

## Community News - from Cllr Gwenda Weeks

### Next Kettleburgh Cafe - 7th December

- Mulled wine & mince pies and the usual home produce.
  - Gavin Hodge from the 'Good Neighbour' Scheme.
  - History of the Kettleburgh Village Produce Association.
- Come & join us. Your home-baking is always welcome.  
This cafe is run purely voluntarily for the village to be able to get together  
and any proceeds will go to charity - suggestions welcome.

#### List of dates for Kettleburgh Cafe 2008:

4 January	4 July
1 February	1 August
7 March	5 September
4 April	3 October
2 May	7 November
6 June	5 December

#### Post Office Home Service

Kettleburgh has a Post Office home service in place. Any postal services you require can be delivered/collected at your home on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Contact Sue Howarth - 01728 452755 (weekdays) or 01728 453405 (weekends). Your Welcome Booklet also has this information.

#### Play Area for the Village Green

A new plan has been put forward to SCDC by Kettleburgh Green Trust to amend the location of the play area. Once this has been approved, the Play Space Fund can be accessed to provide at least two pieces of play equipment for the Green. This project is supported by the Parish Council.

#### Parish Council website - Community News page

A new 'Community News' page has been added to the website. You will find lots of information about local events, and on the associated 'History of Kettleburgh' page, background to all the associations, groups, trusts and committees in Kettleburgh.

#### Christmas Tree Lights at the Village Hall

The Village Hall committee is planning its second Christmas tree lighting for Kettleburgh. On Saturday 15 December, the Village Hall will be open from 5:00p.m and at 5:30 the countdown to turning on the lights will begin. There will be mulled wine and mince pies to enjoy, games for children and time to catch up with neighbours and friends. Put the date in your diary.

The Village Hall Committee are pleased to welcome Liz Marzetti as their new secretary and extend thanks to Jeanne Durbin for the time she gave to this role.



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## December 2007

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## **Report from the last Parish Council Meeting**

Kettleburgh Parish Councillors met on Wednesday 14 November in the Village Hall. Refreshments were served and during the open session Cllr Bellfield gave his report. He outlined the ways in which necessary savings to the County Council budget would be made and gave a progress report on the Policy Development Panel on HGVs in the Debach area. There is particular concern over the increasing problem of storage facilities for empty containers and the parking of HGVs.

**Village Green matters:** Councillors debated the claim received from Land Registry for a change of title to a small area of the Village Green to the north of the pond. It was decided that unless a better claim could be produced, the Council, in its role as custodian, had a duty to object to the claim. There are plans to apply for a permanent right of way to the Village Green for vehicles from the Church Road entrance.

**Councillor Responsibilities:** Information was provided about new tree planting, a scheme run in conjunction with the District Council; there was an update on the latest avian influenza restrictions and plans to make a list of residents who own emergency generators. The Community report included an account of the last Kettleburgh Café and a discussion on the new Welcome booklet to be produced by the Parish Council. A copy is included with this newsletter. The latest plans for seeking views of residents include: space on the website for comments, establishing a population profile of the village and encouraging local group representatives to attend Council meetings.

**Finance:** The internal audit procedures were reviewed and found to be satisfactory; the discussion on the proposed budget for 2008/09 was deferred to a separate meeting, to take place before Christmas.

**Clerk's Report and questions to Chairman:** There has been no progress to date on the reinstatement of the grass verge outside Pinewood Cottage in The Street. The damage to the verge which occurred during the construction of Barrel Cottages is due to be rectified by SCC Highways. Cllr Bellfield offered to pursue this matter. The surface water problem in Mill Lane is to be resolved by the installation of two new drains. Councillors are keen to become involved in the Countryside Access Community Scheme. Concern was expressed about the dog owners who let their dogs run freely on farmland: an article taken from the Countryside Code is included in this newsletter.

## **Welcome Leaflet**

Thank you to Cllr Weeks for producing this booklet, enclosed with your newsletter. We hope you find it useful. If you have any comments or other ideas for inclusion, please contact Gwenda. Now that all villagers have a copy, it will in future just be distributed to newcomers to the village. It is important to keep the information included up to date, so if you have details of any changes, please let Gwenda know.

## **Emergency Planning**

As part of our commitment to establish effective emergency planning procedures, there are two immediate areas of concern:

1. Avian influenza
2. Sustained Power cuts.

We would like to compile lists of all those who keep poultry, so that information can be quickly passed on. We would also like to know all those who own an emergency generator. Please return the enclosed slip to the Parish Clerk at Windyridge, to any Councillor, drop it in at Kettleburgh Café, or email information to the Parish Clerk.

## **Quality Parish Status**

As part of our bid to achieve Quality Parish Status, the Parish Council needs to show that it communicates effectively with the local and wider community. To this end, our newsletter will now be produced six times a year and include a summary of the last Council meeting. You can read the draft minutes in full on the website; once the minutes are approved they are posted on the village notice board. Look out for reports of our Council meetings in the East Anglian Daily Times. You will also have a regular opportunity to talk to Parish Councillors at Kettleburgh Café (first Friday of each month). If you would like to talk to your District or County Councillor, come along to a Parish Council meeting. Bob Snell, your District Councillor, is the person to speak to about planning, council housing, and rubbish collection, whilst Peter Bellfield, your County Councillor, is concerned with education, social services, transport, roads, public rights of way and libraries. They are your representatives and are keen to know what you think about local services. The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 16 January. Refreshments are served from 7:00p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:15pm. Come along and see what goes on. You will be most welcome.

## **Extract from the Countryside Code:**

The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs, but it's every owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people.

- By law, you must control your dog so that it does not disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife. On most areas of open country and common land, known as 'access land', you must keep your dog on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July, and all year round near farm animals.
- Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections – so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly\*. Also make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people.

Read more online at: [www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk/](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk/) following the Countryside Code link.

\*We have doggie bins on the Village Green.