

Village Hall News

Countdown to Christmas - this year the tree lighting takes place on Saturday 12 December. Come along to the Village Hall at 5:00p.m, sing a carol or two and join in with the countdown to turning on the Christmas tree lights at 5:30p.m. The Village Hall committee will provide mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas music in the Hall to follow, with a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

Following the success of Cinderella in February this year, rehearsals are well under way for "Jack and the Beanstalk", to be performed on the 4,5 & 6 February 2010, with a matinee on Saturday. The Box Office -723623 - opens at the beginning of December.

Suffolk Hedgerow Survey

Kettleburgh has now completed its hedgerow survey. Results will be sent to the Survey working group, where the data will be stored. Information about the position, age and diversity of hedgerows will help with deciding on priorities for enhancing, developing or replanting hedgerows, which provide an invaluable wildlife habitat. These surveys were started in Suffolk Coastal and have now spread to over 400 communities throughout the whole of Suffolk. You can read more on the SCDC website.

Website

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

Remember to check the Events page for up-to-date information about local activities. You can read minutes from past Parish Council meetings and find contact details for all Councillors, including your District and County Councillors, on the Parish Council page. The Community News, Church and Village Hall pages will keep you up to date with what has been happening locally. There are lots of local links and some ideas about a sustainable lifestyle on the Links page. The Gallery pages provide an opportunity to view photos from village events. If you have any news for inclusion, or ideas for new articles, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Neighbourhood Watch

Following the report at the last Parish Council meeting by PCSO Christian Hassler, the problem of dealing with bogus callers will be added to the agenda of the November Parish Council meeting and Derrick Neilson, our Neighbourhood Watch representative, will attend. Strategies for keeping safe and preventing any further incidents of deception and fraud will be discussed. In the meantime, simple advice from Neighbourhood Watch is:

STOP: think before you open the door

CHAIN: secure your door chain before opening the door.

CHECK: use your door viewer to identify the caller and ask for proof of identity.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Report from the September Parish Council Meeting

Kettleburgh Parish Councillors met on Wednesday 16 September, with Cllr Harris as Chairman and two villagers present.

Our **County Councillor Peter Bellfield** gave his report, explaining that he is now chairman of the Pension Fund Committee and a member of the Committee for Roads and Transport. He is looking forward to the outcome of the Policy Development Panel on HGVs, and is keen to influence road structure plans at Martlesham, where the application to build 2,000 houses highlights a need for improvement in road infrastructure before any planning is agreed, particularly with regard to plans to install traffic lights in place of roundabouts. With a budget deficit of £48 million in three years, SCC is looking to combine with Police and NHS management to improve efficiency costs. SCDC also need to find savings of 20%.

The report from **PCSO Christian Hassler** included information of one reported crime - fraud by false representation of a cheque. The speed gun will be used in response to complaints about speeding during the morning and afternoon school runs.

Village Green News: the first draft of the lease document is with Kettleburgh Green Trust for their comments.

Notice Board: The transfer to the Parish Council of the land surrounding the notice board is now complete. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Matthew Payne for this kind gift.

Financial Matters & Annual Review of Documents - the external audit for 2008-09 is now complete with no outstanding issues. Insurance cover was renewed and the asset register and standing orders were reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Following a request from The East Anglian Daily Times, copies of Parish Council minutes will in future be sent to them for publication. SCC Highways is aware of the Parish Council's concern over the deep ditch along Rectory Road between Rectory Farm and Packway Cottage*. The hedge by the bend chevron on School Hill has been trimmed. The hedge by Corner House has been trimmed back to expose the warning bollards, but the laurel hedge is still growing out into the road.** Hastoe Housing has reported that the sale of 2 Church Fields is progressing, with completion expected within the next month.

It was agreed that the Clerk would bring 'junk mail' and advertising material to Parish Council meetings, to be displayed and then disposed of, rather than including it in the correspondence pack. The SCDC Outdoor Playspace Statement shows a balance of £13,811 for the Framlingham Area Sports Fund and £1,372 for the Kettleburgh Playspace Fund.

*Reflective marker posts have now been placed alongside the ditch.

**The laurel hedge has been trimmed.

Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2010

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

Annual Parish Meeting: 12 May

Local Development Framework News At the village meeting in January where a discussion took place on settlement hierarchy, it was agreed by an overwhelming majority that Kettleburgh should be ranked as an 'Other Village', rather than the higher ranking of 'Local Service Centre', in order to retain the remaining aspects of rural living. Detailed comments were sent to SCDC giving our views and the reasoning behind them. The full response to SCDC from Kettleburgh Parish Council can be read on the Parish Council page of the village website. Although the LDF - which sets out plans for our region to the year 2025 - is still in process, the ranking in the settlement hierarchy has been revised for some villages. The position for Kettleburgh was considered and in line with our response and the statements sent in by individuals from the village, it has now been altered to 'Other Village'. This means that with the implementation of the new plan there should be no further developments in Kettleburgh, unless the village aspires to become more sustainable. This achievement, showing local democracy at work, is in no small part due to the time spent by Cllr Jessop in researching and arranging the village meeting, which was attended by District and County Councillors as well as a good representation of villagers. There is still some controversy over the allocation of housing in Martlesham, where a proposal for 2,000 new homes has been met by some strong local opposition.

Traffic Calming Measures Cllr Durbin and the Clerk met recently with Luke Barber from SCC in The Street and along the Brandeston/Easton Road to discuss the implementation of measures agreed in November 2008 at the 'Focus on Traffic' Parish meeting. After some discussion on the relative merits of different schemes and approaches, it was agreed that Luke Barber will draw up plans for entry gateways on the Easton and Brandeston Roads, for buff road marker strips and for additional 30m.p.h. signs in The Street. When these plans are received, the Parish Council will consider them. Once agreed, their implementation is likely to be next Spring. Thanks are due to Cllr Peter Bellfield for helping to secure the £5,000 funding for these measures.

PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE – interim report Thank you to all those who completed and returned our questionnaire. Now that they have been analysed and collated, a draft report has been circulated to Councillors for consideration at the November meeting. From the information collected, some basic household and family statistics: two thirds of residents in Kettleburgh are aged 50+, over 70% have lived in the village for less than fifteen years, the majority of those who work are employed locally, with almost one third working from home. One of the largest concerns was the issue of road safety, traffic and parking problems. Once the results have been considered Councillors will consider what they can do to make the village an even better place in which to live.

Carol Singing There will be carol singing around the village in aid of The Children's Society on Tuesday 22 December. Meet at the Village Hall at 6:00p.m.