

Village Hall News

THEATRICAL SUCCESS IN KETTLEBURGH! 4-6 FEBRUARY 2010

Once more The Kettleburgh Players rose to the challenge in their second production, Jack And The Beanstalk. There was much fun and laughter - and the audience appeared to enjoy it as well! The producers would like to thank everybody who helped in any way at all in making it such a success. A profit of some £900 has gone into the village hall funds as a result of all your efforts. Thank you.

Robert and Liz Marzetti

Thank you too to the producer and director Robert and Liz

If you have been into the kitchen recently, you may have noticed the new door which provides improved access to the area outside at the back of the hall.

Gritting Bins

Hopefully the need for grit on the roads has passed for this year. The Parish Clerk would however be pleased to hear from anyone willing to act as a volunteer grit spreader. At present there are grit heaps at the top and bottom of School Hill on the Framlingham Road. If you feel there are any other locations where a grit heap would be useful, please let the Clerk know.

Website—Shop Local page

A new page on the website will be appearing shortly. It will feature all kinds of businesses and facilities available locally. Accommodation, produce of all kinds, gardeners, decorators, computing, catering, home help, sporting and leisure facilities, financial advice, requirements for pets...

If you would like an entry on the page, please contact the Parish Clerk—723623 or email: pc@kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

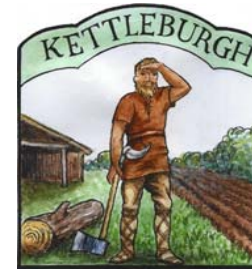
This is a free service, which will hopefully encourage people to make use of what is available locally.

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Another fantastic year of charitable fundraising

Ron and Debbie at the Chequers Inn, Kettleburgh are due some recognition and a vote of thanks for their ongoing fundraising efforts throughout the year. 2009 culminated in a superb effort during Christmas and New Year raising a staggering total of £657.90. The Christmas draw, with 13 prizes headed by a microwave oven raised £230 for Sue Ryder, the Sloe Gin Afternoon (a relaxed competition!) raised £161.40 shared equally between the Air Ambulance and St Elizabeth's Hospice and finally the New Year's raffle and festivities raised £266.50 for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust. This is not just a sterling effort, it's also fun too, so be sure to join in during 2010!

Patrick Garland & Trevor Jessop



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Report from the January Parish Council Meeting

Kettleburgh Parish Councillors met on Wednesday 13 January. There were five parishioners and our County Councillor Peter Bellfield present.

Peter Bellfield's report:

· Gritting: the recent spell of snowy weather and icy roads has challenged the provision of adequate salt and grit on our roads. Two occasions when gritting did not take place on the A12 (a priority 1 route) were noted and with the national salt shortage, only priority 1 roads would be gritted. Concern was expressed about the treacherous state of pavements in Framlingham: there is a need to lobby Central Government to override the current fears of being sued if a pavement has been treated and an accident occurs. SCC has discussed the possibility of donating gritting bins to parishes, so that named volunteers can spread grit. Any grit heaps that need replacing should be notified to SCC.

· Audit Commission assessment: Suffolk is a 3* Council, is the only County to be awarded three Green Flags and has been shortlisted for an award for creating the greenest county.

· Pension fund: the current deficit on the SCC pension fund would need a 31% employer contribution to maintain levels, but with new criteria for assessment, there should be little or no change in the SCCs contribution.

· Council tax: the SCC portion of council tax will show an increase of less than 3%

PCSO Christian Hassler's report

· From 11 November to 12 January there were three reported crimes in the Kettleburgh area: Distraction burglary on 15 December, Criminal damage to a hedge on 15 December and further damage to same hedge on 28 December.

· During speed checks conducted in The Street on 10 December between 12:55 and 13:55, two verbal warnings and one fixed penalty notice were issued.

· Crime Prevention Advice: Check and verify any unknown callers. Ask for ID and verify before allowing anyone unknown in. A large sum of money was recently stolen by a man posing as a police officer checking for counterfeit bank notes.

Traffic Calming: Councillors studied the proposals prepared by Luke Barber at SCC Highways for specific traffic calming measures in Kettleburgh. It was agreed that these proposals be accepted. Cllr Durbin will ask if measures to highlight traffic speed along The Street (buff road surface on either side of 30m.p.h. roundels) and a further 'gate' on the Framlingham Road can be included in the proposal. The SID speeding checks will be reinstated on 15 February, with more sophisticated measuring equipment in use.

The precept for 2010/11 was set at £2,800, a decrease of £400 from the current year. The Band D equivalent tax base for Kettleburgh will decrease from £30.69 in 2009-10 to £26.41 for 2010-11.

Clerk's Report:

a) Footpath in The Street: Paperwork detailing revised costings for the shorter footpath from Lings Field to Honeysuckle Cottage show a cost of £50,000. With a priority listing of 160th, there is a wait of around 25 years for its implementation.

b) Phone box: the lower front panel of glass has been smashed. This has been reported to BT. With poor mobile reception in Kettleburgh, the phone box still serves a useful purpose.

d) 7 Church Road: Councillors agreed that a similar licence to the present one on the land to the rear of 7 Church Road could be granted to new owners of the property.

Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2010

19 May 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 and make your views known.

Dates for next year's meeting will be published following the May Meeting.

Parish Questionnaire – Annual Parish Meeting—Wednesday 12 May

Your Councillors have been analysing the questionnaire results and will be reporting to the Annual Parish Meeting on 12 May. You will be able to find out more about:

- The demographics of the village
- The latest on the issue of traffic calming
- Planning & local services
- Public transport
- Communication
- Mobile library
- Sports facilities
- Children's activities
- Good Neighbour Scheme

Reports from all local organisations will be presented as in recent years, but as the questionnaire report and discussion will form the main part of the meeting, they will not be read out, but they will be combined into an Annual Report which will be printed by kind arrangement of Cllr Jessop and will be available for all households.

You will receive an invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting, but please put the date in your diary now.

Councillor Resignation

With the resignation from the Council of Gwenda Weeks, it is necessary to co-opt a new Councillor. Thank you to Gwenda for all her work as a Councillor over the past two years.

Mobile Shop

There is a possibility that a local entrepreneur will start to visit Kettleburgh with a mobile shop. It is hoped that visits will be on Fridays, and that the time will coincide with our monthly coffee mornings. Items available will include fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy produce, groceries and household items. Further information, when available, will be posted on the notice board and the website.