



Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News June 2023

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/>

Summary of Dates

- Sun 4 June 10 am Sunday breakfast
- Wed 14 June 2 - 4 pm Craft & Games afternoon
- Sat 17 June 10:30 – 12 noon: Cake (& Coffee)
Morning with Kettlestone History Project
- Sat 17 June 7pm St Nicholas, Wells, Summer
Concert Fakenham Choral Society
- Wed 28 June Indoor Bowls Evening The Gallow
- Mon 17 July 7:30pm Parish Council meeting
- Mon 24 July Boat Trips (Wells and Stiffkey)
- Sun 27 Aug BBQ & Boules
- Sat 2 Sept Produce Show
- Church services:
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10291/

Kettlestone Parish Council

Contact details: **Clerk** Joanna Otte, Little Manor, Thursford Rd, Little Snoring, NR21 0JN
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Agenda, minutes and other information is available on the village website (address above).

Councillors: David Head; Trevor Hoad 822101; Robert Kilbourn (Chair) 851633; James Kilpatrick; Barbara Wyvill (Vice-Chair) 878790. Agenda, minutes and other information is available on the village website (address above).

The next meeting is on **Monday 17 July at 7:30 pm** in the Village Hall. (please note the later time).

The Parish Council meeting was preceded by the **Annual Parish Meeting** in which organisations and groups in the village presented annual reports. These are available to view on the website or by request to the Clerk.

At the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**, we said farewell and thank you to three members Gill Ashby, Christine Hipkin, Marlene Hoad. Gill, who had been the Chair for the majority of her 24 years of service was presented with flowers and a gift card from the Councillors and Clerk. The Robert Kilbourn was elected as Chair, and Barbara Wyvill as Vice-Chair. David Head was co-opted and with James Kilpatrick who was elected there are now five members of the council, leaving two vacancies to fill. Please do contact a councillor or the Clerk if you would like to be a member of the parish council.

Newsletter via email

You are invited to receive the newsletter via email rather than having a paper copy. Your details will only be used for this purpose and will not be passed on to other people or organisations. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter straight to your inbox please do send your email address too

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with 'Kettlestone Newsletter' in the subject box.

All Saints Church

The PCC held its Annual General Meeting at the end of April. We are delighted that the Rev. Robin remains with us for the time being, and thank him for all he has done in the village over the past year. The Committee has a few changes in personnel. Firstly, Martyn Proffitt has stepped down as Treasurer after quite a number of years, and he has recruited Robin Norster-Files to take over his role. We owe a great deal of thanks to Martyn who has kept us afloat under very difficult circumstances, particularly during the Covid lockdowns, and has been a stalwart member of the Committee for a long time. He will be working with Robin over the coming year to assist with the handover. Martyn is also handing over the co-ordination of the Friends (who look after the churchyard and church field) to Robin. We also owe the Friends a big "thank you" for all they have done over the past year.

Judy Manuel has passed the taking of minutes to Sandy Williams who, although not a formal member of the PCC, is happy to do this. Judy remains as Secretary in all other respects. Jenny Little remains as the Deanery Synod representative and Angie Waterston has taken on the organisation of the Electoral Roll, the Church cleaning and flowers rotas. It was agreed that I act as a lay Vice-Chairman in the absence of a Churchwarden. This is principally to allow the PCC to meet without the Rev. Robin having to be present as Chairman. Robin looks after so many churches that it was felt anything we could do to ease the burden on him would be welcome! I also remain as Fabric Officer.

Church Services,

At 11.00 am on 11 June, 9 July and 13 August.

Kettlestone Village Hall News

We had a busy month in May starting with our AGM. We enjoyed the celebratory Coronation Tea and had

a very lively, sunlit musical evening with the band Sonrisa.



This month we have :

Sunday breakfast: 4 June 10.00 - 12 noon

Craft & Games Afternoon: Wed 14 June 2 - 4pm

Indoor Bowls Evening: Wed 28 June 7pm £4 per person at The Gallow Fakenham. Please contact Graham Cliff on 878251 or cliff.gs@btinternet.com if you would like to go.

On **Monday 24 July** we have organised **boat trips** on the historic **Lucy Lavers lifeboat** at Wells in the morning with a visit to the Rescue Wooden boats museum at Stiffkey in the afternoon. There are a limited number of spaces available. Please contact Graham Cliff tel 878251 or email cliff.gs@btinternet as soon as possible if you would like to join us.

Then, with the summer holidays approaching, things start to quieten down a little at the village hall but events start again with the **Barbecue and Boules competition** on Sunday 27 August. This will be closely followed by the **Produce show** on Saturday 2 September and we have a full and varied programme ready for the autumn. The bar will still be open on Friday nights and the table tennis groups and Crafts and games afternoons will continue through the summer, subject to demand. Corinne Merrick

Kettlestone History Project **CAKE MORNING [WITH COFFEE]**

Sat 17 June 10.30 – 12 noon in the Village Hall

Please join us for homemade cakes. There will be a small exhibition about the work of the History Project. Any donations will help fund the continuation of the website and pay for future speakers.

THE TOMB IN THE CHURCHYARD a follow-up

A visit to the county archive in Norwich has helped us to find out more about the Dennes family. We were very lucky to find detailed particulars of the sale of Thomas Dennes's estate. A list of field names to be auctioned was included and a map confirmed that these surrounded Kettlestone House. This was described as follows in the particulars:-

'The mansion house was lately fitted up at a very considerable expense and forms a desirable residence for a genteel family being situated in a

good neighbourhood'. The house and 80 acres of land sold for £5,000 and a further 121 acres sold for £4,000. In total the sale raised over £14,000 which in today's money is over £1,000,000.

The sale particulars give details of other land and cottages which were to be sold including names of some of the tenants. It will be interesting to try to work out where these were in the village. Donald Tuck's history of Kettlestone details the owners of Kettlestone House from about 1830 but the mysteries of how Thomas Dennes came to buy it and to whom it was sold remain.

Bridget and Judith

Hot Summers

With climate change making hotter, drier summers more likely in the UK, adding some drought-resistant plants to your borders can be a good way to keep your garden looking full of life whilst you wait for the rain to return. These plants are often native to South Africa or the Mediterranean and are naturally suited to surviving in arid environments and require minimal watering, making them an ideal low-maintenance choice for hot summers. Most of these drought-tolerant varieties will require some extra care and watering when first planted, but once established they won't need much attention, saving you time on watering.

As well as choosing the right plants we can also improve the soil by adding organic matter before planting: this can help to improve both water availability and drainage, but do not add fertiliser, as this can encourage too much lush growth which may flop in summer. Adding a mulch around the plants retains water within the soil.

If you do have to water plants, try to use grey water



or rainwater from water butts. Watering in the early morning or in the evening will mean that less water is lost due to evaporation.

Recommended

shrubs include, Hebes, Lavenders, Nandinas, Abelia, Arbutus, Elaeagnus and Junipers.

For bedding plants and hanging baskets you can't beat Geraniums, Bidens and good old-fashioned Marigolds (pictured) to withstand high temperatures and less water.

For open borders in the garden the following plants work well, Agapanthus, Salvias, Perovskia, Euphorbias, Bergenia and many others.

A good source of information if you want to read more can be found on the Beth Chatto and RHS websites.

Climate & Environment Group

Mobile Library Service

route number EDE 508. Contact 01362 693184.

The Mobile Library comes to The Street, Kettlestone every four weeks on Fridays between 10:25 am and 10:40 am. Dates for the next visits are 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 8 October, 3 November, 1 December, 29 December.