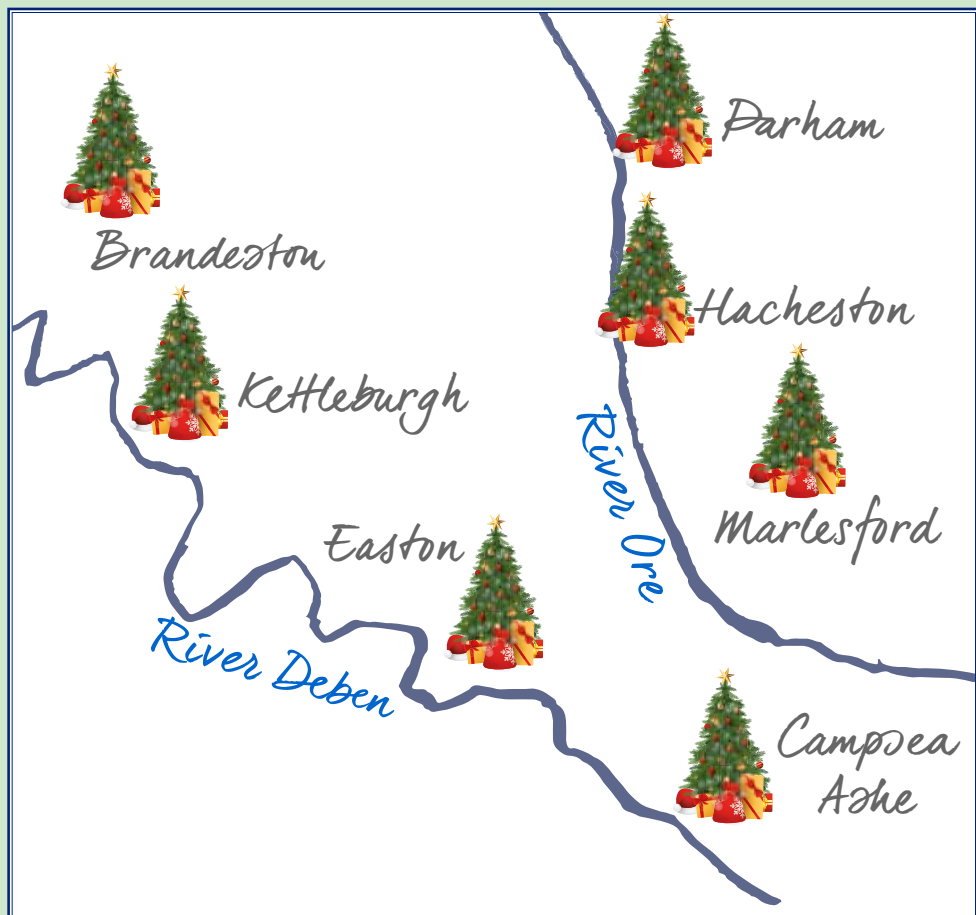


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in the Deben and Ore valleys:
Sharing news of local people and community events.

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A word from Martin Crane Lay Reader 2022

Christmas is coming!

It would be lovely to see as many as possible come to support all our seven churches and enjoy the services over the festive period - regular services and "Seasonal Specials" like Christingle and Carol services - also other events like Christmas markets.

The atmosphere in our beautiful old churches can be quite magical, with decorations and candles – though layers are recommended! There is a tangible sense of community and goodwill as we join together. But it is also a time to remember the lonely and hungry, to visit those near us, to support and cheer them and show they are not forgotten. Similarly to remember those suffering in so many countries, Ukraine, Afghanistan and Somalia to name but three, and do what we can for them by prayer and financially.

We heard in November that there were no responses to our advertisement for a new priest in charge. That is disappointing but not surprising as it is very common for parishes to have to advertise more than once; we will re-advertise in the New Year. Watch this space!



A word from Martin Crane Lay Reader 2022

continued ...

Meantime, we have been very blessed by the number of clergy and others who have rallied round, often from quite a distance, to take services, give advice and support us at this time –

particularly the organists who play for our services. They have shown us what a benefit there is in belonging to a wider caring, sharing fellowship. They are very much appreciated. Above all, the team of elders have worked really hard to keep the show on the road, leading services and other events but also finding clergy to take Holy Communion services for us.

A big thank you here to Rev Deirdre Parmenter, who probably did not realise when she retired to Campsea Ashe how busy she would be!

Finally, thank you all for your welcome to Orebeck. It was last January that I was licensed as Lay Reader to the benefice in Bury St Edmunds Cathedral, so I am very much the new boy in the benefice. I am also licensed to the parish in North London where Jenny and I live – so I am long distance and part time as well! But I am very grateful for your friendship and support.

All good wishes to you for a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.



Church Services for December

4th	2 nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Hacheston
		5pm	Christingle	Brandeston
11 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Holy Communion	Campsea Ashe
		11am	Christingle & Gifts	Kettleburgh
		11am	Morning Prayer	Easton
		11am	Morning Prayer	Parham
		4.30pm	Evening Prayer	Marlesford
18 th	4 th Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Zoom Morning Service	
		11am	Holy Communion	Parham
		4.30pm	Carols & Christingle	Marlesford
		6pm	Carol Service	Easton
23 rd		6pm	Carol Service	Campsea Ashe
24 th	Christmas Eve	10am	Nativity	Easton
		5.30pm	Carol Service	Kettleburgh
		6.30pm	Holy Communion	Marlesford (with Campsea Ashe)
		11.30pm	Midnight Christmas Communion	Brandeston
25 th	Christmas Day	10am	Christmas Communion	Kettleburgh
				Easton
			Family Carols	Parham (with Hacheston)
1 st Jan	New Year's Day	10am	Benefice Holy Communion	Kettleburgh

For our Zoom services contact Bill ... bill78@btinternet.com

Friday Prayers 4pm at Hacheston.

Compline is said at Marlesford every Wednesday at 4pm.

From January, our benefice services are at 10.00.



Church Services for January 2023

Please note that benefice services will be at 10.00am

1 st	Naming of Christ	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
8 th	Epiphany 1	9.30am	Holy Communion	Brandeston
			Morning Worship	Campsea Ashe
		11am	Morning Prayer	Easton
			Holy Communion	Parham <i>with Hacheston</i>
		4.30pm	Evening Prayer	Marlesford
15 th	Epiphany 2	9.30am	Zoom Morning Service	
			Holy Communion	Campsea Ashe
		11am	Morning Worship	Kettleburgh
			Morning Prayer	Parham
22 nd	Epiphany 3	9.30am	Morning Worship	Brandeston
		11am	Holy Communion	Easton
		11am	Holy Communion	Hacheston
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Kettleburgh
29 th	Epiphany 4	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Marlesford

For an invitation to our Zoom services contact Bill
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Friday Prayers are at Kettleburgh at 4pm

Church Rotas

All Saints, Brandeston Church Cleaning Rota

Helen Fletcher & Karren Piper	January 8th 2023
Ruth Garrett & Mary Baker	January 22nd 2023
Sue & Barry Flack	February 5th 2023
Maida Campbell & Liz Cobbold	February 19th 2023

St Andrews Church, Kettleburgh

Thank you to those who look after St Andrew's church.

	Cleaning	Flowers
January	Val & Trevor Butcher	Pat Peck
February	Jackie & Bill Clark	Shelley Eaton



All Day Friday 2nd Dec
Fashion ReBoot at New St Market, IP12 1DX

sam no1eastlane: 07889 544509 instagram: @no1eastlane



Brandeston



All Saints' Church, Brandeston



Christingle Service

Sunday 4th December at 5.00 pm

Start your Christmas here.

Songs, carols, stories and candlelight with a very special atmosphere.

We invite you to bring your families and friends of all ages to join our Christingle celebration.

We are looking forward to seeing you.



Our collection will be in aid of the Children's Society
helping vulnerable children

Brandeston



BRANDESTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Brandeston Village Hall

Saturday 10th December 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Draw at 3:45 pm

Christmas table decorations,
bulbs and wreaths

Quality gifts,

Prize draw,

Bottle stall,

Good books,

Children's activity,

Cakes, mince pies, jams and pickles

Delicious teas.

Contributions would be very welcome.

Please drop donations off at the hall on the day or at the

Thursday coffee mornings or to the people below:

Paul and Marion Kirton 684405

Paul and Mary Baker 685807

Ruth and John Garratt 685233

Christine and Colin Matthews - Quality Books 685589

Proceeds to Church Funds

We look forward to seeing you.

Brandeston



Father Christmas and Village Christmas Carols with a pop-up Christmas bar

Father Christmas will be visiting Brandeston
on Wednesday 14th December |
and distributing Christmas treats to our children.



Be ready on The Street from 6.00 pm to make sure you don't miss him.

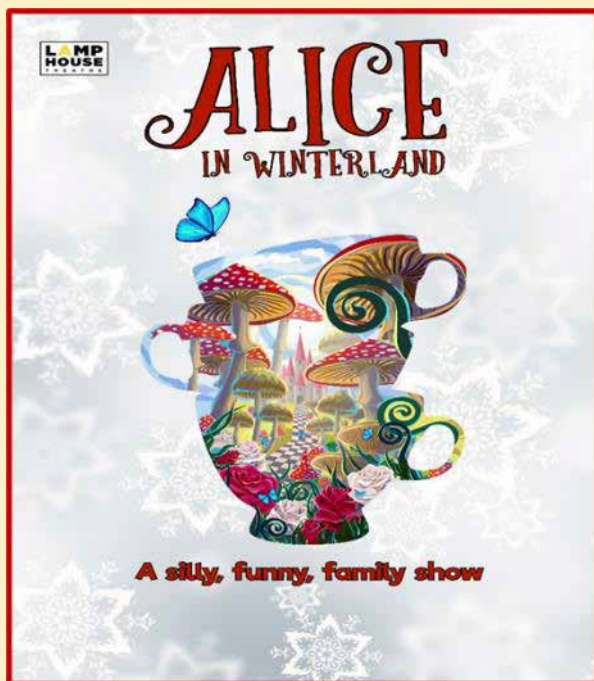


Then make your way to the village hall terrace for carol singing,
with a band and bar to make things merry and hot soup to
warm you up.

There will be a collection for St Elizabeth's Hospice.

The carols will start at 6.30 pm.

Brandeston



ALICE IN WINTERLAND

BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL

Sunday December 18th

3.00pm.

Recommended age 6+

Tickets:

£10 for adults, £7 for children under 12

marybaker555@hotmail.co.uk

or 01728 685807

Brandeston



SAVE THE DATE 'GARDENERS' WE NEED YOU!

To register your interest to either open your garden or to help,
please contact:

Jan Baldwin: 01728 684030 or janebaldwin325@gmail.com

Sally Baker: sallykbaker@hotmail.com before Christmas 2022.

A fund-raising event for Brandeston Village Hall, Brandeston All Saints Church Fabric Fund and Brandeston Chapel, with gardens, teas and local art exhibition.

There will be an Open Garden Meeting in February 2023 at Brandeston Village Hall to discuss the organisation of the event. The date of this meeting will be announced in January 2023 on the village website.

Kettleburgh



Christingle and Gift Service
Sunday 11th December
11:00a.m.
St Andrew's Church
Kettleburgh



You are invited to our Celebration Service.
Make your own Christingle
and learn what this special symbol means.



Bring along a gift to be donated to
FIND (Families in Need) Ipswich.
Rather than toys, this year FIND are asking for:

Hot Water Bottles

Microwaveable hand warmers

Tinned food



The results of the KGT Lottery draw for November 2022

1st Prize: WP Berry

2nd Prize: WP Berry

Kettleburgh



CHRISTMAS IN KETTLEBURGH

3rd December - Kettleburgh Village Hall Tree Lighting

The Village Hall will be open from 6.15pm on Saturday 3rd December.

Please join us for the lighting of the Christmas tree at 6.30pm.

A glass of mulled wine and mince pies will be available in the hall afterwards.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles if you would like to stay and enjoy a social evening of music and chat.

11th December - Christingle & Gift Service

Come along to St Andrew's church on Sunday 11th December at 11am

and join in our worship and the making of Christingles.

If you can, please bring a gift to be sent to FIND

(Families In Need - Ipswich).

This year FIND is requesting hot water bottles, hand warmers, tinned and microwavable goods to be distributed to those in need before Christmas.

24th December - Candlelit Carol Service

On Christmas Eve at 5.30pm St Andrew's church will be bathed in candlelight

for our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols, always a wonderful start to Christmas celebrations.

Come early for a seat.

25th December - Christmas Communion Service

On Christmas morning our service of family Holy Communion takes place at 10am, when we celebrate the birth of Christ and have another opportunity to sing our favourite carols.

1st January 2023 - New Year's Day Benefice Service

Start the new year with us at St Andrew's - a warm welcome for all at our Benefice Communion Service at 10am

Wishing you a peaceful, happy Christmas.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you at our festive events

Easton



**"A child is born to us!
A son is given to us!
And he will be our ruler. "
(Isaiah chapter 9 verse 6)**



CAROL SERVICE

Come and sing some carols and listen to the
Christmas story.

The service will be followed by mulled wine and
mince pies.

18th December 6.00 pm
All Saints' church
Easton

Easton



NATIVITY at EASTON CHURCH



Start the Christmas celebrations with our Nativity at 10.00 am on Christmas Eve!

The service lasts for about half an hour and we welcome children to be part of the Christmas story by dressing up as any of the characters from the Nativity and joining in the procession as the story is narrated and carols are sung. Costumes can be very simple or children can just carry a cuddly toy to represent one of the animals.

Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24th December) at 10.00 am

Sunday Café

Easton Village Hall

18th December 2022

Open 10.00 to 11.30 am

ALL WELCOME



Parham



Parham Village Hall

If you'd like to book our main hall, meeting room or games room, please contact Ellie on parhamhallbookings@gmail.com or 07794069233 for more information.



WHAT'S ON

Mondays

Framlingham Spinners & Weavers

10:00-12:00

Contact: Joy Porter -
jporterowl@gmail.com

Tuesdays

Powerhoop

10:00 – 11:00

Contact: Eleanor Sharratt -
07976299297 or
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate the festive season at Parham Village Hall.

Together with the Parish Council, we would like to invite you to a Christmas Evening at the Village Hall.

Wednesday 21st December from 6:30pm

Join us for...

- ♦ Mince Pies ♦ Cakes and Treats
- ♦ Bar ♦ Snooker ♦ Pool ♦ Air Hockey ♦ Pass the Parcel for the Children ♦ Lots of Christmas Fun!

Plus, enjoy a free drink, courtesy of Parham Parish Council!



Parham



CAROL SINGING IN PARHAM

After a break of a couple of years due to Covid we think it's time to revive our much-loved tradition of door-to-door carol singing. So, we invite anyone with even the smallest of voices (or none - you can hold the torch!) to join us on Tuesday 20th December Meet at the church at 6 pm. We expect to sing around the main part of the village for about an hour and a half then go to The Willows for mulled wine, mince pies, sausage rolls and big log fires.

As in previous years all monies collected will be donated to the East Anglian Children's Hospice.

Jane Slade 723707



Thank you

Thank you to all those who attended our Harvest and Remembrance services making both such a success. We are pleased to announce that a cheque for £138 to a farming charity and a cheque for £133 to the British Legion.

With many thanks Parham PCC

Hacheston



Hacheston Village Hall is open for hiring.

Booking Clerk

Meryem Siemmond hachestonvillagehall@yahoo.com

The Petanque Courts at the Village Hall have been upgraded to improve their accessibility. All residents are welcome to use the Courts but please make sure you close the gates afterwards to prevent the rabbits getting in.

Regular classes:

Mondays

9.30-11.30 **Toddler Group** Sandra Poacher sandrapoacher@hotmail.co.uk

18.00 -19.30 **Yoga** Jo Ogden-King joking@hotmail.com 07855 755982

Tuesdays

8.30 – 15.30 **NHS Cardio Rehab**

6.45 –20.15 **Ballet**. Anna admin@arschoolof dance.com 07740 769742

Wednesdays

14.00 – 14.45; 16.30 –

19.45 **Ballet**. Anna admin@arschoolof dance.com 07740 769742

Thursdays

10.00 – 12.00 **Art Club**. Lorna Edwards lornaed@hotmail.com

16.45 – 20.15 **Karate**. Elizabeth Arvanitidou carvan120@gmail.com 07495 608475

Fridays

8.30 – 13.00 **Cardio rehab** with Jon Regester info@jonregester.co.uk

16.30 – 18.00 **Ballet**. Anna admin@arschoolof dance.com 07740 769742

Hacheston



**Dec 31st New Year's Eve
Bar Night.
From 7.00pm onwards.**



Marlesford



The Welcome Arms

Marlesford's Pop-Up Pub returns!

Community Centre

Friday 2nd Dec. 2022 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Food will be available.

For more details, or if you would like to help, please contact Richard Cooper

tel. 01728 [747529](tel:01728747529) or email: richardccooper@hotmail.co.uk

Bring your friends and family!

Marlesford



Soup 'n Scone

We are restarting our winter lunches, and as usual they will be in the Community Centre. The fare will be cheese scones and soup, both homemade, as usual.

The suggested donation for lunch is £2.

Our dates for this year are:

16th December

12.00 - 1.00.

We hope to see you there.



A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES



On **Sunday 18th December at 4.30pm**, after a gap of several years, here at St. Andrew's, Marlesford we will be having a **Christingle Service**.

It will be a joyful celebration to bring together families and community. During the service everyone will be encouraged to decorate a Christingle Orange. Our favourite and much-loved Carols will be sung, so come and join us.

Marlesford



*Community Café
at
Marlesford Community
Centre
Every Thursday morning
10-12*



*Please come along for tea,
coffee, and homemade cakes!
Everyone welcome!*



Marlesford Parish Council invites you to send us your ideas for projects to enhance life in Marlesford.

Marlesford Parish Council has £5000 to spend on Marlesford Village initiatives. The funds are from the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) charge on building development in the village. CIL funds can be used for a variety of projects to enrich and support the Marlesford community. This feels especially important now when so many people are affected by rises in the cost of living.

Examples may include improving pedestrian safety, green projects, developing the Community Centre and our open spaces, and education initiatives. Here is your opportunity to think about what schemes you might like to put forward for CIL funding.

Email your ideas to lesleybensley@gmail.com or call Lesley on 07901 882464 to discuss for further information or contact any member of the Parish Council

Marlesford



Marlesford Old School Fund – Trustees invited

After the village school closed in 1965, the Community Council was set up to raise the £1,000 to buy the buildings to be used as the Community Centre. The County Council invested the money, and the income generated is used to award small grants to village children and young adults to help further their education. Currently, the money is invested in COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund with a bid market value of £26,500 (June 2022). Although the investment has taken a hit this year, we are still able to make awards to all applicants making valid applications.

Applications are considered by a board of trustees, and we would welcome new members to join the current team. We would be particularly interested in persons currently involved in secondary and tertiary education. Please contact me if you would like to apply or ask for further information.

Dr Roger Waterfall

Tel: 01728 747 038 e-mails: rwaterfall39@gmail.com

Trustees 22



A polite reminder to dog owners



If your dog is hard to control please keep them on a lead to keep our country lanes safe for everyone who enjoys walking around our village. Even friendly dogs can cause distress.
On behalf of Marlesford Parish Council. Contact: rwaterfall39@gmail.com



Watch this space for the 2023 dates for Music@Marlesford

Campsea Ashe



Hugh Chilvers Obituary

Hugh Chilvers was a caring husband to his wife Judy, father to Nadine Rickards and Alison Parnell, grandfather to Dan and Catherine Rickards and William Bramwell, and a good friend. He passed away suddenly on 12th September, 2022, aged 84, at his home in Holt Norfolk.



A local lad who grew up in Campsea Ashe Hugh was laid to rest at St John the Baptist Church, Campsea Ashe on the 20th October. Growing up in the village Hugh was a member of the St John the Baptist Church choir and led the procession up the aisle at church services carrying the cross. Despite moving away and travelling as a pilot with the RAF he always wanted to come back home to be with his first wife, Pat, and family. His brother Adrian, parents Sidney and Norrie Chilvers and maternal grandparents William and Margaret Cairns are all buried at the church.

Hugh was born in Melton, Woodbridge on 10 October 1937. He lived with his parents, Sidney and Norrie Chilvers at Shrubbery Farm, Campsea Ashe until December 1949 when they had to move out of the farm. William Cairns (maternal grandfather) was farm Bailiff which was a role his father Sidney took on when William died. The farm belonged to Viscount Ullswater and formed part of his estate. When Lord Ullswater died in March 1949 the estate farms were put up for sale and Hugh's parents moved out. Sidney then bought a house from the Ullswater Estate in Tunstall which was his home village. He had previously lived at Church Farm in Tunstall with his parents. This farm was also part of Lord Ullswater's Estate.

Hugh went to the village school in Campsea Ashe from ages 5 - 11. He passed the 11+ exam and went onto Woodbridge Grammar School from September 1949 to December 1954. Whilst there he had the opportunity to go gliding at Martlesham, even going solo. A taste of his career to come.

After leaving Woodbridge School Hugh joined the RAF, enlisting in June 1955 as an Aircraft Engine Trade Assistant. After training he was posted to RAF Marham to work as an Engine Mechanic on Canberra Bomber on 115 Squadron. He then joined 148 Squadron, also at RAF Marham, which had been formed with the first nuclear V-Bomber named the Valiant. Seeing his ability the Squadron Commander offered Hugh the opportunity to apply for Aircrew in 1961 and following a selection assessment Hugh was offered a Commission as an Officer.

Campsea Ashe



It was also in 1961 that Hugh went on holiday to Butlins at Pwllheli with friends and met his future wife, Florence Patricia Anne Lewis. She lived with her parents in Liverpool. They were engaged Christmas 1962 and married on 10th October 1964.

In 1964 Hugh was posted to RAF Scampton 83 Squadron, Vulcan B2 having completed his co-pilot training. In 1966 he then went on to pass the selection procedure to captain his own crew and following successful completion of the necessary training went back to RAF Scampton with his crew to No 27 Squadron to fly Vulcan B2's again. This of course was at the height of the Cold War. If they had ever taken off in anger, they did not have the range to get back again to British soil.

Following a posting in 1969 to RAF Linton to undertake Flying Instructor training following Hugh was then posted back to RAF Scampton as an Instructor on Vulcan aircraft. His great forte as a pilot was instrument flying – he could fly in almost any weather conditions

After further training Hugh was posted in 1980 to RAF Wyton to No 51 Squadron, a signals intelligence squadron, flying Nimrod R1 aircraft. One night the authorities wanted to know about something going on somewhere, so he took off in total pea soup fog – not many could have done that. On another, he flew towards Libya with Gaddafi's fighters trying to persuade him not to.

In 1983 there was a posting to RAF Waddington to fly the trials on the Airbourne Early Warning Nimrod with the aim of introducing the aircraft to RAF service. The project proved to be hugely complex and expensive as a result of the difficulties of producing new radar and computer systems and integrating them successfully into the Nimrod airframe. Hugh spent all of his time flying up and down with boffins in the back trying to make it all work. There was much coverage of this, and if you saw it on the TV news, it was usually Hugh piloting the plane. The trials led to the aircraft failing to meet the required specification and it was scrapped in 1986.

After his first wife, Pat, died in 1987 Hugh requested a posting to RAF Honington to be near to his family home at the time. Here he worked as a Flight Simulator Instructor for the Tornado aircraft. Following the move of the Tornado aircraft to RAF Lossiemouth Hugh secured work at RAF Coltishall as a Flight Simulator Instructor on the Jaguar aircraft starting in 1994. He remained working there until he retired in October 2000.

Campsea Ashe



Hugh met his second wife Judy Verkerk in 1996 and they were married in 2001. After some time living at Felmingham they moved to Holt in 2012 where they spent many happy years together.

In recent years Hugh could be found sharing stories and knowledge as a volunteer showing visitors around the cockpit of the Vulcan at the City of Norwich Aviation Museum.

Hugh's RAF service was honoured at his funeral by a bugler from the RAF sounding the Last Post, as well as a guard of honour and standard bearers from the Royal Airforce Association in attendance.

Hugh was much loved by his friends, his wife Judy, his daughters and grandchildren. The tributes by family and friends at his funeral were testament to what a great man he was.



Last year Ipswich churches launched a Christmas campaign called Inspiring Angels and this year Campsea Ashe Church is joining in the campaign. From the 17th to 31st December hundreds of knitted and paper Angels will be decorating the Church as part of the Christmas festival.

Angels are a symbol of love, of presence, pointing the way to the moment it all changed, when God came in the person of Jesus to be with us in the world, to share in love and pain alongside us. Angels appeared to tell us about the birth of a baby in a manger. Angels sang, bursting with joy, to some shepherds, and told them, "Go and see!"

Our Church is always open, so come and see the Angels whenever you like. They will add to the enjoyment of the Candlelit Carol Service so if you can join us then for what is always a special occasion that really starts the Christmas festivities in the best possible way.

Campsea Ashe



CAMPSEA ASHE CHURCH
IS HOLDING A
CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE
ON

Friday 23rd DECEMBER

AT 6.30PM

**Mince pies and mulled wine
served after the Service.**

**Tins and other non-perishable food items may be
brought for FIND (Families in need)**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



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Whilst I am pleased that we are now moving forward with our new Prime Minister, during these recent weeks and months, it has been more important than ever for me to focus on the issues which matter to us locally here in Suffolk. That's why I was delighted to recently welcome to Parliament a delegation of farmers and food producers from Fram Farmers.

Following a tour of Parliament, I was pleased to host a meeting with Fram Farmers where I heard first-hand about the challenges facing Suffolk's farmers and food producers. Although it's fair to say that the discussions focused generally on agricultural policy and potential changes on the horizon, more detailed conversations were also had around the financial challenges affecting farmers and food producers, and indeed all businesses here in Suffolk, including the rising cost of fertiliser as a result of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and rising costs of energy and fuel.

We are all proud of Suffolk's farmers who produce food which is locally sourced to the highest standards. I have always believed in the importance of UK farmers having a fair and level playing field with farmers from other countries, especially in areas like animal welfare standards, food labelling and quality of grain entering the food chain. In all of these areas, our own farmers are world class.

Whilst I regularly visit farms and food producers across Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, it was great to also be able to welcome some of them to Parliament. It is vital that our Government policies are fit for purpose and it's important to hear the impact that any changes will have on the ground for our local food producers.

I will always do my very best to support Suffolk's farmers and food producers and I will continue to speak with Ministers to make sure that their voices are heard in Parliament. The effects of the ongoing Avian Influenza outbreak Suffolk are of significant concern and this is why I have been pressing Government Ministers to better support this important sector. It is essential that the Government continue to consider the impact that these issues have on our farmers, food producers, retailers and ultimately the consumer.



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Agriculture, food and drink remain central to our local economy with more than one in seven jobs in Suffolk having some link to food production. We really are incredibly lucky to have such wonderful farmers and food producers on our doorstep and in the run up to Christmas, like you, I will be supporting them by buying local produce and gifts.

As always, if you have any issues which I can help with at one of my local advice bureaux, please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office via www.drdanielpoulter.com



A word from the Editors

A Slice of Suffolk has now been running for 6 months. Thank you for the nice things you have said about the 'new look' and hopefully in 2023 the magazine will continue to be a magazine for the seven parishes it represents, sharing news and community events.

There will not be a January 2023 magazine, so the next one will be in February 2023.

*In the meantime we wish you all and your families a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.
Jan and Nan*

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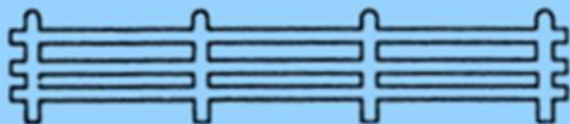


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