



Kettlestone & Pensthorpe Parish News May 2025

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 2 May Village Hall AGM
- 9 & 10 May: Hempton Hazardous Waste Recycling
- Sun 11 May 11 am Holy Communion
- Wed 21 May 7:30 pm: Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
- Fri 23 May 7 pm Talk on Norfolk Churches
- Wed 28 May 2 – 4 pm Social Afternoon
- Fri 6 June Quiz Night 'Round the World'
- Sat 21 June Fakenham Choral Society
- Mon 30 June visit to Copys Green, Wighton
- Sat 16 Aug 12:30 – 6 pm Diamond Anniversary

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. Information about the parish council can be found on the website (details above).

VACANIES. If you would like to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council to one of the two vacancies, please contact the Clerk or a parish councillor (details above).

Please note change of date. The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 21 May at 7:30 pm** in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and hear reports from village groups about what they have been doing and their plans for the future.

Everyone Welcome.

All Saints Church

Church Services for Kettlestone All Saints

11 May 11 am Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you to these services.

100 Club

FEBRUARY

1st Diane Lewis; 2nd Mark Robinson; 3rd Gerry Fuisse

MARCH

1st Richard Goodchild; 2nd Gill Baguley;

3rd Emily Rivett

APRIL

1st Christine Hipkin; 2nd Pauline Bassenthwaite;

3rd Judith Kilbourn

Lych Gate

Volunteers required to clean down and stain the church lych gate, which we had restored and put back in place. Sorry to say we are no longer able to do it ourselves due to age and health issues. We will gladly supply the stain if anyone is prepared to do this work. Please contact Bernard or Joan Jarvis on 01328 829352.



Kettlestone Village Hall News

Save the Date!

Sat 16 Aug 12.30pm-6pm - Diamond Anniversary

We would love you to join us for a fun afternoon to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of the opening of your current Village Hall. As part of the celebration, we have booked a Fish and Chip van (provided by IB the Chippy). To book a meal a small payment of £6 (VH Members price) is required prior to the event. Priority will firstly be given to Village Hall Members, if we have not sold out of tickets, these may be offered to non-members at a higher price. The bar will be open, and a special diamond cocktail will be available. We are also delighted to say that the ever-popular Ukulele band will be playing, and that David and Martin are kindly opening their gardens for the event. There will be ice creams, a raffle, stalls, and a display of the history of the Village Hall kindly provided by Bridget. We hope you will save the date, and we can all come together to mark this milestone.

(Further details and how to book to follow).

Upcoming events for your diary

Fri 2 May 6.00pm Annual General Meeting followed by the normal Friday Bar. All welcome.

Fri 23 May 7pm - Talk by Dr John Maddison "Norfolk Churches & the Work of Norfolk Churches Trust" John

is Chair of the NCT Grants Committee and has held Senior Positions in the National Trust & Victorian Society. He's also a Professional Artist. The talk will focus on various Norfolk churches and the work of the NCT in helping to save those in critical need of support to safeguard them for the future. No Booking Required – Donations Welcome to NCT & VH (Bar Open)

Fri 6 June "Round the World" - Quiz Night hosted by Sally and Steve Lee. Each round will focus on a particular Continent and cover easy questions on history, sport, and food etc. It will be an evening of fun and laughter. No Charge – (Bar Open)

Mon 30 June Village Hall Visit to Copys Green Farm Wighton 5.30 pm. A 'Guided Tour' of this unique farm, run by Stephen & Catherine Temple. They have both given interesting talks in the village hall before and this will give us the opportunity to see their world up close.

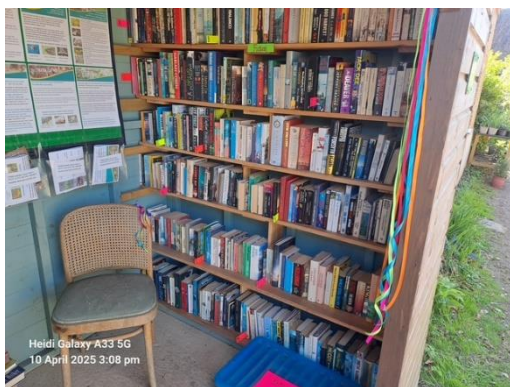
Everything on the farm is based on 'sustainable' methods aiming for a zero-carbon footprint - including Catherine's famous cheese making. The tour will start at 5.30pm followed by a cheese & coffee buffet. The Cost will be £6pp

This is a bookable event and numbers are limited.

Monthly Social Afternoon - Every 4th Wednesday (28 May) 2pm - 4pm. Enjoy homemade cake and a cuppa or two and catch up with friends, feel free to bring a craft project if you wish and there are board games available - £3 per person.

Bus shelter Book Exchange

A huge 'thank you' to Heidi who has taken on the organisation of the Book Exchange. If you haven't already noticed, the books have been sorted and labelled and the shelter has been tidied and decorated with ribbons.



Do take a moment when you are passing to take a look at the books and at the display on the back notice board from the Environment Group.

'Rewiggle' update

James Kilpatrick's project to 'rewiggle' part of the stream that rises in the village to restore it back to the old flood plain in the meadows is included in a recent 25 minute documentary. To view the video search on YouTube for the RAZOR Science Show documentary called "Putting the wiggles back in rivers" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVGrWaEmDqo&t=4s>). The film features his plans in Kettlestone and,

more vividly, the outcome of a similar project on the River Stiffkey (which actually runs north from Kettlestone parish).

Hazardous Waste Amnesty Days



Hempton recycling centre 9 & 10 May.

Booking slots open a week before the event:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/62753/Hempton-Recycling-Centre-and-Reuse-Shop> or telephone 0344 800 8020 option 7.

Fakenham Choral Society

Summer Concert Saturday 21 June at 7 pm in Fakenham Parish Church

Will Todd's vibrant and upbeat "**Mass in Blue**" at its



Chairman Rosemary Dear explained: "Last year, when Fakenham Choral Society celebrated its 50th anniversary, choir members were asked which pieces of music they would most like to perform again and Mass in Blue came high on the list of favourites, second only to the Verdi Requiem, which we performed in April 2024."

Well known composer Will Todd is a lover of jazz music as well as traditional church choral music and this is reflected brilliantly in his setting of the traditional Latin mass in a wonderful blend of jazz music. A jazz trio together with piano, a solo soprano voice and a strong choral line weave together to give an energetic and uplifting musical experience. In complete contrast the choir will also be performing sacred music from earlier eras, with choruses from different composers spanning several centuries.

Tickets £18 (or £15 if purchased before 7 June) will be available on the FCS website

https://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/about_us.

Crossways Village Shop & Post Office

Customer Notice

It is with a heavy heart that we announce we will be closing our doors for the last time on **8 July 2025**. We want to take this opportunity to thank every single customer who has ever shown us support over the previous 8 years. As the shelves empty and the shop slowly starts to close, please be kind and patient. We appreciate that this will be as sad for some of you as it will be for us. Thank you for the wonderful memories, the highs and the lows. We won't forget it.

All our love & well wishes,
the whole Crossways Team.

Until 8 July we will be open as usual:

Shop: Mon – Fri 7am – 1 pm (Sat & Sun 8 am – 1 pm)

Post Office: Mon – Fri 8am – 12:30pm (Sat to 12 pm)

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