

Village Produce Show

Kettleburgh Village Produce Association will be holding its Annual Show on Saturday 6th September. The schedule, which gives details of all the entries, will shortly be available. Now is the time to plan which vegetables you are going to enter - potatoes, onions, leeks and carrots always feature on the list. If you are growing tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, or maybe some exotic fruits, there will be a place to show off your finest efforts. There will be categories for roses, perennials, annuals, even a floating arrangement of flowers. For those of you who like to cook: scones, flapjack and shortbread are just some of the items that will appear in the schedule. There will be classes for jams, jellies, marmalade and chutneys. Budding photographers will have the chance to display their best efforts and there are always several classes for children. The afternoon is always well attended and the prize giving eagerly awaited. At the end of the day, some of the produce is auctioned. If you have any queries about the show, or could offer to help with refreshments, the draw, or setting out the hall, please contact Claire Norman - 724372

Coffee Morning

Kettleburgh Coffee Morning will continue to take place on the first Friday of each month from 10:00a.m to noon. Anne Bater has kindly agreed to organise it. Thanks to Gwenda Weeks and Bel Pearce for all the work that went into establishing such a successful venture.

Kettleburgh Green Lottery

The Kettleburgh Green Lottery Club will continue to be drawn at the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on the first Friday of the month at 11 am.

Village Hall

Minutes from Village Hall management committee meetings are now available to read on the website. Plans to refurbish the floor and redecorate the interior of the hall are in progress. Earl Soham Scouts, who already use the hall on Mondays for a Cub pack, are going to bring a Scout troop to Kettleburgh on Friday evenings from September. Scout leaders are keen to take a part in our village community life and helped at the fete this year.

Lord of the Manor

An announcement was made at the Annual Parish Meeting giving first details of our new Lord of the Manor. He is Graham Hayward and lives in Essex. No further details are known at present. Plans can now be made to arrange a suitable welcome for him.



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The Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 14th May, include the reports given by our County and District Councillors, Suffolk Police, our Parish Council Chairman and our local organisations—the Parochial Church Council, Kettleburgh Green Trust, Neighbourhood Watch, the Village Hall, Kettleburgh Café, the Lord of the Manor fund and the Village Produce Association. As they extend to ten pages, they are not reprinted here, but can be read on the website. If you would like to read a paper copy, please contact the Parish Clerk. Questions raised by villagers will be considered by the Parish Council during the year.

Report from the Annual Parish Council Meeting

The first business at the Annual Meeting is always the election of the Chairman. Cllr Jessop was unanimously re-elected, with Cllr Harris as Vice Chairman.

Village Green Matters: the report was given by Helen Kay: “Darran Frost was thanked for his excellent maintenance of the Green. The Trust has applied to the Parish Tree Scheme for more funding for hedges and trees. The new play equipment is now in place. Libby Payne is the new treasurer and Caroline Tosh has taken over as coordinator of fundraising. Two events have already been planned—‘Music and Magic at the Mill’ on 13th July and ‘The Fat Band at the Village Hall’ on 6th December.”

In consultation with Land Registry, the Parish Council has discovered that the Deed of Grant giving right of access to the Village Green across a small strip of land in Church Road was not valid, as the land had changed from single to joint ownership. Now that a revised document has been signed and lodged with Land Registry, the matter has finally been resolved. Land Registry fees totalling £94 were paid.

Councillor Responsibilities: Work is in progress to provide a sign for the gate of the Pound. Footpaths 14 (NE of Church farm) and 25 (between Kettleburgh Hall and Mill Lane) have not yet been sprayed off and are difficult to negotiate. Parish Views: there are ongoing discussions about the best way to gather the views of villagers. Main concerns at present seem to be speeding traffic and the dangerous obstruction and inconvenience to neighbours caused by parking on The Street. Both of these issues were referred to in the Police Liaison report given by Cllr Durbin.

Clerk’s Report, Financial matters and Questions to Chairman:

The Clerk will ensure that no children’s details appear on the website without parental permission. An application for a bursary for Clerk’s training has been made: this funding is to be used for training in Planning matters and Quality Parish Status.

Financial matters: the Annual Return was completed signed and will be sent to the new external auditors, BDO Stoy Hayward LLB, following a period when the accounts were available to be inspected by the public. A claim for a VAT refund of £80.32 has been made.

Points raised at the Annual Parish Meeting will be discussed during the coming year, or passed to the relevant organisations. The Parish Council will discuss the following during the year:

- The possibility of getting the overhead power cables placed underground
- Undertaking a traffic survey, to ascertain whether a bus could be used for transport to Brandeston Hall School.
- The use of the Parish precept for the maintenance of the Village Green
- The consequences of the sale of The Pound

The Village Fete

As ever, Kettleburgh Village Fete attracted people from far and wide and was a great success. The weather was kind to us, with only one shower of rain. Many people made the event possible - those who formed the committee from early in the year, produced posters and publicity material, approached local businesses for donations, collected goods from houses, erected gazebos and transported equipment, planned and manned the stalls, and most importantly, all those who attended and spent money.

Special thanks should go to Ron and Debbie at The Chequers, for providing the venue once again, and mostly our thanks and appreciation go to Valerie Compton and Pat Bishop, whose sheer hard work and attention to every detail once again made the fete a resounding success. The amount raised has now been finalized at £3426.42. This is just £36 less than last year.

The total will be divided between The Village Hall and The Church Fabric Fund.

A date has already been set for next year—Saturday 13th June. Put the date in your diary now, so that you won’t miss it!

Parish Tree Scheme

Proposals for this scheme are to be discussed at the July Parish Council Meeting. Sites will be considered if they are part of an overall plan to enhance the village. Some examples, as cited by Suffolk Coastal District Council, of places to plant trees and hedging are:

- Restoring gaps in hedgerows
- Planting new hedgerows on farmland or parish land
- Planting trees on private land if they will contribute to the landscape
- Copses, tree belts or small woodlands
- Churchyards
- Commemorative tree planting on village greens and public spaces

One example of planting in Kettleburgh under this scheme is the line of trees on the North side of the churchyard which were planted about seventeen years ago.

Planning Applications (with decisions from SCDC)

C07/2276 - part garden, 1 Lings Field - erection of one dwelling and new vehicular access (APPROVED)

C07/2307/8: Rectory Farm - restoration and extension of house 2 and link to house 1.

C08/0239 - Kettleburgh Lodge Bungalow - erection of one dwelling, existing to be demolished. (REFUSED)

C08/0897 Packway Cottage, Rectory Road

Erection of a cattery. (considered at SCDC Planning committee on 25th June)