

Public Notice for those living in Kettleburgh

How should Kettleburgh mark Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday?

As you are probably aware Her Majesty the Queen is celebrating her 90th Birthday later this year.

In October last year Lady Euston wrote to the Chairman of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils asking for his help "to encourage our town and parish councils to join in the celebrations" to be held over the weekend of the 11th/12th June 2016.

This was discussed at the Kettleburgh Parish Council (KPC) meeting held on the 12th November 2015 where it was noted that that weekend was likely to be when the Kettleburgh Fete was to be held. The Parish Clerk was asked to advertise a discussion on this topic at the next scheduled meeting.

Parishioners were invited to attend the KPC meeting to be held on the 25th February 2016 to bring ideas and join a discussion to decide how the parish would like to celebrate this anniversary. Just two parishioners attended this meeting. The KPC discussed the matter but agreed that there were not sufficient parishioners present to make a valid decision. It was thus agreed that Councillor Jessop would invite representatives of the village organisations to a meeting to decide the way forward.

This meeting was subsequently held on the 9th March 2016 with representatives of the following organisations attending: Village Hall Committee, Parochial Church Council, Fete Committee, The Chequers Inn, Kettleburgh Green Trust, Flower and Produce Show, Kettleburgh Pétanque and Kettleburgh Parish Council.

The main topic discussed was the potential loss of income to the village fete if a 'street party' type event were to be held either in conjunction with the fete or on the Sunday. The issue of a general lack of resources was also discussed for such an event. It was confirmed that the KPC could provide some financial support for the celebration.

It was thus agreed that the fete would be enhanced in recognition of the anniversary, but not to the extent that would require significant additional resource, and that the main way of celebrating the occasion would be the unveiling of a permanent artefact on the village green.

The artefacts discussed were a tree, a bench and a beacon with the beacon the most favoured. A subsequent meeting was held on the 5th April 2016 following the receipt of three prices for a beacon.

The likely costs of the options considered are: a beacon £1100.00 (planning permission also required), a bench £600.00, a tree a lot less.

The final decision is to be made at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 28th April in the Village Hall at 7pm where the pros and cons of each option are to be discussed. So please attend the meeting and make your views known. Alternatively submit your views in an email or letter to the Parish Clerk at PC@Kettleburgh.Suffolk.gov.uk or to Willow Cottage.

Trevor Jessop, Chairman of the Parish Council