



# Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News June 2022

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## Kettlestone Parish Council

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Agenda, minutes and other information is available on the village website (address above).

The next meeting is on **Monday 25 July 2022 at 7pm** in the Village Hall..

## Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There is one vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in contributing to the community and working as part of a team please contact the Clerk by email [kettlestonepc@googlemail.com](mailto:kettlestonepc@googlemail.com) alternatively speak to one of the Parish Councillors. As there is a significant amount of communication conducted electronically, it is advantageous to have access to the internet and email, however lack of this facility should not deter anyone with a keen interest in joining the Parish Council.

We look forward to hearing from you.

## Hardship Grants

The Parish Council is concerned that there will be some people and families who will be experiencing financial difficulties as a fall out from the pandemic and the economic crisis. It has been decided to widen the scope of the Community Foundation Covid-19 Grant. If you are experiencing need or hardship (e.g. from loss of income, reduced employment, lack of seasonal work, extra costs or unexpected outgoings), please do consider applying for a Hardship Grant from the Parish Council. (Your application will be considered by a working group of parish councillors supported by the Clerk and will remain **confidential**.)

Contact the Parish Clerk on 01328 822366 or email [kettlestonepc@googlemail.com](mailto:kettlestonepc@googlemail.com) to receive an application form for a Hardship Grant.

## Kettlestone Church News from the PCC

The Parochial Church Council AGM was held on Wednesday 18 May. We were sad to accept Pat Dickson's retirement after 48 years of service on the PCC. She has undertaken all sorts of roles on the Council, and her breadth of knowledge on matters relating to the Church is encyclopaedic. Needless to

say we will miss her knowledge and experience enormously, but quite understand that she might like a bit of a sabbatical! A huge "Thank You" from us all, Pat. Otherwise the Committee remains the same as last year. We will need to elect a Lay Chairman following the Rector's retirement (see below).

As you may well already know, our Rector James Muggleton, is retiring at the end of June, and much of the discussion at the meeting following the AGM centred on arrangements for the future. We will be joining the Colkirk benefice. The Parish Priest at Colkirk is The Reverend Robin Stapleford and we are looking forward to meeting him in due course. We will be saying "Farewell" to James at his last service here in Kettlestone on Sunday 5 June at 11a.m. Refreshments will be served after the service. James' final service in the Benefice will be at Great Snoring on Sunday 26 June.

This brings me on to the request for flowers to decorate the Church to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As mentioned in the Village Hall section, donations of flowers – any size, shape, container or form – will be most welcome to decorate our Church for the Jubilee. Decoration will start on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, but contributions can be brought any day from approximately 9.30 am onwards, and they will be arranged each day.

## Village Hall News

Our next event is to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. As advertised in May's Newsletter we are opening the Village Hall on Friday 3 June at 5pm for a **BBQ, followed by Bingo**. I hope this will set us off on our celebrations in the 1950s style! On Sunday 5 June we are planning a 1950s style **Bring and Share Tea** with traditional sandwiches, cakes and biscuits.

We look forward to welcoming you. The Church will be "en fete" too. The flower arrangers will be very pleased to receive any contributions, however large or small, to help make our Church special for the service which will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am. Contributions can be left in the Church during the day in advance: the Church is open from 9.30 approx. until late afternoon.

Other events for June:

- Wed 8 June – **Art Group and Games** afternoon.
- Wed 23 June – visit to the garden at the **Old Vicarage, East Ruston**. I hope this date will be



convenient for all those wishing to go and no rain! In order to save petrol/diesel costs please could those willing to drive meet at the village hall at 10.30am so we can short sharing etc. Please would those not driving share the cost of petrol as it is now so expensive?

- Tues 5 July - A talk on the **History of RAF Sculthorpe Airfield** by the Curator of the Heritage Centre. It is very interesting and was visited by the Queen recently. Doors open at 7.00pm as usual. Price: £7.50/£10.00 for members/non-members and £5.00 for children.
- In the meantime, don't forget to practice for the Annual Boules Competition planned for the August Bank Holiday Sunday (28<sup>th</sup>) – families and visitors are most welcome: and get planting ready for the Produce Show at the beginning of September (Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>). There are plans for a full programme of events including talks, walks and music. Further details will be given as soon as they are available. We look forward to seeing you at some or all of the events.

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### **Fakenham Choral Society Summer Concert**

Join Fakenham Choral Society for a joyful musical mix at Fakenham Parish Church at **7 pm on Saturday 18 June**. Vivaldi's jubilant 'Gloria', Aesop's Fables set to music by Bob Chilcott, together with jazz legend George Shearing's fresh and exciting settings of Shakespeare's sonnets are sure to delight. Conducted by their musical director, Mark Jones, it's sure to be an exciting performance. Tickets are £12 (under 18s free), available via Gill Ashby (878639), the choir's website or on the door [www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org](http://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org).

### **Young Parishioners' Views on the Climate Crisis**

"It is important that young people have a say, as it is *their* future which will be impacted by *your* decisions." So said one of the young people of Kettlestone & Pensthorpe when we asked them for their views on the climate crisis. All the six teenagers were concerned about the current and future impacts of the climate crisis; one said: "The climate crisis is I believe the biggest problem facing humanity at the moment", and they wanted to see action; as one put it: "I hope to see a lot more change ... in our communities because it is so vitally important ... I hope to see most cars to be electric and reduced in cost, also bigger transport vehicles like buses and trains to be electric, ... and ... to see people caring about our environment and making healthier, better decisions for it."

These young people had several ideas about what our communities could be doing, recognising that we in Kettlestone & Pensthorpe were already taking the climate crisis seriously: "This village has quite a lot of people who are good at saving energy but I think we could all do more." Another young person pointed out that: "*Many of the homes in our parish rely on oil for*

*heating ... Improving insulation will decrease the amount of oil used.*" Food sourcing and consumption could change: "People in the parish should buy local: in North Norfolk we have lots of local produce."; "... rely more on themselves for some fruits and vegetables – some lettuce or beans would reduce the food miles on your daily greens."

They also commented on what governments should do: "They need to stop focusing on party politics and irrelevant issues and focus on the pressing climate crisis."; "They need to do what they promise to do." One felt that "...the government thinks they can leave it all up to us but ... they are the only ones who can do something as they have all the money and the power."

They recognised that they needed to change their own behaviour; as one said: "I am thinking a lot more about recycling and whether I should buy things or not, especially if they are single use plastics." Another said "I have been trying to turn lights out more often and take public transport." One had made a significant change that had affected others: "I have become a pescatarian. ... also, my family has been reducing their meat intake .... so it is not just me ... it's my whole family."

We asked them to look twenty years ahead. Some were concerned that there was not enough action: "I am apprehensive about what the world will look like... in terms of renewable energy and general attitude to the climate I think we will improve; however, I do not know if it will be too late". Others took a more optimistic view: "*If the government takes action, we'll only be using renewable energy and we'll only be driving electric cars. Hopefully we'll be enjoying all the same activities but with a smaller carbon footprint.*"

One young parishioner had a message that we can all relate to: "... This planet is our home ... there is no Planet B, ... once we ruin this one we don't have a backup one or another we can escape to."

Kettlestone and Pensthorpe Climate and Environment Group, ([wecan@educari.com](mailto:wecan@educari.com))

**Look out for a display of the young people's views in the Kettlestone bus shelter!**

### **Norfolk Warm Homes.**

Could you be eligible for a Warm Homes grant? The Norfolk Warm Homes Partnership is providing heating and insulation grants to our residents to help keep homes warm across Norfolk! If you want to keep your energy bills low and reduce your carbon emissions, installing insulation in your home is one of the best ways to keep the heat in, and the cold out. For more information: Enquire today to find out if you are eligible! To make an application contact Norfolk Warm Homes on 01603 430103 or visit [www.norfolkwarmhomes.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwarmhomes.org.uk) If you have any questions then please feel free to contact North Norfolk District Council [energy@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:energy@north-norfolk.gov.uk) or telephone 01263 513811.