

Community Payback Scheme

The National Probation Service is offering us the opportunity to use offenders to do unpaid work in the community as part of a community order. Work can include decorating, gardening and grounds maintenance, repairs or renovations. Offenders are supervised and the work carried out is free — the community just has to provide any materials. If you have any ideas for making use of this scheme, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Local History Recorder

There is a vacancy in Kettleburgh for a Local History Recorder. This post is covered in Brandeston by Mrs Wilda Woodland. If you have an interest in local history and have some time to spare, this may be the job for you. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like more details. Wilda would be pleased to explain the role more fully to anyone interested in this important and rewarding job.

War Memorial

Although the lead lettering on the memorial in the churchyard has been cleaned, in some lights it is still not very easy to read the inscriptions. Suggestions to replace or refill the lead lettering were considered, but it was felt that any further work on the memorial would alter its appearance and that its condition reflected its age. There is a brass plaque inside the church which has the same commemorations listed.

Bus Shelter

The bus shelter was finally installed in March. It will be maintained by Suffolk County Council, but responsibility for keeping it clean and reporting any maintenance requirements remains with the Parish Council. We are awaiting bolts to fix the seats securely, a bus stop sign for the pole and a timetable from SCC. Thank you to the kind person who attached a temporary timetable.

Coffee Morning

Kettleburgh Green Trust is proposing to set up a coffee morning in the Village Hall, to take place on the first Friday of each month. This will be the place to get together and exchange news and to advertise local events. It could be the place to sell or exchange local produce, run a book exchange, advertise for individual or community needs or offers of help. More details soon . . . your ideas will be very welcome. It is hoped that a second visit of the Coffee Caravan will coincide with a coffee morning.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

May 2007

Parish Clerk: Jackie Clark — 01728 723623 — kettleburghparishclerk@postmaster.co.uk

Parish Council website: www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk/

Following local elections on 3 May, when seven new councillors were elected, your new Parish Councillors and their contact details are listed below. There will be a co-option for one further councillor at the Annual Meeting on 15 May.

Parish Councillors — Contact Details

John Bater	Church Farm	723532	jbater@suffolkonline.net
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Vikki Neilson	1 Barrel Cottages	724711	derrick48@btopenworld.com
Gwenda Weeks	Corner Cottage	723703	gwendaweeks@btinternet.com

District and County Contacts

SCDC: Cllr Bob Snell	Moonrise, The Street, Creetingham	01728 685877	Bob.Snell@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk
SCC: Cllr Peter Bellfield	The Old Rectory, Grundisburgh Rd. Clopton, IP13 6QB	01473 735259	peter.bellfield@councillors.suffolk
Police: PC Trudie Beckwith		01986 835470	trudie.beckwith@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Retirement of Our Vicar

The Rev Graham Vellacott, priest in charge of Kettleburgh, Brandeston and Easton for the past 8 years, retired at the end of April. The Parish Council would like to express its gratitude for all that Graham has done for the village, particularly with regard to civic occasions. The Annual Remembrance service and the Carol service at Christmas are both events that he has conducted with fitting dignity and with a welcome to all. He always showed an interest in village activities and has given freely of his time in supporting village events. Whilst we will miss his presence as vicar, we still look forward to welcoming him to all village activities.

Local Development Framework

This is the name given to the replacement document for the Local Plan. It will be the document which provides the outline and guidance to the development of our local area until 2021. The Parish Council has considered the planned document in detail and responded to SCDC with its views. Issues considered included housing development, transport provision, employment and industry, services and facilities and the natural environment. More details can be found on the District Council website: www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Parish Trees

The Parish Council has taken advantage of the tree planting scheme organised by Suffolk Coastal District Council. During the Autumn and Winter, over 70 trees were planted along the Brandeston Road, at a minimal cost of £24 to the Parish Council. Thanks to Cllr Tim Chase for carrying out this work.

Website

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk/ This is the Parish Council's website address. The site has been active for five months. You can find details of Parish Councillors, meeting dates, agendas and minutes on the Parish Council page. The Village Green page is now being updated by Mrs Gwenda Weeks, secretary to the Village Green Trust. An increasing number of useful web addresses and local information can be found on the Links page. Local events are advertised on the Events page. If you have any local events to publicise, articles for inclusion, or further ideas for development, contact the Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish Meetings

May is the month for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Both events will take place on **Tuesday 15 May**, starting at 7 p.m. Your invitation is included with this newsletter. Please put the date in your diary and come along to hear the latest news from County and District Councillors, our local Policing Team and, of course, to meet your new Parish Councillors. Refreshments will be served. The Parish Council will elect a chairman at its Annual Meeting and all councillors will sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office. There will be a co-option for one further councillor.

Parish Councillors

As the new Parish Council takes shape, now is a fitting time to thank those who have just retired as your local representatives. They gave freely of their time to these unpaid posts, and have had an increasing amount of paperwork to work through and assimilate. Apart from the regular council meetings, extra meetings are sometimes called to discuss planning applications. We are grateful to Derek Pike, Sue Scott, Trevor Butcher, Rob Booth and Alan Pearce who have all made a valuable contribution to village life. Especial thanks is given to Paul Norman, our retiring chairman.

Safer Neighbourhoods

This is the name given to the new look Community Policing for Suffolk. By the end of June, there will be 47 similar teams in Suffolk. Each team will include councils, community partners and volunteers working alongside police officers and staff. Our local team will be led by Sgt Tony Watts who is based in Framlingham. Our local contact will be PC Trudie Beckwith. She is looking forward to identifying our local concerns and tackling the issues raised.

Parish Plan

The Steering Group for the Parish Plan met regularly during the winter months. Under the leadership of Mrs Julie Todd and Mr Robert Marzetti, they made contact with Suffolk ACRE, attended a workshop and began the process of identifying stakeholders. A leaflet was distributed to every household in Kettleburgh, asking for more volunteers and any other expressions of interest. There were no replies. The Steering Group reached the point of applying for funding, but at this stage, when an overwhelming amount of paperwork and form filling became necessary, they reluctantly came to the conclusion that there was not enough interest and manpower in Kettleburgh to pursue the project. Accordingly, we have withdrawn from the Parish Plan scheme for the time being. It may be that at some stage in the future there will be more interest in the project. In a small village, manpower and resources are obviously limited. Thank you to the Steering Group for the time and effort given in taking us this far.