suffolk

A Loan Shark is someone who lends money without the appropriate licence issued by the Office of Fair Trading. Loan Sharks rarely, if ever, give any paperwork and if payments are missed they often use intimidation and violence to get money from their 'clients'. The East of England Illegal Money Lending Team, working with Suffolk Trading Standards, is here to help. If you have any information, however small, on loan shark activities we can help.

Have you been offered a cash loan?

Have you been threatened when you couldn't pay?

Has your bank card been taken from you as a security?

Does what you owe keep growing even though you are making payments?

If you can answer yes to any of the above then you may have been bitten by a loan shark.

If you, or anyone you know, is experiencing any of the above or has any knowledge of loan shark activities then contact our team **IN CONFIDENCE**.

We can be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **0300 555 2222**

Or by e-mail at stoploansharks@suffolk.gov.uk

Or by text to: loan(space)shark(space) + your message to 60003

ANSWERED PRAYER

This beautiful story was written by a doctor who worked in Africa.

On night I had worked hard to help a mother in the labour ward; but in spite of all we could do, she died, leaving us with a tiny, premature baby and a crying two-year-old daughter. We would have difficulty keeping the baby alive, as we had no incubator (we had no electricity to run an incubator). We also had no special feeding facilities. Although we lived on the equator, nights were often chilly with treacherous drafts.

One student midwife went for the box we had for such babies and the cotton wool that the baby would be wrapped in. Another went to stoke up the fire and fill a hot water bottle. She came back shortly in distress to tell me that in filling the bottle, it had burst (rubber perishes easily in tropical climates).

“And it is our last hot water bottle!” she exclaimed. As in the West, it is no good crying over spilt milk, so in Central Africa it might be considered no good crying over burst water bottles. They do not grow on trees, and there are no drugstores down forest pathways.

“All right,” I said, “put the baby as near the fire as you safely can, and sleep between the baby and the door to keep it free from drafts. Your job is to keep the baby warm.”

The following noon, as I did most days, I went to have prayers with any of the orphanage children who chose to gather with me. I gave the youngsters various suggestions of things to pray about and told them about the tiny baby. I explained our problem about keeping the baby warm enough, mentioning the hot water bottle, and that the baby could so easily die if it got chills. I also told them of the two-year-old sister, crying because her mother had died.

During prayer time, one ten-year-old girl, Ruth, prayed with the usual blunt conciseness of our African children. “Please God” she prayed, “send us a hot water bottle today. It’ll be no good tomorrow, God, as the baby will be dead, so please send it this afternoon.”

While I gasped inwardly at the audacity of the prayer, she added, “And while you are about it, would you please send a dolly for the little girl so she’ll know you really love her?”

As often with children’s prayers, I was put on the spot. Could I honestly say “Amen”? I just did not believe that God could do this. Oh yes, I know that He can do everything; the Bible says so. But there are limits, aren’t there? The only way God could answer this

particular prayer would be by sending me a parcel from the homeland. I had been in Africa for almost four years at that time, and I had never, ever, received a parcel from home. Anyway, if anyone did send me a parcel, who would put in a hot water bottle? I lived on the equator!

Halfway through the afternoon, while I was teaching in the nurses' training school, a message was sent that there was a car at my front door. By the time I reached home, the car had gone, but there on the verandah was a large 22-pound parcel. I felt tears pricking my eyes. I could not open the parcel alone, so I sent for the orphanage children. Together we pulled off the string, carefully undoing each knot. We folded the paper, taking care not to tear it unduly. Excitement was mounting. Some thirty or forty pairs of eyes were focussed on the large cardboard box.

From the top I lifted out brightly coloured, knitted jerseys. Eyes sparkled as I gave them out. Then there were the knitted bandages for the leprosy patients, and the children looked a little bored. Then came a box of mixed raisins and sultanas – that would make a batch of buns for the weekend. Then as I put my hand in again, I felt the ... could it really be? I grasped it and pulled it out. Yes, a brand new, rubber hot water bottle. I cried.

I had not asked God to send it; I had not truly believed that He could. Ruth was in the front row of the children. She rushed forward, crying out, "If God has sent the bottle, He must have sent the dolly too!"

Rummaging down to the bottom of the box, she pulled out the small, beautifully-dressed dolly. Her eyes shone! She had never doubted! Looking up at me she asked: "Can I go over with you and give this dolly to that little girl, so she'll know that Jesus really loves her?" Of course, I replied.

That parcel had been on the way for five whole months, packed up by my former Sunday school class, whose leader had heard and obeyed God's prompting to send a hot water bottle, even to the equator. And one of the girls had put in a dolly for an African child – five months before, in answer to the believing prayer of a ten-year-old to bring it "that afternoon."

"Before they call, I will answer." (Isaiah 65:24)

TIMES PAST

Ship money was a tax first levied about 1007 by the king to form a navy to oppose the Danes. Seaports and trading towns were compelled to provide and furnish warships or to pay money for that purpose. Over the years the tax fell into disuse.

In 1628 it was forbidden by the Petition of Right. Nevertheless it was levied by Charles I between 1634 and 1640 without the consent of parliament. Abolished in 1641 ship money was one of the causes of the Great Rebellion and the Civil War. Ship money had not provoked serious opposition when it was levied only on seaports, as the Royal Navy protected commerce from pirates and enemies. However when it was extended to the whole country, opposition began.

Ship money returns for Brandeston and Kettleburgh taken on March 28th 1640 are still extant. It is interesting and informative to look at these. The tax was so unpopular that at the end of the Brandeston list are written these words:-

‘Thus have I made my rate according to my warrant but if it came back again I know not how, it shall be levied. Edward Pope, Constable.

Brandeston’s contribution was £14.0.0, an enormous amount of money at that time of which 5s.6½d came from Edward Pole who died in the July of 1640.

31 inhabitants paid money together with another 10 who lived outside the centre of the village. The largest contributions of £1.3.9 were obtained from both Nicholas Revett at Brandeston Hall and Robert Hawes at the Priory. The smallest amount came from John Kenninghall who had to pay 9½d.

Kettleburgh’s ship money was greater; £15.0.0 levied on 27 parishioners and 10 ‘outsetters’. Robert Stebbing who lived at the Hall paid £1.1.8 and another contributor John Raydon also paid the large amount of £1.0.3. The smallest sums were levied on Richard Blomfield and James Frost who had to give 6d each. John Kenninghall, a yeoman, died at Kettleburgh in 1649, John Raydon, another yeoman in 1660.

One wishes that more was known of these former parishioners.

Anyone interested in seeing the Ship Money lists can contact me.

WMW

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.
