



Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News November 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

- Fri 1 Nov 7 pm Casino & Cocktail Night
- Sun 3 Nov afternoon Hindolveston Mini-Band
- Sun 10 Nov 10:55 am Remembrance Day Service
- Wed 13 Nov 2 pm Craft & Social Afternoon
- Thurs 14 Nov 7 pm Music by Candlelight
- Mon 18 Nov 7:30 pm Parish Council meeting
- Thurs 21 Nov 7 pm The Christmas Truce
- Fri 22 Nov 7 pm Ukelele Band
- Sat 7 Dec 6 pm Christmas Dinner
- Sat 14 Dec 10:30 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 (Setting the Budget and Precept) is on **Monday 18 Nov** at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome. Information about the parish council can be found on the website:

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

War Memorial Restoration

Many of you will have received a letter from Bridget and Judith of the History Project outlining plans for the renovation of the War Memorial and to add the name of Derrick Flint. Derrick Flint (of Manor Farm) escaped from Kaisersteinbruch Prisoner of War Camp in April 1945 and is thought to have been killed while evading re-capture. Every November he is remembered at the War Memorial, but his name has never been added to it. It is now proposed that his name is inscribed on the War Memorial and that the existing names are re-cut as they have been eroded over time by weathering. The estimated cost is in the region of £3000. An application will be made to the War Memorials Trust for up to 50% of the cost. A couple of fund-raising events have already been planned (see below) and donations will be gratefully received.

The Parish Council (and the Parochial Church Council) support the project. The **Parish Council** would like to hear from parishioners whether they would be happy to give financial support via the Precept (collected as part of the **council tax**). Your views on this would be much appreciated so that they can be taken into

consideration when the Budget and Precept for 2025-26 are discussed at the meeting on 18 November.

DONATIONS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION FUND

Thanks to the generosity of villagers £700 has already been raised towards restoration costs. If you would like to give a donation, please contact Bridget Fielden for bank details email bridgetfielden65@gmail.com or telephone 01328 878200.

Mini Band

A MUSICAL MEDLEY for an Autumn afternoon

Sunday 3 Nov 2.30pm (VH, Bar open from 2pm)

Tea and Cake Donations to war memorial & hall

A CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 14 December 10.30 – 12 noon (VH)

Homemade cakes & coffee; Bric-a-Brac & Tombola

IN AID OF WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION

All Saints Church

Remembrance Day Service

Sun 10 Nov. Gather outside around the War Memorial at 10.55am for the two minute silence at 11am. Then the service continues inside. Everyone very welcome.

Music by Candlelight

Thurs 14 Nov at 7pm: on the theme of Remembrance. £5 entry. Wine & Nibbles... all welcome.

Bring a cushion and wrap up warm.

All Saints Church News

We hosted the recent Visitation from The Ven Catherine Dobson, Archdeacon of Lynn. We were joined by members of the PCCs from other churches in our Benefice for our service, refreshments and a meeting. Rural churches face huge challenges and Archdeacon Catherine thanked us all (and especially Revd Robin Stapleford) for our efforts. We held our first Music by Candlelight. A programme of Mozart and Rachmaninov celebrating the wonderful acoustic in the church. Thanks to Seb White for his technical excellence.

Our first 'Grown & Made' Festival has now raised a total of £1,200 for church repairs. This celebration of cultivation and creativity in the village was an exciting new venture and the PCC would like to thank everyone who supported the church over the October week-end.

Jenny Little



Kettlestone Village Hall News

The Macmillan Coffee morning was held at the village hall on a very rainy September day, despite the inclement weather the village supported this worthy cause, both by attending but also bringing delicious baked goods. Cups of tea and cake were enjoyed with friends whilst raising £290 - well done all.

The Harvest Lunch was held last month and proved a very popular event. The Village Hall was trimmed in Autumn hues and a warm welcome along with hot autumnal food awaited. Despite the rain again, the village came out and supported the event in good numbers, thanks to all who attended.

Upcoming events for your diary

Fri 1 Nov - Casino & Cocktail Night - 7pm. A fun night where you will be supplied free with a stack of chips to use on the 'roulette' and 'blackjack' tables. A prize for the person who proves to be the most successful gambler! Enjoy a cocktail and transport yourselves to Las Vegas right here in Kettlestone.

Sun 3 Nov 2.30pm Hindolveston Mini-Band, presents a musical medley for an Autumn afternoon. Bridget and the band will be offering a medley of popular tunes and after a break for tea and cake there will be music from the shows. This will be a most uplifting and entertaining afternoon. The Bar will be open from 2pm. This is a free event; however, donations are most welcome towards the renovation of the Kettlestone War Memorial.

Wed 13 Nov Craft & Social afternoon: 2 – 4 pm

Bring your current craft project or just come along and spend some time with likeminded people.
£3 per person includes tea and homemade cake.

Thurs 21 Nov History Group 7pm This is a talk by the well know Norfolk historian Steve Smith called *The Christmas Truce: Truth & Myth*. There is no charge for this event, however, donations are most welcome

Fri 22 Nov 7pm – Fakenham Ukulele Band.

Returning to Kettlestone VH by popular demand, the Fakenham Ukulele Band will have you singing along to a wide range of well-known classics. There is no charge for this event, however, donations are most welcome

Sat 7 Dec – Christmas Dinner – 6pm. Join us for this very popular village event, celebrate Christmas time with friends £18 per person the menu and booking forms have been emailed to members. Completed booking forms to be taken to Ken with payment to secure a place with a deadline of 9 November, money and booking form may also be taken to a Friday night bar evening.

Citizen Science

The natural world is in crisis. In September five more of our seabirds were added to the UK Red List (the list of species most threatened with extinction). And it's easy to feel helpless. However, there is something that almost anyone can do that could help Nature: become a citizen scientist!

To prevent a bird, or any lifeform, from becoming extinct we need to understand them. How many are there? What habitats do they inhabit? Understanding their ways of life will help determine what's going wrong and will inform the changes needed to be made. Citizen science plays a large role in this process: ordinary people, with no expert knowledge, recording information in a standardised format and submitting it to data monitoring and collection programmes. This column has previously referred to the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch, and the Big Butterfly Count. There are many other schemes, requiring various levels of commitment and expertise. Some run for the whole year, some only for a few months every year. If you could contribute to just one, you would be helping to save something precious!



Most of these organisations run several surveys, but here are some of the more straightforward ones:

Birds The BTO's Garden Birdwatch (all year). An easy and enjoyable survey: report the birds in your garden. You can also choose to record insects and mammals.

<https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/gbw>

Insects The Big Butterfly Count (July & August).

Spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot recording species and numbers of butterflies and moths. <https://butterfly-conservation.org/butterflies/recording-and-monitoring>

Bumblebee Conservation Trust BeeWalks (March to October). Walk a fixed route once a month, recording numbers of each bumblebee species. <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/how-you-can-help/bumblebee-surveying-monitoring/>

Bugs Matter (summer only). Estimate the number of squashed insects on your car numberplate.

<https://www.buglife.org.uk/get-involved/surveys/bugs-matter/>

UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme (POMS) (April to September): 10-minute insect counts on 50 x 50 cm square patch of certain flowers; and **Plants** Three survey levels, beginner level requiring identification of 10–15 common species. <https://www.npms.org.uk/>

Bats National Bat Monitoring Programme. Sunset Survey requires no experience and can be done in your garden. You can also record other night visitors, such as hedgehogs. <https://www.bats.org.uk/our-work/national-bat-monitoring-programme>

Various **wildlife**: NWT Wildlife Spotter Surveys (all year). Report sightings of three different species every season.

<https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife/share-your-wildlife-records/nwt-wildlife-spotter-survey>

Happy surveying!

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