



Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News September 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:

kettlestonenpc@googlemail.com by 25th of preceding month.

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

Summary of Dates

- Fri 6 Sept 7 pm Local History talk
- Tues 10 Sept: Historic Kings Lynn
- Wed 11 Sept 2pm Craft and Social Afternoon
- Thur 12 Sept from 10 am Churchyard Tidy-Up Day
- Fri 13 – Sun 15 Sept 'Grown & Made' in the Church
- Sun 15 Sept 11 am 'Words & Music' Recital followed by Harvest Soup in the Church
- Fri 27 Sept 10 am – 12 Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Mon 30 Sept 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting
- Sat 19 Oct Harvest Lunch
- Fri 25 Oct 7pm Conker Championship with cocktails
- Fri 1 Nov 7 pm Casino & Cocktail Night

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 **Mon 30 September** at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. (Please note change of date.) Members of the public are welcome. Information about the parish council can be found on the website: <https://kettlestoneparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

Education Grant

Young people studying for their first degree, apprenticeship or equivalent can apply for support to purchase books, materials & resources: email kettlestonecharities@googlemail.com. Deadline for submission is **end of September 2024**.

Norfolk Churches Trust bike, walk, drive

Thank you so much to those of you who have already sponsored us for the Churches Trust bike ride, which will take place on Sat 14 Sept. Monies raised will be divided equally between Kettlestone All Saints church and The Norfolk Churches Trust. We are still hoping to attract more sponsorship as we are keen to raise as much money for the church as possible.

If you would like to sponsor us, please do let us know or ask us for a form, or you can donate via Just Giving www.justgiving.com/page/gillandbrianashby987
Thank you again! Gill and Brian Ashby

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All Saints Church

Churchyard Tidy-Up Day

Come and join us at Kettlestone Church on **Thursday 12 September** for a tidy up of our village churchyard. Meet other villagers for a chat as we carry out a number of jobs and repairs. We hope you are available to join us for an hour or two, or even the whole day!... from 10am onwards. Refreshments will be provided.... and no experience is needed! See you there!

'The friends of Kettlestone Churchyard'

Grown and Made

We shall be decorating the Church for the **Grown and Made** event and any **donations of flowers and greenery** would be very much appreciated. If they could be left in the Church during Wed 11 September up until 4pm that would be great. Thank you.

As an alternative to the annual Flower and Produce show at the village hall, this year Kettlestone is holding its first '**Grown & Made**' 3-day exhibition at All Saints. The exhibition will celebrate all things 'Grown and Made' in the local community. All are invited to exhibit their creative and horticultural skills in this community celebration.

Contributors are asked to bring their exhibits to the church on Thurs 12 Sept between noon and 6 pm.

Fri 13 Sept Preview Evening 7pm with wine & nibbles.

Saturday 14 Sept: 9am – 5pm Exhibition

Sunday 15 Sept 11 am 'Words and Music' recital followed by 'Harvest Soup' and crusty bread.

The exhibition will finish at 3pm on Sunday afternoon.

Kettlestone Village Hall News

On Saturday 3 August it was our "Picnic in the Park" at Holkham. A jolly group of 14 Members and assorted dogs attended this event despite the expected showers. After laughter and lunch in the sunshine and following sheltering from the downpour, we all headed home, rather soggy but happy.

The Monthly Craft and Games and Social afternoon welcomed a new attendee and some of the crafters created felt flowers for the upcoming Grown and Made festival at the church.

Upcoming events for your diary

Friday 6 Sept 7 pm 'TRAGEDY and TREACHERY Two Stories of Kettlestone Families'. A talk by Bridget Fieldon & Judith Kilbourn from the 'History Group'. No charge, however, any donations welcome, to be split between the History Group and the Village Hall.

Tues 10 Sept 'Historic Kings Lynn' A private guided tour £5 per person. We will meet up for lunch and then in the afternoon enjoy an enthralling insight into old Kings Lynn. If you are interested in attending this event, please email: cliff.gs@btinternet.com

11 Sept 2.00pm Monthly Craft and Social

Afternoon. Join us, chat with friends, bring along your current craft project if you wish. Only £3 per person includes tea and homemade cake.

Friday 27 Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning 10 am-12.

Come along for a catch up with friends, coffee or tea, homemade cakes and support this worthy cause.

Any donation of Cakes gratefully received.

Sat 19 Oct Harvest Lunch. Enjoy homemade soup and a toasted sandwich followed by a harvest pudding, no charge, however donations to the VH funds welcomed.

Fri 25 Oct Conker Championship 7 pm. Come along to this fun evening and select your conker or bring along your (non-treated) one! – why not try our sessional 'Conker Cocktail'.

Fri 1 Nov - Casino & Cocktail Night – 7 pm. This popular event is set to return to give Kettlestone the 'Las Vegas' touch. Always a fun night with the 'roulette' and 'blackjack' tables brimming with excitement and laughter. You won't lose your shirt either because you will be given a stack of play money at the start and the one with the most at the end of the night gets a prize. Treat yourself to a special cocktail.

Kettlestone History Project ***Exhibition***

The exhibition from the coffee morning is on display in the church. It features an article about Derrick Flint, the only soldier from the village who was killed in World War 2, and a short piece about the Dennes family who have a large tomb in the churchyard. The trial and conviction of William Anthony for the Clipstone murder is also featured as well as a section about life in Kettlestone in the 1950's.

History Project Talks in the Village Hall

6 Sept: 'Tragedy and Treachery'. The talk will span the latter half of the 19th century and the first part of the 20th focusing on the lives of two Kettlestone families as they struggled to survive and to cope with the consequences of World War 1.

21 Nov: THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE: A talk by local military historian Steve Smith.

Bridget and Judith

Fakenham Choral Society

Would you like to sing with Fakenham Choral Society (particularly if you're a tenor)? After a break for the summer, our next season's rehearsals start on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30 pm in Fakenham. A wonderful selection of music is in store: for Christmas the choir will be performing works by Sir Karl Jenkins and Sir John Rutter. If you enjoy singing, visit our website <https://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/join> [us](#). Shirley Collyer (07711 142 1470)

Biodiversity:

what has it ever done for us?

'Biodiversity' refers to all the living things on the planet (including us) and the ways these species interact with each other in the ecosystems where they live. We have identified 1.6 million species and there are many more we don't know of. We may *never* know some of them, as species are going extinct at an increasing rate. Species have always been going extinct – that's how evolution works – but today, most species loss is due to human influence. This includes the effects of the climate crisis, loss of habitat, species over-exploitation (for example, over-fishing) overuse of pesticides, pollution, and invasive species.

We eight billion humans use a lot of space for living, for growing food and fuel, and for our farmed and domestic animals. As we control and manage more of the Earth, biodiversity tends to decrease: for example, turning the complex Amazonian rainforest into monoculture soy fields or to beef cattle pasture means much less biodiversity than in the original.

Biodiversity is not just about individual species of plants, fungi and animals but is concerned with the 'web of life' in which species are dependent on other species. Natural environments are complex interdependent systems which are threatened by the dominance of one species – *Homo sapiens* – and need our protection.



Why *should* we leave room for the other species? What have they ever done for us?

A great deal. Without sufficient biodiversity, our planet would be uninhabitable. The crisis of collapsing insect populations is an example. The almost complete absence of wasps this year is in some ways welcome – all the more plums for us! – but wasps perform important 'ecosystem services' by preying on other harmful minibeasts and assisting plant pollination; without insects, some crops fail and humankind would be facing disaster.

Without fungi to break down waste we would soon be waist-deep in it. Without plants to take in carbon dioxide and give out oxygen we would soon be gasping. Without clean water we would get sick. Without butterflies we would be bereft of beauty. Without orang-utans we would have less joy.

And, with all our incredible powers, don't we naked apes have a duty to care for our fellow-species – our relatives (however distant) who share with us the wonderful DNA molecule that has made possible all the exquisite diversity on our blue planet?

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