



Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News December 2022

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Kettlestone Parish Council

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The next meeting is on **Monday 16 January at 7pm** in the Village Hall.

News from the Parish Council

The Parish Council decided to increase the Precept for 2023-24 by £240 to £4140 (an increase of just over 6%). This would go towards the cost of a new noticeboard. Three donations were approved at the recent meeting: £100 to the Village Hall (which also covers the cost of PC meetings); £50 each to the PCC (towards grass cutting) and to the Air Ambulance.

Hardship Grants

If you are experiencing need or hardship, 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 details above.

Finding Help with the Cost of Living Crisis

Details of the government schemes to help with rising energy costs can be accessed via North Norfolk District Council's website: <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/projects/advice-and-support/> or telephone customer services on 01263 513811.

Food Bank

If you are in financial difficulties you might be eligible for help from the local Food Bank. The Food Bank works using a voucher referral system. In order to get help from the Food Bank you will need a voucher issued by local agencies. For information telephone 07542 106107. More information about Mid Norfolk Food Bank (to register or to make donations) can be found on the website: <https://midnorfolk.foodbank.org.uk/>

Poppy Collection

At a recent collection in the village the sum of £380 was raised for the British Legion in respect of the annual poppy appeal. My sincere thanks to all who gave so generously.
Alec Peck

Kettlestone Church Services

11 December Prayer Book Communion 11:15 am.
23 December Carol Service 7 pm

100 Club

September: 1st J Doy; 2nd L Rivett; 3rd G Ashby
October: 1st E Wilson; 2nd W Waterston; 3rd S Hipkin

Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to all of you who came and contributed so generously to the success of the Coffee Morning held recently. The grand total raised was £238.62. An excellent result.
Angie Waterston

Coastal Community Supermarket

in the Community Room, The Playing Field, Stevens Rd (off Kettlestone Road), Little Snoring, NR21 0GZ
on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays: 1 pm – 3 pm

The Coastal Community Supermarket provides low cost affordable food and personal care products for local residents.

There is a small membership fee and then you can benefit from:

- Discounted or free food, household products and toiletries
- Help and advice on cooking recipes, meal planning and reducing food waste
- Additional support from other organisations, helping you build a brighter future

If you would like to help with the Supermarket or Chatty Café please do let us know – you are welcome to join our friendly team.

For more information contact Helen on 01328 713173 or email: helen.roythorne@wellshospital.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/coastalcommunitysupermarket/>



Christmas Greetings

Andrew and Julia Murray send their customary Christmas Greetings and will make their customary donations to the church and the social club in lieu of cards.

Kettlestone Village Hall News

Regular Events: The **Bar** from 7pm every Friday evening. **Table tennis** groups play on Wed evenings 7-9pm and Fri mornings 10 am -12 noon. £2 a session. No need to book. Newcomers very welcome.

Arts, Crafts and Games is Wed 14 Dec 2 - 4.00pm.

This is a very relaxed afternoon with tea and cake. £3 a session. All welcome.

Christmas dinner at the Village Hall is on Sat 10 Dec at 6.30 for 7.00pm. Please contact Clare and Ken Kay on 822081 if you still need a ticket.

Dates for the New Year

- Sun 8 Jan - relax after the festivities with a film, followed by tea and cakes. Starting 2.00pm, we are showing **The Duke** (12) starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. Described by one critic as 'gloriously witty and comic', this is the true story of how Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington was stolen from the National Gallery by an unlikely thief.
- Wed 12 Jan: **Arts, crafts and games** afternoon 2-4pm. We hope to increase these sessions to twice a month if there is sufficient interest.
- Fri 20 Jan: Talk 7.30pm '**Collecting stamps on the Camino**' a talk by local resident John Hurst on his European long distance walk this summer.
- Fri 3 Feb: Music 7.30pm The return of the popular **Fakenham Ukulele band**. These talented musicians always provide an entertaining evening with a great variety of music and song.

Best wishes from the Village Hall Social Club Committee for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanks for your support throughout 2022 and we look forward to seeing you at future events. *Corinne Merrick*

Fakenham Choral Society

Fabulously Festive Christmas Concert 17 Dec.

Traditional carols to join in with along with choral favourites, guest singers and orchestra, are sure to get you in the mood for the celebrations ahead. Musical Director, Mark Jones, will lead the performance in his usual exuberant style! Fakenham Parish Church on Sat 17 Dec at 5.30pm. Tickets are £12 (under 16s free), from Gill Ashby (878639), or 01485 544335, via the website www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org or on the door. Do come along for a wonderful evening.

Veterans Survey

Armed Forces Champion, John Toye (07400 724676), is encouraging Veterans to take part in a survey from the Office for Veterans' Affairs and the Office for National Statistics. It aims to learn more about the lives of the UK Armed Forces community, veterans and their families. The following link will take you to the website for more information: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/surveys/information/orhouseholdsandindividuals/householdandindividualsurveys/veteranssurvey>

Reasons to be Cheerful

There are so many negative stories about the climate crisis. It's easy to feel depressed and helpless. But there are many positives. And it will soon be Christmas! Let's look at some reasons to be cheerful.

First, there is progress towards a more sustainable world. Yes, change is happening too slowly: the world will definitely heat up by more than 1.5 degrees (the target set by the 2015 Paris Agreement). But change there is. Renewable energy is an amazing success. The price of solar and wind power has fallen precipitously and is now cheaper than the fossil fuel or nuclear alternatives. While fossil fuel plants are still being built, many more on the drawing board almost certainly won't be – they just can't compete on price. The era of coal is ending. And Russia may find, in the medium term, that its gas pipeline to Europe has become redundant.

Second, companies are responding to consumer demands that they take account of the environmental impact of their businesses. Yes, a lot of their response is 'greenwash' – a fig-leaf, not a real makeover. Still, companies are auditing their carbon outputs, improving the efficiency of their supply chains to reduce carbon emissions, and making their products more sustainable; for example, by including recycled content, making the products themselves recyclable, or using novel and more planet-friendly materials.

Third, farming is changing. The UK Government's new ELMS regime (threatened by Liz Truss' government, but probably now going ahead) will pay farmers, not, as previously, for the amount of land they farm, but for 'public goods' – that is, (among other excellent things) the environmental benefits they create. And farmers themselves are realising that it makes good economic sense for them to preserve and enhance the environment; more pollinating insects can mean bigger crops, for example. Farming in North Norfolk is also influenced by the importance of the tourist trade in this region – many farmers are also hosts, and their guests appreciate conservation and seeing wildlife.

Fourth, public opinion is changing: nowadays, more people are concerned about environmental issues and speak out. Politicians have to respond and, for example, 'green growth' is now firmly on their agenda. The individual citizen is not a helpless bystander: we can all do something, and letting politicians know what we think they should (or should not) be doing can make a difference.

And we can all make changes in our everyday lives that, in their admittedly very small ways, can make a difference – and help us to feel that we are 'part of the solution'.

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