



Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News July 2022

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Kettlestone Parish website: <https://kettlestoneparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

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 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 to receive an application form for a Hardship Grant.

Thank you

Huge thanks to everyone who brought their jam jar contributions and their garden flowers and foliage to Kettlestone church. The decorations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee seemed to be a great success.

Jenny Little and Angie Waterston

Kettlestone Church News from the PCC

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to the decoration of the Church to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Church looked so lovely, and I hope many of you were able to see the finished product. On Sunday 5 June the Revd. James Muggleton celebrated his final service for us. Future arrangements for our Church are being presented to us on Friday 24 June – a little too late for us to be able to inform you in this Newsletter.

However, we do know that we will be joining the benefice of Colkirk under the Revd. Robin Stableford. How services will be arranged will be made clear, and we will ensure everyone is kept informed.

We are now expecting a structural inspection of the tower during August. It is hope that this will enable us to decide whether it might be possible to open up the old staircase to the tower. The Statement of Significance has yet to be presented to us, but with both the Statement and the Inspection Report we will have a very interesting body of information to put together on which to base a possible future project to enhance the Church.

Erica Bishop

Pat has asked me make it known that her Retirement from the PCC (after 46 years!) was marked with a surprise Tea Party at the Games Afternoon in the Village Hall where she was presented with a beautiful bouquet of fragrant flowers and a vote of thanks. She would like to thank everyone involved and to say in her words, it was a very big surprise! *Angie Waterston*

100 Club

May: 1st B Fielden; 2nd L Capsticks; 3rd K Willock
June: 1st J Strangway Booth; 2nd S Williams; 3rd K Kay

Village Hall News

GDPR forms: Now that we are returning to a full programme of events at the village hall it seemed a good time to review the contact details we hold for all those wishing to receive communications by email about the village events and the social club. In order to comply with Data Protection law, we must have the individual's consent to hold their personal information. Please return completed forms to the village hall by Monday 4 July.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Jubilee celebrations and made it a very special weekend. By popular request we have added another Barbecue and Bingo evening to our list of summer events which are as follows:

- Tuesday 5 July: History of RAF Sculthorpe talk 7.00pm for 7.30 start
 - Wed 13 July Arts, Crafts & Games from 2.00pm
 - Friday 15 July Barbecue and Bingo 7.00pm
 - Sunday 28 Aug. Boules & Barbecue from 12 noon.
 - Saturday 3 September Produce Show
- More dates for the diary later in the year
- Friday 9 September The Two Violins Concert with Brenda and Steve Stewart
 - Friday 23 September Quiz Night 7.00pm
 - Sunday 2 October Sunday Breakfast from 10.00 am
 - Wednesday 19 October Talk by Simon Harrup of Natural Surroundings Glandford 2.30pm
 - Friday 28 October Talk on the Wooden Rescue Boats 7.00pm.

Education Grant

Kettlestone Charities Trustees invite applications for an education grant for the academic year 2022-23. The grant is intended for purchase of books, materials and resources for study / vocational courses and is available to young persons residing in Kettlestone or Pensthorpe studying for their first degree or equivalent. Grants are awarded entirely at the discretion of the Trustees. To request an **application form** please email kettlestonecharities@googlemail.com or write to the Clerk of the Trustees, Little Manor, Thursford Road, Little Snoring, NR21 0JN. The deadline for submission is **end of September 2022**.

We Need Insects

“If we and the rest of the back-boned animals were to disappear overnight, the rest of the world would get on pretty well. But if the invertebrates were to disappear, the world’s ecosystems would collapse” (David Attenborough). Insects are by far the largest group among the invertebrates - and they are disappearing.

Since the 1970s, insect numbers have dramatically declined, and 41% of the UK’s 20,000+ insect species are facing extinction – largely due to widespread use of chemicals and loss of habitat. The charity, Buglife, has been asking drivers to count the insect ‘splats’ on their car number plates, and have found a 58.5% reduction in the abundance of actively flying insects in the UK between 2004 and 2021. A decline of more than half over less than 20 years.

Does it matter? Yes!

About four-fifths of UK plants (including many of our food crops) rely on insect pollination; honey bees, solitary and bumble bees, butterflies and moths, various flies (such as hoverflies) and beetles all perform this ‘ecosystem service’.

Other insects break down and decompose organic matter, turning dead animals and other ‘waste products’ into food for other organisms. Blowflies are usually the first to reach a carcass; they, and other insects, lay their eggs, so their larval stages have a food source. Burying beetles, such as the Sexton

Beetle (pictured), bury and feed on the remains of small birds and mammals. And the sixty species of UK dung beetles perform a valuable task by dealing with animal faeces.



Insects also are useful in pest control (wasps predate other invertebrates), water purification (aquatic insects help with this), and for providing useful products, such as silk, shellac, and, of course, honey and beeswax.

Many birds, fish and mammals eat insects as their main food source. And insects provide a valuable source of protein, vitamins, and minerals for around two billion humans who eat insects as part of their regular diet. It’s now possible to buy a variety of insect-derived foods suitable for humans; and for dogs and cats. These animal proteins have a much smaller ‘carbon footprint’ than mammal or fish flesh.

Most importantly, right now, insects’ role as indicators of environmental degradation warns us that it is time to act to prevent their decline, which will, in turn, support the entire ecosystem. The Wildlife Trusts’ campaign, *Action for Insects*, helps us to protect and encourage UK insects. For free information and how you can help, see: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/action-for-insects> . Barbara Wyvill (wecan@educari.com)



Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline

- if you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who faces dying or the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you feeling isolated and alone. Being able to access support is so important. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end of life and being prepared helps both the person dying and their loved ones to feel a sense of control.

Calls are free and confidential: **0808 801 0688** - we have time to talk. To find out more, please visit www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service.

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North Norfolk District Council 01263 513811 or <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/> to report fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling.

Norfolk County Council: 0344 800 8020 Road and footpath defects:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem> .