

### Village Hall News

Some of you will have noticed that we have had work carried out to replace the roof covering of the main hall? This is necessary as rain and snow have been getting in to the roof space in the last 18 months. The new roof replaces one put on by John Bater & Bob Booth almost 40 years ago so it has served us well: We have also had the kitchen tiled and hope to go on to repaint the hall & kitchen ceilings'.

The "Fat Band" on Saturday the 19th October was a great success and the profits from the evening will go some way towards the roof costs!

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Graham Mooney

### St Andrew's Church

As some of you may know, Robin Alderson retired at the beginning of October. In January, Harry Edwards is also retiring and this means that within our benefice of seven parishes, we will be very short of clergy. Some services will be taken by elders of the Church and some by visiting clergy. It is a difficult time for organising worship at our Church, and the increasing pressure to raise £8000 per year to pay our Parish Share to the Church of England also makes life a challenge. We are so grateful to all who help to clean and put flowers in the Church, help keep the churchyard tidy and support all our fund-raising events through the year. We hope we can rely on your continued support and that you will join with us in our Christmas Celebrations.

#### Here are the dates for your diary:

- **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Christingle and Gift Service 11am
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Carol Singing 6pm Village Hall. This year we are being joined by the scouts but we do need more adult voices. Please come and join us.
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** Nine Lessons and Carols 4.30 pm
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December** Holy Communion 10.30 am

### Local events

First Friday of each month - 10:30am to 12noon - Coffee Morning in the Village Hall  
Mondays - 10am to 11am - Keep Fit in the Village Hall  
15 November - Kettleburgh Quiz Night (booking essential)  
13 December - Christmas Tree Lighting (5:30pm at the Village Hall)  
24 December - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (St Andrew's)  
12 February - Parish Council Meeting  
14 June - Kettleburgh Fete (advanced notice)

See the 'Events' diary on the website or the village notice board for more details.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## **Report from Kettleburgh Parish Council**

The business of the Council continues much as normal. Our duty to clean the bus shelter has been resolved by contracting window cleaner Carl Clow to wash the windows and by resident Linda Sims volunteering to keep an eye on rubbish in the shelter. Please report any issues to the Clerk.

An idea to provide storage for village assets, in a secure location and that could be used by local groups, was discussed in detail but after deciding that support from those organisations was important for the project and the Clerk contacting them, no positive responses have been received.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, with refreshments served from 7:15pm. You are most welcome to attend.

*Martin Sims*

## **A new voice for communities in Suffolk**

Healthwatch Suffolk is local voices influencing and shaping local health and social care services. It finds out what you think about your services and then uses those views to shape and improve them because the best services are built around the needs and experiences of the people that use them. It will also provide information and signposting to help you navigate the health and social care system and understand what to do when things go wrong.

As a powerful and independent consumer champion, Healthwatch Suffolk has the strength of the law and the national influence of Healthwatch England behind it. The people who run and pay for health and care services must respond to its concerns explaining what action they will take, or why they are not taking action.

### **How can you be involved?**

You can become a member for free and receive the newsletter. Most importantly however you can tell Healthwatch Suffolk about your experiences of health and social care services so that it can challenge them or encourage continued good service. It is independent which means you can have confidence and be honest when sharing your views. You do not have to be a member to comment.

Healthwatch Suffolk has been given the role to listen and the power to significantly influence change within the health and social care system. It gets your voice heard where it matters; where decisions are made. To find out more and have your say now you can contact the team on 01449 703949, follow Healthwatch Suffolk on Twitter (@hwsuffolk), visit [www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk) or send an email to [info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk).

You can also send Healthwatch Suffolk your views by Freepost (no stamp required). Simply write the following address onto your envelope and post it: Freepost RTEC-ZGLG-GYLE, Healthwatch Suffolk, 12&13 Norfolk House, Williamsport Way, Needham Market, Suffolk, IP6 8RW

## **1st Deben Valley Scout Group**

Our Group is made up of all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who meet in Kettleburgh and Earl Soham village halls. We follow the UK Scout Association's rules and badge scheme, but we aren't funded by them. We are run entirely by local volunteers. If anyone would like to help, we would be glad to hear from you!

We run the Group on a shoestring, aiming to just break even, especially in these times of austerity when many rural families are struggling. Over the winter our schedule includes many indoor and outdoor games, handicrafts, compass work and map reading, safe use of axes and saws, choosing wood for campfires, making bivouacs, practicing for a District Cooking competition and many other useful skills.

We are very fortunate in the generosity of local landowners who allow us places to run activities, store equipment and even camp overnight! We are also fortunate in having a village green as it is a wonderful place to run around and let off steam. The wild flower area and pond provide excellent opportunities for nature-based activities and it is great to get outside in this way. We often take walks around the village; using torches on winter evenings, notching up "hikes away" badges as we go. These are very exciting adventures for the children and we hope that readers don't feel that we make too much noise.

Because of our rural situation, some of our Scouts are from surrounding villages and we meet mainly in term times, so it can be difficult to get involved with community events. Readers may have seen us at the village fete with our hand-made "fish" and the pub has kindly offered that we can access the river there in future. Over summer, we received many kind comments about planters which the Scouts put outside the village hall. The children planted the seeds, pricked out the seedlings, made the planters, and then planted them up; gaining a badge in the process. Readers may also recognize several children and adults from the Group in the Panto each year; helping to raise funds for the village hall. If anyone has further ways that young Scouts could get involved with our community, then please let us know.

At present, we are looking for more children aged 10½ to 14 years to join our Scout meetings on Monday nights from 7pm to 8.30pm at Kettleburgh village hall. The cost is £30 per term and the uniform is a green shirt, which you sew badges on when you earn them. To find out more contact Ray—Tel: 723657. Also, our joint Beaver/Cub meeting (ages 5½ to 10½) is run immediately before Scouts, contact Steve - Tel: 723712.

*Julie Lovett*

## **County & District Council Contact Details**

If you need to contact the County or District Council with a comment or complaint, the following contact details may be useful:

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SCDC: 01394 444000

In both cases, your comments will be directed to the relevant department.