

Village Hall

The Village Hall committee organised the first Kettleburgh Christmas tree lights. On a frosty but dry evening, over fifty people gathered to sing carols and count down to the switching on of the lights. This was followed by mulled wine and mince pies, quizzes and games and good conversation in the warmth of the hall. Thanks to Ron and Debbie for the loan of the mulled wine warmer.

Traffic Calming

This issue continues to be of concern in our village. SCC Highways has indicated that if any, only a very small amount of funding will be available to us. Accordingly, the Parish Council intends to allocate a sum of money in its budget for next year. It is possible that this can be augmented by the 'locality budget', a fund held by our County Councillor for local needs. It is still important that local concerns are made known to County authorities.

War Memorial

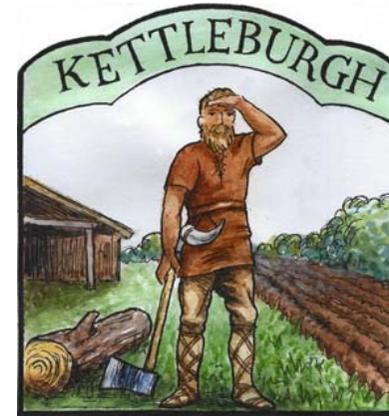
Plans for refurbishing the War Memorial, situated in the churchyard, are in hand. It is hoped that it will be possible to obtain a grant from the War Memorial Commission, to improve the appearance of the inscriptions. Over the years, these have become difficult to read. We are consulting conservation experts to determine the best course of action. It may be possible to have the memorial listed.

Bus Shelter Update

The bus shelter has been made and is ready for installation. SCC Highways department should be putting the base in place during the first half of January. Once the shelter is in place, the bus will continue to stop at both ends of The Street.

New Cottages

Barrel Cottages are well on their way to completion. We welcome the new residents to Kettleburgh and hope that you will soon feel a part of our friendly community.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Council Elections

3 May 2007 is the date for our local elections. This means you will have the opportunity to stand as a Parish Councillor, or to elect new Councillors. Local Government reorganisation is placing much greater emphasis on Parish representation and it is hoped that the Parish Council will therefore have much more influence on matters of local importance. If you wish to stand as a councillor for the next term of four years you will need to register your interest with Suffolk Coastal District Council. If there are more candidates than places on the council (eight at present) we will hold an election. District elections will be held on the same day.

To be nominated, you must deliver a valid nomination paper to the Returning Officer. Forms will be available from the Parish Clerk. The last date for returning forms to Suffolk Coastal District Council is Monday 2 April. Public notices advertising the election will be on display at least a week before this date.

This is an opportunity for you to make a difference to what happens in Kettleburgh. Do take time to consider whether you would be willing to stand as a councillor, or maybe you know someone who might need a little gentle persuasion.

It is your village, your council, so you get what you deserve!

The Pound

If you have visited the Pound recently, you will have noticed that the electricity pole and cables have been removed. The pole, which was in the centre of the Pound, has been replaced by a small substation placed near the roadside hedge, and the cable is now underground, improving the appearance of the Pound and creating a more open aspect. This work was carried out by EDF electricity and in conjunction with Mr & Mrs Harris at Watermill House.

Website

A new venture for the Parish Council is a website hosted by www.onesuffolk.co.uk. When the site becomes live, you will be able to access it by following the Parish Councils link. You will find pages for the Parish Council, the Village Hall, the Village Green, St Andrew's Church and village events, but there is always room for expansion. There could be a place for local businesses to advertise. If you have any ideas for inclusion, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Onesuffolk is a partnership organisation made up of the District, Borough and County Councils and the Police network. It exists to bring their information together on one website. If you look at their A-Z of services you will find a wealth of local information: adult education, food safety, rights of way, nurseries and playgroups are some examples. It is well worth a look for a host of matters of local interest.

Dates of Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are held bi-monthly and extra meetings are convened if necessary to discuss planning applications. There is always an open session at the beginning of each meeting. This is the place where you can bring any matters of concern to the council's attention. You are most welcome to stay for the meeting, although you will not be able to take part in discussions. The next meeting will be held on 14 March. The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council take place on 17 May.

Insurance for Village Events

The Parish Council is investigating the possibility of taking out an insurance policy that will offer public liability insurance for village events. This scheme has been used in past years for events such as the fete and the quiz. If this idea is adopted, it should be possible to cover all village events under the one scheme, simply by informing the insurers of the planned event. More details in our next newsletter.

Parish Plan Update

Over forty people attended a special meeting on 3 October and voted in favour of carrying out a Parish Plan. A steering group was formed and their details follow:

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Patrick Garland 621211

Robert & Liz Marzetti 621053

Trevor Butcher 724777 (Parish Council representative)

Derrick Neilson 724711

This committee meets monthly. They are keen to represent the whole community and would welcome further members. They will soon be asking around the village for more specific help. If you volunteered to help in any way, someone from the steering group will soon be getting in touch with you. Please contact them if you have ideas or are willing to offer assistance in any way. Remember, this is **your** village plan.