



Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News November 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

- Wed 8 Nov 2 – 4:30 pm Arts, Crafts & Games
- Fri 10 Nov Casino and Cocktail night
- Sun 12 Nov 10:55 am: Remembrance Service
- Fri 17 Nov 7 pm Nature Therapy talk
- Mon 20 Nov 7:30 pm Parish Council meeting
- Sat 9 Dec 6 for 6:30 pm Christmas Dinner
- Sat 16 Dec Christmas Concert Fakenham Church

Kettlestone Parish Council

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The next meeting is on **Monday 20 Nov at 7:30 pm.**

Parish Councillors:

David Head 878455, Trevor Hoad 822101, Robert Kilbourn (Chair) 851633, James Kilpatrick 878214, Barbara Wyvill (Vice-Chair) 878790.

Vacancies on the Parish Council

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council. Do speak to a parish councillor or the Clerk for further information about the role.

Fakenham Choral Society Christmas Concert

Fakenham Choral Society is thrilled to announce details of the first of its 50th Anniversary performances in Fakenham Parish Church on Saturday 16 December at 5.30pm. With an array of Christmas favourites and works by Pergolesi and Charpentier, it is sure to set the perfect festive mood.

As a gift to the community, the concert will be free to attend with retiring donations gratefully received. Choir vice-chairman, Rosemary Dear says 'We are indebted to the people of Fakenham and North Norfolk for supporting us over the years. Music has a unique way of bringing people together, and this free concert is our *Thank You.*'

The choir, directed by Mark Jones, will be joined by musicians and soloists to make the performance extra special. Audience participation in some much-loved Christmas carols promises to make the evening a memorable one filled with music, fun and the spirit of giving.

As admission is free, the choir is expecting a full house so please arrive in good time to secure your seat. www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org

COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all of you who supported my Coffee Morning which was held in the Church on the 18th October. As a result of everybody's generosity the grand amount raised was £309.30. Quite amazing.

Angie Waterston

100 Club

Aug: 1st L Whitef; 2nd C Coubrough, 3rd A Long (kindly donated back to the Church)

Sept: 1st T Rivett; 2nd E Bacon; 3rd L Sobezak

Church Services

Our next service will be on 12 November at 10:55 am

Kettlestone Village Hall News

The nights are now drawing in so we have a couple of events to cheer up November.

Friday 10 November 7.00pm is Casino night. This is just a fun evening with no real money lost or won so come along for cocktails and canapés and try your hand at Black jack or roulette with no risk involved.

On **Friday 17 November 7.00pm** Carlyn Kilpatrick will be giving a talk on her project at Kettlestone House explaining how contact with nature can improve mental health.

Christmas dinner Saturday 9 December 6pm

We've had a fantastic response to this annual extravaganza, and are now up to the maximum number that we can cater for. However circumstances can change for people, so I will start a standby list in case of drop outs. It should be a great night We intend to gather at 6pm for 6.30pm start.

Ken Kay (head bottle washer)



Christmas Dinner

Farmers may be fuming, but they're still farming for the future

Businesses need stability and a degree of certainty. As do most of us. It enables us to plan for the future. And, especially when your business is capital intensive, you don't want to outlay lots of cash unless you are sure that this future is going to be at least a bit similar to the past, or, if it is going to change, then you know well in advance what the change is going to be.

And if, like farmers, some of your income comes from government support, then you need the government to signal any changes well in advance and stick to what they say.

Farmers were promised greater financial support for taking action to help the environment and provide other 'social benefits' such as access for walking. But the government's Environmental Land Management scheme is having what might politely be called 'teething troubles'. As EDP reported in September:

The National Farmers' Union says the industry has been left in 'a perilous place' as the old land-based Basic Payment Scheme is being phased out before the replacement Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) is fully in place.

But some farmers' commitment to the environment and to creating 'public goods' continues despite the funding uncertainties. Groups such as the [Nature Friendly Farming Network](#) are championing new ways of farming that not only gives us healthy food but also protects and enhances the natural world. Certification schemes such as [Fair to Nature](#) endorse products that are environmentally sound and support committed businesses.



Many farmers are dedicated conservationists whose passion and commitment to the natural world is second-to-none. But for years the subsidy system has not supported them, pushing farmers to produce food regardless of the cost to the natural world and to the physical and mental health of human beings, who are (of course) part of nature and need the support of the environment around them to survive and thrive.

When the new subsidy system eventually gets working it will support positive changes. The Government's [Sustainable Farming Incentive](#) (for England):

will pay farmers to adopt and maintain sustainable farming practices that can protect and enhance the natural environment alongside food production, and also support farm productivity (including by improving animal health and welfare, optimising the

use of inputs and making better use of natural resources).

Fine words. But time is short and the need is great.

Climate & Environment Group wecan@educari.com



Egrets and Cattle on the marshes at [Holkham](#)

Help someone smile, become a Befriender

Join our volunteer team at Caring Together and help us provide companionship and support to unpaid carers in Norfolk. Could you:

- Offer regular companionship to an unpaid carer feeling alone and isolated?
- Support an unpaid carer to access services in their community?
- Provide practical support such as dog walking, shopping or gardening?
- Offer an unpaid carer a break by supporting their loved one in their own home?

Please get in touch with Caring Together to see how you can help someone smile. Thank you.

Jane Hawkins 07843 327485;

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Keep Warm & Well this Winter at Norfolk Libraries

Visit your library to pick up FREE Winter essentials.

- Keep Warm & Well – blanket, hot water bottle, draught excluder
- Toiletries Bag – deodorant, shampoo, bodywash, toothpaste (toothbrushes also available)
- Tricky Period

Free hot drinks available (ask staff for times).

Fakenham Library, Oak Street, Fakenham, NR21 9DY. However at the moment the library has a temporary home in the **Community Centre** (further up the hill). Opening hours at the Community Centre are Wednesday – Friday 10 am – 5 pm; Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm (but not on 25 Nov, 2 Dec and 9 Dec). The main library is due to reopen on Monday 18 December but this may be subject to change. Please follow the Fakenham and Wells Libraries Facebook page for updates.