



Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News June 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

- Wed 12 June 2 pm Craft and Social Afternoon
- Fri 14 June Scolt Head boat trip
- Fri 5 July 7 pm talk on Hypnotherapy
- Mon 15 July 7:30 pm Parish Council meeting
- Fri 19 July 7 pm Bingo Night
- Sun 25 Aug 12 pm Boules & BBQ
- Fri 6 Sept 7 pm Local History talk
- Fri 27 Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning

Kettlestone Parish Council

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Parish Councillors: David Head 878455, Trevor Hoad 822101, Robert Kilbourn (Chair) 316830, James Kilpatrick 878214, Barbara Wyvill (Vice-Chair) 878790. Two vacancies. The next meeting is on **Monday 15 July** at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting received reports from the Village Hall, the Church, the Charities, the Parish Council and the History Project. It was interesting to hear all the activities that are taking place in the village. Please go to the website to view the reports (or contact the Clerk if you would like a copy): details above.

At the Parish Council meeting it was noted with concern that the **verge cutting** in the village had been below the standard of cuts in recent years e.g. cutting into the soil in some instances. The Parish Council has reported this to the County Council and asked them to take more care in the future and to leave pockets of wildflowers especially on Holbrigg Lane: Please report your concerns (with photos & locations if possible) to <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>.

Online Reporting

Norfolk County Council: 0344 800 8020

Road and footpath defects:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>.

North Norfolk District Council 01263 513811 or <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/> Environment and Emergencies tab to report fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling.

All Saints Church

Priest-in-charge: Robin Stapleford: 01328 853226

Elected members of PCC

Robin Norster-Files (Treasurer) – 01328 621281

Martyn Proffitt – 01328 878297

Jenny Little (safeguarding) – 01328 878375

Judith Manuel – 01328 878150

Angela Waterston – 01328 822394

Services: www.achurchnearyou.com

The PCC is looking for a Secretary to take minutes at its four mid-afternoon meetings a year. There is no need to be a member of the PCC or a church goer, just someone who cares for the future of this ancient building in our village. If you are interested please contact one of us. Plenty of support will be given!

Jenny Little

COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to everyone who ventured out on a rather damp, gloomy morning to come to our Coffee Morning in the Church on the 15 May. Due to your generosity and not forgetting Jenny's hard bargaining we raised **£472!** An amazing result. *Angie and Jenny*

Kettlestone Village Hall News

The KVH Annual General Meeting was held on 3 May, Corinne stood down from the Committee and her role as Secretary after 5 years and will be greatly missed. Jen Tiisler has been elected to the Committee and will undertake the role of Secretary.

All other Committee members remain in place.

Please note membership for the Kettlestone Village Hall Social Club is due for renewal at the end of June. Becoming a member of the social club gives you a saving on all our ticketed events and helps to support the many VH functions. It also ensures you are included in our secure email listing for all communications. If you don't join you will not in future receive these communications. Many thanks to all those who have completed their forms and joined already. (Further forms available at the KVH and new members are very welcome.)

Our Bingo night on 10 May was great fun; with Brenda Peck and Martyn Proffitt going home armed with prizes from the night. We are aiming to have another bingo night on Friday 19 July.

Upcoming events for your diary:

12 June 2 pm Monthly Craft and Social Afternoon.

Only £3 per person includes tea & homemade cake.

Fri 14 June Scolt Head boat trip. - now fully booked.

Fri 5^h July 7pm a talk by Natalie Sayer a practicing Hypnotherapist. She will highlight what this type of therapy involves and also blow away a few myths. There will be a fun element to the session as it involves possible participation of volunteers.
 No charge - donations to VH funds & a chosen charity
 Fri 19 July 7pm Bingo £5 pp. A fun night with many prizes - everyone has a chance of winning.
 Sun 25 Aug 12pm Boules & BBQ. This popular annual event set to return; fingers crossed for a sunny day.
 Fri 6 Sept 7pm Local History talk by Bridget and Judith from the 'History Group'.
 No charge - Donations to VH funds
 Fri 27 September Macmillan Coffee Morning. Come along and support this worthy cause. *Jen*

Kettlestone History Project

COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING

Saturday 6 July

10:30 am to 12 noon

CAKES, PLANTS AND BRIC-A-BRAC

Please come along and enjoy a chat, coffee and homemade cake.

All money raised will be used to pay for visiting speakers and to cover website and research costs.



Donations of cakes, plants and bric-a-brac gratefully received. Please contact Bridget [878200] or Judith [316830] to arrange collection.

Snuffly, Prickly, Nocturnal & Red-Listed

We think that our rural life is wildlife friendly, but some animals do better in urban areas. If you have ever walked in London at night-time, you may well have encountered urban foxes, bold as brass and unafraid of humans, feasting on high-energy discarded fast food (and backyard chickens) and breeding undisturbed in urban back gardens. Here in rural Norfolk, they avoid humans for fear of being shot.

Another example has the Latin name of *Erinaceus europaeus*. This is the European hedgehog, once ubiquitous, now seldom-seen in the English countryside. Although it's more common in towns and cities, it is 'Red-Listed' in Britain, meaning that it is a risk of local extinction. Unfortunately, the hedgehog's method of defending itself from predators by rolling into a spikey ball – very effective against most predators (apart, perhaps, from badgers and golden eagles) – is disastrous against road vehicles.

As their name suggests, hedgehogs like hedges, and the loss of hedgerows and excessive cutting and overthinning of hedges has contributed to their decline by decimating their favoured habitat. Hedgehogs are solitary and wide-ranging, eating invertebrates such as worms, beetles, slugs and earwigs. They enjoy cat

or dog food, but you should never feed them bread and milk, as hedgehogs can't digest milk products. Hedgehogs hibernate in winter; but climate change has had a damaging impact on the timing of their hibernation. Females give birth during May to August; the hoglets are weaned and become independent at around five weeks! Although hedgehogs can reach five years old, on average they live for only two years.

A national monitoring programme aims to get a better estimate of the populations and to help arrest their decline. You can register to become a 'Hedgehog Champion' on the www.hedgehogstreet.org/nhmp/. All of us can help hedgehogs increase in numbers by making our gardens more hedgehog friendly. This includes making ponds safe for hedgehogs by including a ramp, rewilding parts of your garden, avoiding netting in which hedgehogs might get tangled, being careful when strimming, avoiding herbicides and pesticides, and if you are lucky enough to have hedgehogs in your garden, putting out appropriate food for them. You could also ensure that hedgehogs can get from your garden to the surrounding areas by making fence holes – the idea is to create linked-up gardens forming a 'hedgehog highway'.



If you go outside at night, you might be lucky enough to hear them snuffling their way around your garden or along the hedgerow. *Climate & Environment Group*

Fakenham Choral Society celebrates the sea and ocean

Join Fakenham choral society for a celebration of the sea and ocean at its summer concert, '**Songs of the Sea**', the final concert marking its 50th anniversary season. **The concert is at Fakenham Parish Church on Saturday 22 June at 7 pm.**

The choir will be joined by three professional soloists and the programme will include The Seal Lullaby, O Waly Waly, a medley from South Pacific as well as The Pirates of Penzance.

Tickets are now on sale. **Early birds: £14 per ticket until the end of May.** After this, tickets will be £16. For more information and to buy tickets online visit the choir's website www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org (or contact Gill Ashby on 878739).

Merryweather House

We are looking for some home help; cleaning, washing, general tidying. Ideally someone who is happy to pop in 3-4 times a week for short bursts rather than longer hours less frequently. A Daily? For a chat, please email lauramnicol7@gmail.com (Merryweather House, Holbrigg lane).