



Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News January 2022

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Kettlestone Parish Council

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2022

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Please note that the meeting that was scheduled for 17th January has been cancelled. Do contact the Clerk (details above) if you have anything that you wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Monday 14 March 2022 at 7:00 pm** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Kettlestone Church 100 Club

Another year has flown by and I would like to remind everybody that the Subscriptions for the 100 Club are now due in January. I hope all you prize winners in the past year enjoyed your winnings.

You can either pay by a bank transfer, details as follows:

Lloyds Bank Fakenham

Sort Code 30-92-88

A/C number 00343623

Payee: Kettlestone PCC 100 Club

Otherwise a cheque payable to Kettlestone PCC 100 Club or Cash (£12 a year per person for one number)

Cash or cheques can be handed either to

Angie Waterston: 5 Orchard Grove

Judy Manuel: 1 Orchard Grove

We have a few spare numbers which we would very much like to fill. How about buying the grandchildren a ticket!

This is an excellent method of raising much needed funds for our Church and your giving is very much appreciated.

If you would like to join the Club as a new Member please could you contact me on 01328822394 with your details for the records and I can then allot you a number.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Angie Waterston

Bike, ride and walk

Enormous thanks for the fantastic support we received for the Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored bike, ride and walk in which we took part in September. With the unstinting support of the PCC members who gained sponsorship on our behalf we raised a grand total of £700, surpassing last year's total of £550. On the warmest Churches trust bike ride we have done in the many years we have been participating we managed 32 miles and a similar number of churches, and had a lovely day, in spite of many churches being closed or unmanned due to Covid. Thank you to everyone who supported us so generously and to those who worked so hard in the unenviable task of raising sponsorship.

Gill and Brian Ashby



View of the Octagonal Tower of Kettlestone Church

Village Hall News

A very happy new year to everyone from us all on the village hall committee. I hope you enjoyed Christmas and stayed safe and well.

We have reluctantly given in to the virus again and closed the hall for a while following the big rise in cases of Covid caused by the Omicron variant. Once we feel a bit more confident that the statistics indicate a lessening of the number of cases we will reopen. So, please bear with us, and I will let you know as soon as possible. We have postponed the film night, and the talk on Seahenges for the time being. It would be nice to think we might be able to reopen by about the start of February. Meantime, stay safe and please bear with us - we would rather be safe than sorry!

All the best. Erica

Mobile Library

Route EDE 508: For all enquiries about this route please call 01603 222303. Visits to Kettlestone are on Fridays (normally every 28 days) stopping at

- The Street NR21 0JB at 10:40 – 10:55:

Next dates: 28 January, 25 February and 25 March

The 12 Months of 2022

Did you consider making any Green New Year Resolution? Here are some suggestions: one for each month.

January: With visitors for Christmas, it's likely we all threw some food away. Now life is (hopefully!) getting back to some kind of 'normal', can we resolve to tighten up portion control, not go for BOGOF special offers on perishable food (unless there is a plan to use both items), and use up leftovers?

February: February can be a dull month in the UK and there is a temptation to buy unnecessary 'treats' to cheer the spirits. Enjoy the long evenings with something homemade, instead.

March: It might not yet be warm enough, but we could perhaps turn down the heating and compensate with an extra layer of clothing on cold evenings.

April: It's Easter this month and if we are buying Easter eggs, Fakenham's chocolate factory shop will supply our needs more cheaply, meaning that we won't be creating demand for chocolate eggs and *their* surplus will be made good use of.



May: We all like a vase of flowers on the table. We could try to grow as many of our own as we can. It's now too late this year for tulips, but other pretty plants can be sown from now on for cut flowers this year – and next.

June: For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, make sure the bunting is recyclable.

July: How green are our holiday plans? Let's think local, avoid flying if we can (and not fly business class).

August: It's still holiday time. Simple craft work and outdoor play for the children (or grandchildren) are low-consumption, fun activities.

September: Back to school and some parents (and other relatives) make a flurry of purchases – can some of those be avoided? Kids hate hand-me-downs, but maybe they'll accept a slightly used eraser!

October: If you're lucky enough to have apple or pear trees, with the right varieties you might be able to store some of the crop to provide you until Christmas. This'll save on food miles and give you tasty treats.

November: Are our bonfires really necessary? And could we forgo the fireworks? Maybe sparklers are a sufficient excuse to go outside to enjoy the darkening sky and autumn chill.

December: The month of Christmas, so let's think festively and sustainably. Reduce gifts, recycle unwanted ones and reuse wrappings and cards.

If we manage to do just some of these things in 2022, we'll have done something helpful (albeit small) towards reducing our carbon footprint and helping nature. And we'll have saved money, and 'done differently' – isn't that the Norfolk way?

Barbara Wyvill

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Priority Services and Assistance

Electricity: UK Power Networks offer a priority service, free of charge, to customers who need extra support or additional care. Residents who meet the criteria (e.g. of pensionable age or those requiring extra care) are encouraged to register so that they can be supported if there is a power cut. Signing up can be done online on the UK Power Networks' website

<https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut/priority-services> or by phoning 0800 169 9970.

Dial **105** to report any problems with electricity infrastructure including power cuts and hazards on or near overhead electricity lines.

Anglian Water offers similar services with online registration at <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/water-care/>

Priority Services Register is in place to help people with different needs and is completely free. By signing up, Anglian Water can:

- Help if there is an interruption to water supply
- Help protect customers against bogus callers
- Communicate in different languages, including British Sign Language
- Send bills in alternative formats, including large print, audio and braille
- Knock and wait, giving customers longer to get to the door

As well as many more Priority Services, Anglian Water also have a range of financial assistance available for customers who are finding it difficult to pay their bill.

For **Extra Care Support** you can telephone 0800 169 3630.

Flooding: The Environment Agency has an incident hotline 0800 80 70 60. You can telephone the Flood line 0345 988 1188 to check for flood warnings and alerts.

Online Reporting

If you see flooding on a road, a pothole that needs repairing, a damaged sign or other **problems on roads, pavements or public footpaths** please do report to the Highways department at the County Council. The online reporting form can be found at <https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysdefect/>.

North Norfolk District Council has online facilities for reporting **fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling**.

Please go to the website <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/> and use the Environment and Emergencies tab.