



# Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News March 2022

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## Kettlestone Church

We are very pleased that permission has been received from the Diocese for a garden bench to be installed in the Churchyard in memory of Clare Kay's mother and adoptive mother. The location of the bench, just forward of the lime trees, will give a lovely view of the Church. Thank you very much, Clare, for this very welcome addition to the Churchyard.

We have been in touch with the Norfolk Churches Trust and applied for funding to cover the enabling works that are required in order to get the repairs



necessary to the tower roof. As you can see from the photo, we could have a garden up there in the sunken guttering!! We will be approaching other funding organisations to enable the major repair

work that is required. It's an uphill struggle!

Although Spring is on its way, the weather has been giving the PCC some concern for the roof and gutters of the Church. If anyone notices any slipped, broken or missing tiles on the roof, please let the PCC know.

As soon as the winds allow, we need to clear the twigs and leaves out of the gutters and make sure the downpipes are free of debris so that rainwater can run away. Anyone willing to help will be most welcome – please contact Martyn Proffitt. With the Spring comes the need to mow and prior to that we will be organising a general "clear up" in the Churchyard to collect and dispose of twigs and branches that have come down in the recent gales. An email will be sent around asking for volunteers, as usual. The difficulty is getting a suitable day weatherwise! The mowing of the Church Field will also be starting soon and Martyn will be in touch with "the gang" shortly. If anyone wishes to volunteer to join the rota please contact Martyn.

Please keep your fingers crossed for our fundraising, and if anyone has any contacts that they think might be useful, please let us know. Many thanks.

Message (edited) from the Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride Committee Chairman, Charles Inglis. The 2021 Bike Ride was another amazing success. The total raised was an extraordinary **£129,925**. Cheques will be sent to over 300 churches who have raised sponsorship money. The Bike Ride has now surpassed the **£4 million** mark raised since it started. This is an astonishing amount of money which has helped support our historic Norfolk Churches. A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in the Bike Ride over the years. Some supporters have been taking part since it first started in 1983! Please do put this year's date in the diary which will be the **10 Sept.**

## 100 Club Winners

January: 1<sup>st</sup> G Cliff; 2<sup>nd</sup> C Hipkin; 3<sup>rd</sup> R Kilbourne

February: 1<sup>st</sup> B Peck; 2<sup>nd</sup> M Coubrough; 3<sup>rd</sup> Kilpatricks.

We have had an excellent response to the 100 Club again which is very much appreciated. If there is anybody else who would like to join it is never too late! Give me a ring on 01328 822394 and I can give you the details. Many thanks. Angie Waterston

## Choral Concert

**Sat 26 March at 7pm in Fakenham Parish Church**  
Puccini's thrilling *Messa di Gloria*, and Dvorak's romantic and tuneful *Mass in D* makes this a performance not to be missed. Refreshments will be available before the performance and during the interval.  
Tickets: £12 (under 18s free) in advance, and can be purchased from Gill Ashby 878639, Colin Blackmore [blackburns12@btinternet.com](mailto:blackburns12@btinternet.com)) or through the website [www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org](http://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org)

## Village Hall News

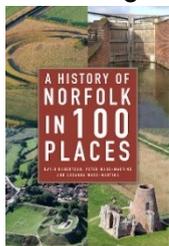
As we have quite a few new residents in the Village, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you all and to say that we would always welcome any friends and family if they might be staying with you and be interested to join us in the Hall for either specific events or just for a drink on a Friday evening. This goes for any events, bar night or games nights etc. For those who are relatively new to the village, we have a Social Club and ask those who regularly attend to join, but of course that doesn't apply to your visitors, unless they become regulars! The subscriptions help to keep the hall going. Subscriptions are annual (this year a reduced £5.00/adult, £10/family) and due for payment following the AGM in May.

The Village Hall Committee have been making plans for **Alec's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations on Friday 1 April** and look forward to welcoming everyone who wishes to celebrate with him. The bar will be open from 7pm and a finger buffet will be provided. For catering purposes, please could you let me (Erica 878834) know if you wish to join by no later than 14 March. Alex has said that he does not wish to have any presents, but that if you wish you may make a donation in his name to the Hemsby Lifeboat. I understand from Alec and Brenda that this is not run as part of the RNLi and depends solely on its own fundraising. We will provide a box for this collection on the night. If you would like any further details, please could you contact Alec or Brenda. We are much looking forward to making this a memorable occasion for Alec.

**YOGA:** We are very sorry to have said "goodbye" to Jamie, our yoga teacher. Jamie led a small (but I am sure beautiful) yoga class on Tuesday mornings. He has been offered a post in Norwich and will be going to live there, so sadly he has had to bid us farewell. If anyone knows of a yoga or Pilates leader who might be prepared to come to the Village Hall to lead a class, please could you let me know. We will need to negotiate rates for hall hire (which we would keep as low as possible) and this would dictate how much they would need to charge per session. It would be nice to try and keep an exercise class going in the village.

**PEPPER AND HONEY** (apologies – I got this the wrong way round on the leaflet recently delivered). We are much looking forward to welcoming the Creative Arts East production Pepper and Honey on 11 March. Doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30pm start. Tickets: Social Club members £10.00, children £5.00, non-members £12.50. Pepper and Honey is a play for our times: So, what's "home"? That's the question Ana, a young Croatian woman, poses as she settles in the UK.

**SEAHENGES TALK** On Tues 19 April we are welcoming David Robertson from East Anglia



Archaeology to talk to us about the Seahenges on the North Norfolk coast. David hopes to bring copies of a book he has co-authored - *A History of Norfolk in 100 Places*. I am sure this talk will be very interesting, and hope it will be very well supported. Doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30 pm start. Tickets: Members

£7.50, Non-members £10.00, children £5.00.

We are re-starting the **Art/Games afternoon** on the second Wednesday of each month starting 9 March. The Art group is very informal - ALL abilities are very welcome. £3/ person. Refreshments provided.

**JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** We are hoping to have a 1950s style tea at the Village Hall, and an exhibition of any royalty-related memorabilia. So ... please could you look in your photo albums, lofts, and other storage places where you might have squirreled away any photos, flags or other ephemera which can be included. If villagers have any memories they would be willing to share relating to The Queen or her other Jubilee celebrations, we might also produce a booklet

as we did for the VE Day, so any contributions would be very welcome.

Erica

## ***Climate change is certain.***

### ***How do we communicate this to our young people and do they care enough?***

Many young people are fully aware that climate change is part of their lives. For them, 'global warming' and 'climate change' is a stock answer in geography lessons. I have been teaching the concept for nearly twenty-eight years now. Most recently including information on methane, which is a more potent greenhouse gas even than carbon dioxide because it has much higher ability to trap heat in the atmosphere: it traps more than 25 times as much as carbon dioxide. I also teach young people about the nature of positive feedback: that one change can lead to another which creates increasing, and long-term change. In this example, the melting of permafrost releases methane from decaying plants which is released into the atmosphere. This then creates higher temperatures which in turn melts more ice – and the cycle goes on.

Within schools, climate change is an underlying thread in many subjects and is prominent in topics in a standard geography lesson. It is addressed when discussing the economic development of countries and the unequal nature of global development, when studying oceans as carbon sinks and potential flood threats, when analysing political futures and the role of world powers such as China, when studying farming methods in agricultural regions such as Norfolk...the list is long.

Greta Thunberg, whatever your opinion of her, has shown that today's youth can make their voices heard, and she has galvanised many students to think more deeply about their place on the planet. As a result, many more students care about global climate change and, as is the nature of teenagers with fervent opinions, they are passionate about its effects on the world and they want change.

Many teenagers today are well aware of the complex issues involved in finding solutions to our future. Part of my job as their teacher is to show how these issues affect them in specific ways; for example, in their lives in Norfolk, and help them to consider what they can do. For example, access to transport is crucial for young people's lives but living in a village means very limited public transport is available, and while cycling can be an enjoyable option, safe cycle routes are scarce. On the plus side, rural youth have a greater appreciation of nature and their understanding of our duty of stewardship to our planet is much greater.

Acting locally, while it may be on a small scale, is as important as large gestures made by people with big voices. In Kettlestone many of us have been trying to live more sustainably for a very long time. If we pass these practices, and the attitudes that go with them, on to our children and grandchildren we will have given them some of the tools and techniques for living in what is an ever-changing world.

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