

Village Hall News

The new tables are a great success, being much easier to erect and store. A small supply of cloths has been purchased, as protection for the tables when they are used for craft activities by the Beavers. The AGM will take place on Tuesday 7 April at 7:00 p. m. (followed by a committee meeting). All are welcome to attend.

Cinderella The Kettleburgh Players first production, Cinderella, took place at the beginning of February. It was a most successful fund raising event, raising just over £1300 for Village Hall funds. More importantly, it was a way of engaging the talents and efforts of a wide group of people in and around Kettleburgh. Actors, administrators, artists, carpenters, costume designers and makers, electricians, musicians, printers were just some of the talented people who contributed to the production. The greatest thanks go to Robert and Liz Marzetti, whose idea it was, and whose untiring energy and enthusiasm carried the whole pantomime to its exhilarating conclusion. The only question that remains is: what is the next show to be?

Kettleburgh Green Trust Quiz Night - 20th February 2009

Report from Mark & Jo Gilbert: The first Quiz Night for the KGT was very well attended and successfully raised just over £600 for the charity. The wonderful catering was provided by Helen Kay, with a team of enthusiastic helpers. This was the first quiz for the organising team, and despite some minor hiccups, they hope that everyone attending had an enjoyable evening. It is hoped to make this an annual event.

Pyrenean Trek - Illustrated Talk by Mark Sargeantson - 7 pm - Saturday 4 April

An illustrated talk in the Village Hall about a 46 day trek which Mark completed last summer. Over 46 days he walked the entire GR10 Trail through the Pyrenees, about 560 miles, with strenuous climbing throughout. He raised nearly £17,000 for Cancer Campaign in Suffolk in memory of the late Dr John LeVay who founded this charity.

Neighbourhood Watch

Following repeated thefts from outbuildings in Hoo, remember to keep sheds, garages and other outbuildings secure. If you notice any suspicious activity, or witness a crime, you can play your part in helping to keep the neighbourhood safe by making a report to the police.

House names

Many houses in Kettleburgh have names, rather than numbers. This can make it difficult for delivery vans, and anyone searching for a property for the first time. If your house has a name, not a number, is the name visible from the road? In an emergency situation, finding a house quickly could be a life or death matter.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Report from the last Parish Council Meeting

Kettleburgh Parish Councillors met on Wednesday 14 January and Cllr Harris took the chair. Our County Councillor Peter Bellfield reported on progress of the Boundary Review:

- Secretary of State Jacqui Smith has conceded that 'affordability' may be aggregated over the County;
- As the terms of reference for the Boundary Commission's (BC) review were for only one submission, they will take no submission on the three proposals put forward by District Councils;
- Following a successful judicial review undertaken by Norfolk and East Devon, there will be a delay for the BC report to be submitted to the Secretary of State - 15 July is the new deadline.

Representations may be made directly to Jacqui Smith in the six weeks following that date; she will then have two further weeks in which to make a decision about unitary status.

Brief reports from our District Councillors and PCSO Hassler were followed by the

Village Green report: Recent fundraising by Kettleburgh Green Trust has included a successful Wine and Cheese Tasting Evening and a sell out Village Dance. The next event planned is a quiz on 20 February. Plans for the Trim Trail on the green have been postponed, due to a lack of support from Framlingham Town Council. Planting on either side of the pond has been carried out with the help of the Parish Tree Scheme.

Financial Matters - the budget for 2009 –10 was agreed and the precept for the coming year set at £3,200, a decrease of £200.

Reports from Councillors: The name sign has been fixed to the gate of **the Pound**. Cllr Bater thanked Mr Robert Marzetti for obtaining the sign and Mr Graham Mooney for help in affixing it. Cllr Bater will follow up the suggestion that sheep could be grazed in the Pound, but made the point that the adjoining yew hedge could be a problem.

Police Liaison - suggestions from the Traffic Calming meeting that are being investigated include: the repositioning of the 30 mph limit signs, the reinstatement of a footway along The Street and the use of road markings to slow traffic down.

It was noted that there is an increasing amount of litter by the roadside and in the verges of the village. Following a letter written to the District Council, some rubbish has been removed, but there is no regular service to remove litter. SCDC made an offer of a supply of bin bags and plastic gloves, to be used for clearing the verges ourselves. The meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting Dates for the remainder of 2009:

20 May (Annual PC meeting)

22 July

16 September

11 November

All meetings start at 7:15p.m, with refreshments served from 7:00p.m. Your District and County Councillors usually attend our meetings, also PCSO Christian Hassler. There is always an opportunity for the public to speak and Councillors warmly invite you to attend.

Report from the LDF Meeting

Over thirty villagers attended a meeting on 21 January to discuss the proposals made by Suffolk Coastal District Council in their Local Development Framework document. Similar meetings have taken place in villages all over the district, so that each village can respond to plans for our region to the year 2025.

Trevor Jessop chaired our meeting. He explained the background to SCDC's proposals. As a part of the consultation process, SCDC posed two main questions.

The first concerned 'Settlement Hierarchy' and Kettleburgh's position within it, and the second question related to any proposals made for development in Kettleburgh.

1. Settlement Hierarchy: SCDC has proposed six levels in the hierarchy, the highest level being 'Major Towns' and the lowest 'Countryside'. In the LDF proposals, Kettleburgh ranks as a 'Local service centre' - the fourth out of these six categories. The importance of where Kettleburgh sits in the hierarchy is that the level of future development allowed will depend on ranking. There was overwhelming agreement at the meeting that Kettleburgh should move down to fifth position, and be ranked in the 'Other Villages' category. In this position in the hierarchy, there would be no developments allowed other than affordable housing, unless the village aspired to become more sustainable.

It was also felt that better descriptors for the last three categories would be:

- Sustainable
- Semi-sustainable
- Countryside

2. Site Specific Developments

Two proposals were listed for Kettleburgh-

- 546- land to the North of Lings Field (physical limits extension applied for)

As there was no development planned in this proposal, it is not relevant if Kettleburgh is placed in the 'Other Villages' category.

- 734- land adjacent to Churchside, in Church Road (affordable housing)

Comments referring to village character, traffic considerations, environmental impact and housing needs were made and an overwhelming majority voted against this proposal.

The Parish Council has represented these views in a submission to SCDC.

Annual Parish Meeting

Advance notice of this year's APM - a meeting for all villagers where you will have the opportunity to discuss issues of local concern, hear reports from all our local organisations and meet your District and County Councillors. It will be held on Wednesday 13 May in the Village Hall.

Website

Remember to check the Events page for up-to-date information about local activities.