



# Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News March 2021

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## David Burgis

We were shocked and saddened to hear the news that David Burgis passed away at home on 11<sup>th</sup> February. David was born in Manor Farmhouse and lived in Kettlestone all his life, firstly in Fulmodeston Road and then at Manor Cottage. He was farm manager at Alethorpe and then for Ralph Harrison and Partners before retiring a few years ago. David was a stalwart member of the Parish Council and the Kettlestone Charity trustees, initially joining in the 1980s, and still in post at the time of his death. He was a previous Chairman of the Parish Council, a job he really did not enjoy and was happy to pass on! He had an invaluable depth of local knowledge and could be relied upon to give a fair and balanced view on any topic of discussion. He and Maddie were keen fundraisers for All Saints Church, holding large events in their garden which live long in Kettlestone memory. David was also a keen sportsman, and loved his golf and the countryside. He was a true gentleman, always willing to help others, and a good friend and support to many in Kettlestone. He will be sadly missed in the village. Our thoughts are with David's family at this sad time. The funeral will take place at Cromer crematorium (by invitation only) on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. Anyone wishing to pay their respects are invited to be in The Street, Kettlestone at 10.15am when the cortège will drive through the village. Kettlestone Church will be open for anyone wishing to remember David and for private prayer. Interment of his ashes will take place at a later date.

Donations in memory of David may be given for Cancer Research UK

via <https://davidburgis.muchloved.com/>

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The next meeting of **Kettlestone Parish Council** is on **Monday 15 March 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom**. The link is available on the website at least three working days prior to the meeting.

## Climate emergency

The current COVID-19 pandemic is, no doubt, the defining global health and socio-economic crisis of our time and the greatest challenge we have faced since World War 2. However, we mustn't lose sight of the even more daunting challenge of global warming, which is ultimately an existential threat to the human race. A 4°C or 5°C warming could entail a complete loss of civilisation as we know it. Fossil fuels and our unsustainable lifestyle are damaging our planet in irreparable ways, and at current levels of carbon dioxide emissions the carbon budget under the 1.5°C limit will be exceeded in less than 8 years. Did you know that we would need 1.7 planets to support our current lifestyle?

This is such a major topic that it is difficult for individuals to know where to start in reducing their own impact. There is an easy-to-use system that can help with this. GIKIZERO is a free site found at <https://zero.giki.earth>. You can put in as much information as you like, and it will give you an estimate of your carbon footprint. When I entered my household details it showed that we are slightly better than the UK average, but that if everyone lived like us it would be 4 years and 11 months until the Global Carbon budget runs out, based on limited global warming to 1.5°C. This shows the disproportionate impact that highly developed countries have on the global warming crisis. But there are small steps we can all take to reduce our impact, and there are many suggestions on GIKIZERO.

Norfolk Association of Local Councils and GIKI are promoting a campaign to 'Cut a tonne in '21'. Why not have a look at the website and see what positive steps you can take?

This is particularly timely given that COP26 (UN Climate Change Conference) will be taking place in Glasgow in November. Gill Ashby

## Covid-19 Hardship Grants

Hardship Grants are available if you are experiencing difficulties as a result of the pandemic. If you are in need or hardship, please do consider applying for a Covid-19 Hardship Grant from the Parish Council (it will remain **confidential**). For an application form contact the Clerk by email [kettlestonepc@googlemail.com](mailto:kettlestonepc@googlemail.com) or telephone 01328 822366.

## **Pete Moxon**

I am sad to report the death of Pete Moxon. Pete was a very special neighbour who provided many in our Parish with bird-boxes, garden furniture, and, in my case, a superb chicken hut. Passing his house in Little Snoring Road was always a neck-turning moment as one looked to see what new and interesting handmade wooden objects had appeared in his front drive. I remember that I first contacted Pete as I wanted some sawdust for my compost heap. He willingly supplied me with it. He also often gave scrap wood resulting from his prodigious woodworking output. As a result of this contact, we became friends, and found him to be a generous and entertaining companion. Pete always had something interesting to say, and I especially enjoyed his stories about his life. He told me that he had two hobbies – his woodworking funded his fishing. He was a very special human being and we were fortunate to have him as a member of our Community. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with his wife, Mandy, and the family in their mourning at this especially difficult time for those bereaved when some of the usual commemorations that follow a death cannot take place.

Richard Ives

## **Bus shelter and book swap**

The book swap continues to be well used. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Goodchild for the donation of a bookcase. Please don't leave any other items except books, magazines, jigsaw puzzles, CDs and DVDs, and fresh surplus produce in the bus shelter. If you have any items you wish to swap, sell or give away they can be put onto the Kettlestone and Pensthorpe Community Information and Support Facebook page, which is a private group open to all villagers. If you do not have access to Facebook please contact [kettlestonepc@googlemail.com](mailto:kettlestonepc@googlemail.com) or any Councillor.

## **Message of thanks**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Village Hall and Social Club committee for all their hard work in making various improvements to the village hall. As is and has always been the case, volunteers on all the village committees give many hours of their own time to support causes they feel strongly about, and this contribution to village life is very often unacknowledged. During the various lockdowns, the Village Hall committee have been extremely proactive in obtaining grants and have put the funding to very good use within and outside the hall. Without the many hours of work given by the committee members, the work carried out would have cost £1000s more. When we are able to meet again in the hall, it will be lovely to, firstly, see other people! And secondly, to do this in a newly refurbished hall will be a real treat.

Gill Ashby

## **Village Hall News**

An enormous amount of work has been progressing at the Village Hall. The entrance lobby has been transformed by removing the two small partition walls either side of the double doors leading into the hall itself. All the woodwork and walls have been made good and the whole area has been re-floored and painted. It looks really smart, and provides us with a much bigger space in which to sanitize our hands and hang coats. There are new sanitary fittings in the toilet, and we have taken the opportunity to install an emergency cord, all of which meet the requirements for Accessible Toilets. All the electrical work will be done week commencing 22 February we hope. We will have to wait for the new door, and the blinds, but they are on order, and the new double doors will be fitted by a carpenter during March. On behalf of the Social Club I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing committee members who have worked long and hard to make these improvements and installations. I am sure you will all agree, when it is possible to re-open, that the results of their efforts are well worthwhile.

Erica Bishop

## **PCC 100 Club Winners**

**January:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Kilpatrick Family; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Jane Pitcher; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Maurice Jones

**February:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Mark Burgis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Sara Hollier; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Judy Manuel

## **Church News**

Many people will have noticed that the yew trees outside the Church porch have been removed. We have had lots of positive comments, and I hope most villagers will agree that it is nice to be able to see the porch and war memorial as you go up the path from the lych gate. We have put some stump killer into both stumps as they would sprout again without treatment. We have also taken the opportunity to do the same thing with the old ash stump nearer the gate. The treatment should not be touched – the plugs are tightly capped – and are safe as long as they are not tampered with. You may also have noticed that we have had to fence off the table tomb under the lime tree to the left of the war memorial. The top stone has shattered in the frost and has become very unstable. We are seeking advice from Diocesan sources and listed contractors as to what we do now. The tomb is not listed. From the PCC



View of the Porch of All Saints, Kettlestone