

Village Hall News

Following a tidy and inventory of kitchen equipment, a few items of unclaimed crockery have been identified: if you have recently attended an event in the Village Hall and think you may have left a dish or other item there, please contact Liz Marzetti (621053).

Tickets for Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs are now on sale: contact Jackie Clark (723623)

Hedgerow Survey

The completion of the hedgerow survey was noted in the September Parish Newsletter. A response to our coordinator, Bridgette Chase, from Guy Ackers - Chairman of the Suffolk Hedgerow survey - goes into great detail about the statistics and hedgerow distribution of our parish. The letter concludes with this paragraph:

"Finally, on a more personal level, I must give you my congratulations and deepest appreciation for such an excellent survey and considerable effort on your own part and especially for B & D Holt, W & J Clark, D & V Neilson, V Cox and C Norman who partnered yourself. All their contributions have been massive. You have made a good job, done well and can now rest on your laurels in the certain knowledge that you have made an indelible, permanent and unequivocal contribution to the heritage and inheritance for future generations of the landscape hedgerows in your parish. This has been a great personal achievement and your community should be justly proud of your endeavours, as indeed I am also."

Praise indeed!

Neighbourhood Watch Advice

As everyone is aware, the village had a power cut on the afternoon/evening of 11 November. From past experience, and after speaking to some residents in the village, it appears that some people rely solely on 'cordless' telephones to make calls, but may not realise that in a power cut they do not work. I know this is not normally a serious problem, but for vulnerable, elderly, or isolated people, it could be quite disturbing to be 'cut off' from the outside world. The simple remedy to this is to have a 'spare' phone in the house as an extension (the type that simply plugs in the telephone socket), as these will normally always work. They are not expensive to purchase, and might just be an ideal gift for someone! All of us might never know when our only phone in the house will pack up, and sometimes when you need it most. *Derrick Neilson*

Local events

Monday mornings from 10 January—Keep fit (*see inside for more information*)

3,4,5 February—Kettleburgh Players pantomime—Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

See the 'Events' page of the website or the village notice board for more details.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Report from Kettleburgh Parish Council meeting held on 10 November.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Germain and Neilson. The report from our County Councillor, Peter Bellfield, outlined some of the initial plans for the required £110 million savings needed over the next four years: you can read details in the minutes. Cllr Bellfield concluded his report by wishing all present a Merry Christmas. Kettleburgh Terminal Pumping Station: Two representatives from Anglia Water will attend the next Parish Council meeting, when they will give details of their plans to prevent further instances of effluent overflow. There will be time for Councillors and any interested villagers to pose questions. Representatives from Brandeston & Cretingham Parish Council and the Environment Agency have also been invited. Cllr Jessop reported that there was more pumping after the recent heavy rain: this was as a response to the alarm that was triggered.

Parish Tree Scheme: The tree to be ordered for the area of grass by the bus shelter is a Robinia.

Traffic Calming: The date for completion has been moving progressively backwards, with the contractors still awaiting the delivery of the gates. Cllr Chase will liaise with Cllr Durbin over the costings for the additional gateway on School Hill. The Chairman recommended that Cllr Durbin be awarded the KMP (Kettleburgh Medal for Perseverance) at the Annual Parish Meeting. The suggestion to plant some bulbs by the gateways was approved.

Finance: The budget proposals for 2011-12 were discussed and will be put forward for agreement at the meeting in January.

Clerks Report: Cllr Chase agreed to be a named volunteer for grit spreading in Kettleburgh. The Clerk will advise SCC, also requesting a further grit heap at the brow of the hill on Brandeston Road. This will be named the 'True Grit' campaign.

Cllr Jessop and the Clerk attended a Planning Forum. SCDC will hold regular future meetings, in order to make better contact with parishes. In addition to the information about the New Strategic Directive (NSD) provided by Peter Bellfield, Councillors have received papers from SALC and from Unison, outlining concerns about both the proposals and the manner of consultation. The Clerk will write to SALC making the following points:

- Need for greater transparency and identification of wasteful activities
- Concern about outsourcing – use of experts
- Canvas local opinion/review all activities – what services could we do without?
- Expect to see significant savings without affecting front line services.

AOB: Cllr Bater asked if up to date accounts from Kettleburgh Green Trust could be made available on the Village Green page of the website.

•Cllr Durbin attended the SALC AGM and reported briefly: the grant to SALC from SCC has been substantially reduced, with a result that staff hours have been cut and services reviewed; Suffolk Police costs will be reduced by 20% with staff cuts of 400; he expressed surprise that the following motion was rejected: "SALC should urge NALC to lobby Government to make strenuous efforts to ensure that when local councils and county associations are invited to be consultees in any matter, adequate notice should always be given and full consultation allowed."

•Thanks were expressed to the Clerk for the work involved in preparing the budget report.

•The Clerk thanked Mrs Katie Harris for once again providing refreshments and Cllr Jessop for printing and collating the newsletter.

Local Elections—May 2011

As well as District and County elections which will take place in May this year, Kettleburgh Parish Councillors will have completed their term of four years serving as your local representatives. They may wish to stand for re-election, or will there be some new villagers willing to give some of their time for this role in village life? If you wish to stand as a Councillor for the next term of four years you will need to register your interest with Suffolk Coastal District Council. If there are more than eight candidates we will hold an election. To be nominated, you must deliver a valid nomination paper to the Returning Officer. Forms will be available from the Parish Clerk. Details of closing dates for applications will be announced by SCDC. This is an opportunity for you to make a difference to what happens in Kettleburgh. Do take time to consider whether you would be willing to stand as a Councillor, or maybe you know someone who might need a little gentle persuasion. You will be able to find full details on Suffolk Coastal District Council website.

Keep Fit 2011

Suffolk Sport is the organiser of the 'Fit Villages' initiative, which aims to make use of Village Halls as a base for activity sessions. The project focuses on ensuring that living in a rural area presents an opportunity rather than a barrier to accessing sport and physical activity. Several villagers have already expressed an interest in this scheme. The sessions are open to men and women of all ages.

Beginning on 10 January and lasting for eight weeks, the Village Hall will be the venue from 10:00—11:00a.m to provide taster sessions for a variety of physical activities. Suffolk Sport will bear the cost of the hall hire and provide qualified local instructors. There will be a small fee to cover the cost of refreshments. At the end of these taster sessions, it is hoped that those participating will want to continue with regular meetings in the Village Hall.

The beginning of a new year is the ideal time to start a new activity. If you would like more information, contact Liz Marzetti on 621053. Although the first session has already taken place, if you would like to join in this new venture, you will be most welcome.

Donations to local charities

The Parish Council often receives requests for donations from local charities, but as Councillors have made the decision that your money should not be spent in this way, regrettably these requests go unanswered. In order to allow you to be aware of these requests, the letters and accompanying information will be available in the Village Hall. For example Victim Support, the Citizens Advice Bureau, and Ipswich & East Suffolk Headway are charities that have made recent contact. You can look at the paperwork at the monthly coffee mornings, or the Parish Clerk will always be able to give you more information.