

Village Hall News

The management committee continue to meet regularly and minutes of meetings are published on the Village website. Their main aim is to keep the hall in good repair and provide a welcoming place for clubs, activities and meetings of all kinds for the people of Kettleburgh. To help achieve this aim, £1370 has been donated to the maintenance fund, being the Village Hall share from the proceeds of this year's fete. Thanks to all who helped to achieve such a good result. The next fund raising event will be the return of the most popular Harvest Hop with John & Mario on 29th October. Tickets priced at £8.50 which includes supper, are available on 723623. Auditions have begun for the next pantomime - Puss in Boots - and rehearsals are every Thursday evening. Performance dates for this production are 9th 10th & 11th February 2012.

Village Green News

The sun shone and there were just a couple of showers over the Village Green on Sunday 28th August - the perfect setting for Kettleburgh's second Family Fun Day. Children (and some adults) were able to try out the Bucking Bronco, the Bouncy Castle and a variety of giant sized games; the Petanque tournament attracted many teams and onlookers; face painting, delicious cupcakes, exquisite bird boxes, the photographic competition, burgers and hot dogs and of course the beer tent - these were all places to linger, relax, sit and chat. It was also good to see some former Kettleburgh residents and people from surrounding villages enjoying the afternoon. Many thanks to all who helped to make the afternoon such a success. The next event on the Green will be on 31st October - with Halloween lights from 6:00p.m until 8:00p.m. The next fund raising event is the return of the popular Race Night which will be held in the Village Hall on 17th September.

Village Hall Information Point

A rack has been fixed to the wall of the lobby of the Village Hall, to be used for information leaflets sent to the Parish Council. Next time you are in the Village Hall, you may like to spend a moment to see what is available. Please help yourself to anything of interest to you or take a leaflet for a friend or neighbour.

Local events

Fridays from 11:00-12 noon - Mobile Shop - parked behind the Village Hall
First Friday of the month - Coffee Morning
Mondays 10-11:00 a.m - Keep Fit
17 September - Race Night IAO KGT
9 October- Harvest Festival & Supper
29 October - Harvest Hop with Jon & Mario
31 October - Hallowe'en lights on the Village Green
18 November - Quiz Night

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 13 July

SCC Cllr Peter Bellfield spoke about the new political leader of SCC, Mark Bee. He is keen to work with the people of Suffolk to achieve the savings still needed, rather than implementing the dictatorial New Strategic Direction. It has been announced that although there will still be public transport cutbacks, no libraries will close and that school crossing patrols will be maintained where they are thought essential. Plans for outsourcing for cleaning, catering and grass cutting will continue, hoping to increase the profit from these measures from £600,000 to £1.2 million. Contentious area for outsourcing, e.g., nursing homes, will be reconsidered.

Cllr Wheeler-Rowe introduced the topic of faster broadband for Kettleburgh. *See article opposite.*

Cllr Durbin had recently attended a Suffolk Association of Local Councils meeting. He summarised the matters covered:

- Luke Bennett from the Local Strategic Partnership gave details of a range of local support for business, social and health concerns.
- The Parish Plan scheme was highlighted as a means of reinforcing village aspirations.
- A series of workshops explaining the Localism Bill is planned.
- A reduction from four to two or three SALC area meetings a year was proposed.
- Large scale planning applications should be given funding by the applicant for independent assessments.
- Housing Associations should consider selling their properties rather than leaving them empty.
- It is possible that Parish Councils will be required to register under the Data Protection Act.
- Trace iodine 131 had been detected around Sizewell Power Station. It was of a low level, equal to that recorded in other places after the Fukushima incident, and was not considered to be hazardous.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 November at 7:15pm in the Village Hall. One of the items on the agenda will be a discussion on the budget for 2012-13.

Planning Matters

Leiston Town Council is seeking support for additional resources to assess large scale planning applications. Hundreds of Parish Councils, including Kettleburgh, have offered support and it is hoped that the local Communities Minister Greg Clark will respond under the Sustainable Communities Act (2007) with additional planning guidance.

Planning applications in Kettleburgh

C/11/1179: Corner House—Extension with single storey glazed link—Approved by SCDC

C/11/1696: Watermill Cottages— Installation of three air source heat pumps—awaiting a decision.

Both of these applications were approved by the Parish Council. You can read more details in the minutes of the meetings.

Village Produce Show

The annual Kettleburgh Produce Show took place on Saturday 3rd September. There were entries from 36 people, including 2 children. Most popular classes included the Men Only chocolate cake and 'A jar of chutney' with nine entries. A new class this year was for 'Fruit Gin'. Trophies were awarded to Tim Chase, Jackie Clark, Peter Driver, Derek Hill, Jeff Hogan, Claire Norman and Brian Smerdon. The committee is grateful to all who helped in any way and look forward to another successful show on the first Saturday of September in 2012. A full report and photographs are posted on the Parish Council website.

Kettleburgh Broadband Survey

There is a commonly heard view that broadband performance in Kettleburgh is poor. The Parish Council would like to understand the actual performance of broadband across the village and your views on it. We will use this information to develop a lobbying strategy based upon evidence of the community's need rather than perception. The information we would like to know from you is:

1. Your typical broadband speed experienced and the time of day you tested
 - Ispore (www.isposure.com) is a freely downloadable Windows application that you can use to test the overall performance of your broadband connection OR
 - www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk is very simple to use, but only gives one off results.

Your opinion:

- A. Broadband speed is adequate OR
- B. Broadband speed is too slow

2. What do you use broadband for?

- Business use (describe)
- General web browsing
- Online shopping
- Email
- Music download (e.g. iTunes)
- Video download (e.g., uTube, iPlayer)
- Online gaming

3. Your address in the village

4. Who your broadband service provider is.

Please email broadbandsurvey@wheeler-rowe.com before October 31st 2011.

We will publish the findings in a later version of this newsletter.

House Names

A plea from those so often pestered by delivery drivers who cannot locate properties: please make sure that your house name is clearly visible at the roadside of your property.