



Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News January 2024

We welcome articles for the newsletter, including village news and photos, historical articles, welcoming new villagers, details of village organisations, village activities etc. Send to: kettlestonepc@googlemail.com by 25th of preceding month.

Kettlestone Parish website:

<https://kettlestoneparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>



Summary of Dates

- Fridays from 5 Jan 7 pm Open Bar
- Wed 10 Jan 2 pm Games and Crafts
- Sun 14 Jan 11 am Communion
- Mon 15 Jan 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting
- Fri 19 Jan 7 pm Quiz Night
- Fri 9 Feb 7pm Talk on the *Hillside Animal Sanctuary*
- Fri 23 Feb 7 pm Talk by Adrian Vaughan on the origins of the Lynn and Fakenham railway
- Thurs 7 Mar 7 pm 'Zeppelins Over Norfolk'
- Fri 15 Mar 7pm Musical Evening with John & Mary

Kettlestone Parish Council

Contact details: **Clerk** Joanna Otte, Little Manor, Thursford Rd, Little Snoring, NR21 0JN
Tel: 01328 822366; kettlestonepc@googlemail.com
The next meeting is on **Monday 15 Jan at 7:30 pm.**

Parish Councillors:

David Head 878455, Trevor Hoad 822101, Robert Kilbourn (Chair) 316830, James Kilpatrick 878214, Barbara Wyvill (Vice-Chair) 878790. Two vacancies.

Litter Picking

I would like to thank the unsung heroes who have been collecting litter on a regular basis throughout the year, on our roads leading into Kettlestone and the village itself. You all know who you are, so on behalf of the residents, Thank You.

Sadly this is an ongoing situation which requires some action by myself every two to three weeks. The plan for this year is the same format whereby I will be contacting individuals to help out as and when necessary.

Thanks for all your support in 2023.

John Waterston, Litter Warden

All Saints Church

Priest-in-charge:

Rev Robin Stapleford: 01328 853226

Elected members of PCC

Erica Bishop (Vice Chair) - 01328 878834

Robin Norster-Files (Treasurer) - 01328 621281

Jenny Little - 01328 878355

Judith Manuel - 01328 878150

Angela Waterston - 01328 822394

Services: www.achurchnearyou.com

100 CLUB

October

1st Marlene Hoad; 2nd Ken Kay; 3rd Erica Bishop

November

1st Dominic Rivet; 2nd Tom Bacon; 3rd Andrea Kallmeier.

Another year has flown by and **Subscriptions for the 100 Club** are due in January. Please pay by bank transfer, cheque or cash.

Bank details are as follows.
Lloyds Bank. Fakenham;
Sort code. 30-92-88;
A/C number 00343623; PCC of Kettlestone 100 Club.

The cost is £12 per year for each number. You can have as many numbers as you wish! We have a few spare numbers and would very much like to fill them if possible. There is a monthly draw of cash prizes. This is an excellent way of raising much needed funds for our Church and your giving is very much appreciated.

If paying by cheque or cash please could you hand it to either Angie Waterston at 5 Orchard Grove or Judy Manuel at 1 Orchard Grove.

If you would like to join the 100 Club as a new member please could you contact me on 01328 822394 with your details and I can then allocate you a number. Many thanks and a Happy New Year to you all.

Angela Waterston

Fuel Allotment Grants

Are you in having difficulty paying your energy bills? If so, please **apply for a grant** from the parish Fuel Allotment which is managed by the Trustees of Kettlestone Charities. Grants are available for those in the parish of Kettlestone and Pensthorpe who are in need, hardship or distress. Applications are considered in confidence and made at the discretion of the Trustees.

The Fuel Allotment dates back to an enclosure award dated 7 June 1833 when Kettlestone Common was enclosed. Prior to that people of the village had the right to collect peat or furze on the Common. It is an area of about 25 acres with one boundary along the old railway line and another with Ryburgh Common.

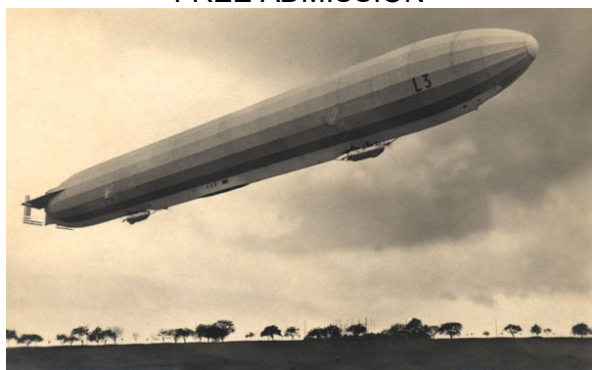


The land (with grazing & shooting rights) is currently rented out to Porter and Makins of Pensthorpe, who manage it for nature and wildlife. Since the enclosure the income from the Common and from a small investment with the CCLA, is available for the Trustees to distribute to those in need, hardship or distress. For many years a sack of coal was delivered at Christmas and more recently this was converted to a monetary payment in the form of cash or a cheque. **If you need help to pay your energy bills please do apply for a grant.** The Trustees welcome applications for assistance to pay for electricity, coal, oil, Calor gas or logs. For an application form, contact the Clerk: kettlestonecharities@googlemail.com or telephone 01328 822366.

KETTLESTONE HISTORY GROUP

'ZEPPELINS OVER NORFOLK'

A talk by Norfolk Historian Steve Smith
Thursday 7 March at 7 pm in Kettlestone Village Hall.
FREE ADMISSION



The M Class Zeppelin L3

Steve Smith is the author of several books on military history. An ex-serviceman he is now a qualified battlefield guide and has written books relating to both world wars. He lives locally and a focus of his research is how the conflicts affected Norfolk.

Bridget Fielden

Kettlestone Village Hall News

We ended the year's activities with a very enjoyable Christmas dinner for 40 in the village hall, rounded off with splendid rendering of the 12 Days of Christmas sung by all!

We now have some dates for your 2024 diaries:-

Fri 19 January 7 pm Quiz night

Fri 9 Feb 7 pm Talk on the Hillside Animal Sanctuary

Fri 23 Feb 7 pm Talk by Adrian Vaughan on the origins of the Lynn and Fakenham railway.

Fri 15 March 7 pm Musical evening with John and Mary. Tickets on sale at the door. £10 members, £12 non-members .

The bar will be open on Friday nights as usual at 7.00pm from 5 January

The next games and craft afternoon will be Wednesday 10 January 2.00pm

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Corinne

The Resolutions of the Green Fox

(and Others)

The Green Fox: I will stop eating pheasants and chickens. (Well, maybe one a month.)



The Dog: I will go on a vegetarian diet (with appropriate supplements).

The Cat: I will stop hunting those delicious little birds. And the One Who Feeds Me (she calls herself 'Owner' – Huh!) says I must only kill mice if they are in the house or shed.

The Chicken: I will eat up all my scraps (but I always do, anyway).

The Car: I can't turn electric yet, it's not in my nature. But I can go out less, and try to consume less fuel when I am travelling.

The Bike: I will persuade my owner to use me more. Perhaps if I keep my tyres inflated and my chain with an oily shine, they'll take more notice of me.

The Shopping Bag: In 2024, I'll just concentrate on living a long life.

The Shopping: We'd *like* to be sustainably sourced, organic and all that, but we can't see it working for all of us. Don't you know there is a cost-of-living crisis?

The Gardener: My garden will be a paradise for insects (and I expect the 'good' insects like hoverflies to eat the 'bad' insects like the aphids on my broad beans).

The Hoverfly: Yummy!

The Schoolchild: Please think about my future (I'm not making resolutions because I'm not sure there is a future).

The House: I will reduce my heating bills (if I can do it without freezing my inhabitants); maybe some more insulation.

The Church Tower: I'll look after my bats (even if their droppings are annoying).

The Church Congregation: As Christians, we are committed to protecting God's creation.

The Village Hall: Our events in 2024 will continue to bring joy and develop friendships which helps build and sustain our small community.

The Village Newsletter: I'll continue to publish the 'environment' article each month.

The Village: Small is Beautiful.

Thursford Spectacular: I'll stop shining lights into the sky.

Fakenham: My new housing won't contaminate the Wensum.

The District Council: Our new houses must be more sustainable.

The County: We want More Cars! Build more Roads!

The Country: Cut the "Green Crap"! (*phrase © David Cameron 2013*)

The UN: I need to get everyone to take the climate crisis seriously. But how?

The Planet: I will stop heating up (but I need all your help).

Climate and Environment Group