



Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News March 2023

Your newsletter!

We welcome articles for the newsletter, including village news and photos, historical articles, welcoming new villagers, details of village organisations, village activities etc.

Please send any articles to : kettlestonepc@googlemail.com by 25th of each month.

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

A big welcome ...

...to everyone who has recently moved into the village. We hope you enjoy living in this lovely village, and please do introduce yourselves!

Summary of Dates

8 March 2pm Crafts and Games afternoon
18 March 10 am Church Spring Clean
20 March 7pm Parish Council meeting
24 March 7pm Talk by Catherine Temple
25 March 7pm Fakenham Choral Society
21 March – 4 April: PC nomination papers to NNDC
Church services

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Kettlestone Parish Council

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Councillors: Gill Ashby (Chair) 878639; Christine Hipkin 878241; Marlene Hoad 822101; Trevor Hoad 822101; Robert Kilbourn (Vice-Chair) 851633; Barbara Wyvill 878790. Agenda, minutes and other information is available on the village website (address above).

New bus shelter for Pensthorpe

Have you noticed the very attractive new bus shelter at Pensthorpe? This was a project conceived and led by the Parish Council, with funding shared between Pensthorpe Natural Park and a grant from the Parish Partnership scheme funded by Norfolk County Council.



In keeping with the ethos of Pensthorpe a wooden shelter was chosen. The shelter is not only useful for visitors to Pensthorpe, but also for Pensthorpe children waiting for a school bus and for residents. In addition, a new trod footway has been installed on the opposite side of the road, giving a route for residents to the bus

shelters. The project was managed by Robert Kilbourn, who acted as the main liaison between Pensthorpe Park, the Parish Council and all the other organisations involved. As you can imagine, for a structure to be installed close to the highway there were many rules to comply with, including the requirement for traffic management when the shelter was delivered. Robert handled all of these details and also constructed the base of the shelter and the trod, all of which took many, many hours. Very many thanks to Robert, Pensthorpe for staff help and funding, and Norfolk County Council for the grant.

BBC Radio Norfolk Treasure Quest

It was a great surprise to receive an email from Paul Hayes, the producer of *Treasure Quest* on BBC Radio Norfolk, asking to feature Kettlestone as one of the locations in the programme on Sunday 5 February. We had to agree to keep the information to ourselves, so sadly we couldn't let anyone else know.



A small number of us were there to meet Julie Reinger, who you may know from BBC Look East weather forecasts. Julie was anxious to find a loo when she arrived, so bizarrely the first person from Kettlestone on air was me talking about the decal on our toilet lid! It was exciting to chat to Julie about the book swap and green pet display in the bus shelter. She wasn't with us for long as the clue was solved and the radio car was soon on its way. Clue 3 was 'Mr Simpson's cry when insolvent! This chap had a mention very recently on the quest, but today rather than just a reference, you need to search him out where you can see him!'. Can you guess the location?

Volunteering – we need you!

There are many people in the village who give up their time to volunteer, either for village organisations, charities based in the village, or for other organisations.

The village would not be the friendly, welcoming place it is without people working hard behind the scenes to provide social activities, maintain the church, churchyard and service schedule, managing the almshouses, as well as many other activities. All our volunteers deserve a big vote of thanks and an acknowledgment that keeping everyone happy is a near impossible task! In the February newsletter we learned that Erica will be stepping down as Chair of the village hall committee at the AGM. I would like to thank her for her hard work on the committee and wish her a nice rest!

Parish Councils are part of the formal structure of local government, working at grass roots level and providing communities with a democratic voice and a structure for taking community action. Parish Councils have only a limited range of powers in a small parish such as ours, but are consultees on local planning applications. All councillors are volunteers, and only the clerk is paid. Parish Councillors are elected every 4 years, and the next election will be on 4 May. We will have some councillors standing down this year and it is really important that we have a functional (quorate) council. The work is not onerous (except in the rare event of a major or controversial planning application), and there are usually only 6 meetings in a year.

Candidate nomination forms need to be submitted between 21 March and 4 April. If you would like further information or help, please speak to any councillor or the Clerk, Joanna. For information see

<https://www.norfolcalc.gov.uk/local-councils.html>

Please do consider whether you would be prepared to stand as a councillor – you would be welcomed with open arms. And it is your chance to have a say in what the Parish Council does – if you disagree with previous actions then now is your chance to change things!

Gill Ashby

Photo ID for Voting

The government has introduced a requirement for voters to show **photo ID when voting at a polling station**

from 4 May. Individuals who don't have an accepted photo ID can apply for a free voter ID document (Voter Authority Certificate). For more information please visit

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id>)

or telephone 01263 516046.

Kettlestone Almshouses Charity Trust

The Trustees are taking the opportunity while the almshouse opposite the church is vacant, to improve the insulation of the bathroom, upgrade the hot water and heating systems and install solar panels to make the property more comfortable and cost effective for the occupant, and also to have a beneficial impact on the environment and climate.

Once the work is complete the almshouse will be available for a new occupant. Application forms available from the Clerk to the Trustees, Little Manor, Thursford Road, Little Snoring, NR21 0JN or email kettlestonecharities@googlemail.com .

Thank you

Jenny and Tony Little would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support following Paddy Greenwood's death. The welcome he was given when he moved to the village late in life was a source of great pleasure to him.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

We are going to have a Spring Clean of the Church on **Saturday 18 March at 10 am** and would welcome some extra help. Many hands make light work! Please bring your favourite cleaning tools. Coffee and biscuits will be provided. Many thanks, Angie Waterston

Kettlestone Village Hall News

Last month we welcomed a return visit from the Fakenham Ukulele band. The event was very well attended and much enjoyed by all. We raised £100 in donations for the band who use their takings to support local charities. Unfortunately we have had to **cancel the Sunday Breakfast** planned for 5 March as several committee members are away but we hope to rearrange soon.

On the **Friday 24 March 7.00pm** we are looking forward to a talk from Catherine Temple who produces the famous Mrs Temple's Cheeses.

Regular Events

Bar open every Friday evening from 7.00pm.

Table tennis groups play: Wednesday evenings 7- 9pm and Friday mornings 10.30-11.30am. £2 / session.

Crafts and Games afternoons 2-4pm on the second Wednesday in the month. The next session will be **Wednesday 8 March**. £3 a session which includes tea and cake. Currently we have a mixed craft group (bring along your own project) and play Rummikub and cards.

Corinne Merrick

Kettlestone and Pensthorpe Climate and Environmental Group

If you haven't already seen it, do have a look at the Climate and Environmental Group's bus shelter display 'How Green are your Pets'. Find out how Kettlestone pets, Dylan, River, Monty, Sticky, and Appenzeller are trying to help to lower their carbon footprints. And read about ideas on what you and your pets could do.

If you would like to find out more about our Group, have any good ideas, or would like to join us, email or phone Barbara (01328 878 790). Climate and Environment Group (wecan@educari.com)

Fakenham Choral Society – Handel's 'Samson' Saturday 25 March

Fakenham Parish Church at 7pm.

Tickets are £12 (under 16s free) and can be purchased from Gill Ashby (878639), or by calling 01485 544335, via the website www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org or on the door.