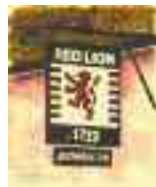


Kenninghall News

Issue 207

February 2018

Café Church



Ploughman's Lunch

Saturday 3rd February

at

The Red Lion

12noon

Tickets: £8(Adults)

£4 (Primary age)





A Prayer from South Africa

On The Wings Of Prayer

On the wings of prayer
 Our burdens take flight
 And our load of care
 Becomes bearably light,

And our heavy hearts are lifted
 above

To be healed by the balm
 Of God's wonderful love,
 And the tears in our eyes
 Are dried by the hands
 Of a loving Father
 Who understands
 All our problems,
 Our fears and despair,
 When we take them to him
 On the wings of prayer.

*Blessings
 Keith*

Tel: 01953 888533

Services at St Mary's

for February

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| Sunday 4th | 11am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 11th | 11am | Family Service, something special, see separate Notice |
| Sunday 18th | 11am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 25th | 11am | Service of the Word |

Local Priest and Pub Landlady to swap jobs!

On Sunday 11th February at 11am, Mandy of the Red Lion will be leading the Family Service at St. Mary's and afterwards Canon Lorraine will be pulling a few pints (or trying to!) in the pub.

Why not come along and see how we both get on –it should be fun!

Needles & Natter

Do you sew, knit, crochet, (or would you like to learn), or just like a chat? Perhaps you have just retired or moved to Kenninghall? Why not come along and join our 'needles and natter' sessions. We meet on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm, at different homes, so if you would like to know more, please ring for further information.

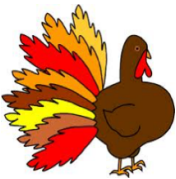


Avril 01953 888483

Turkey Thank You

Many thanks to all our turkey customers 2017. It is always good to see you all specially those we only see at Christmas; at least the weather was dry and not too cold and all turkeys ordered were collected which is not always the case!

Last Friday I had an email from Defra advising of bird flu in Dorset; thank goodness it didn't appear before Xmas!



I understand Easter is early this year and that is usually the time for ordering the day old chicks ready for next Christmas. Hopefully see you all then, it won't be long!

Thanks again from the Wood family

Useful telephone/email contacts:

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| Amblers: 01953 888343 or 888483 | Kings Ride GP Surgery: 01953 887208 |
| Carpet Bowls Club: 01379 687305 | Parish Council: 01953 716043 |
| Gardening Club Plus: 01953 888483 | Playing Field : 01953 716043 |
| K'hall Lands' Trust: 01953 888117 (email) lands-trust@kenninghall.org.uk | Red Lion Bowls Club: 01953 887566 |
| Kenninghall Morris: 01953 888291 | St Mary's Bell Ringers: 01953 888117 |
| K'hall Pre-Schl Nursery: 01953 888048 | The Red Lion pub: 01953 887849 |
| K'hall Primary School: 01953 887286 | The White Horse: 01953 887855 |

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Our regular members outings are very popular. We have trips to the seaside, garden centres, shopping trips, boat trips and pub lunches.

If you would like to find out more about the great service we provide please call us on 01379 854800 or visit our website www.borderhoppa@btconnect.com



Tower News

Kenninghall bellringers had our usual busy Christmas and New Year; we must have been ringing in the New Year for nearly 25 years now, although with modern double glazing not many may have heard us!

Before Christmas we had three visiting teams of ringers - we are blessed with a very good set of eight bells, which are easy to ring so are very popular with other teams.

We also heard of the sad death of our previous captain, Norman Groves, who did so much for the Kenninghall bells and also was a keen ringer in many of the other churches in South Norfolk. He was a member of a team calling themselves the 1066 Wanderers who rang at Bressingham, BloNorton and both the Lophams, up and down the A1066. Members of Kenninghall and the old 1066 Wanderers went up to Sheffield to his funeral. His wit and wisdom shall be sadly missed.

Pip Whittle



Past Meeting:

On Thursday 14th December a Christmas Meal was enjoyed by 27 members at the Inn On The Green at New Buckenham.

Future Meetings:

Our first meeting of 2018 will be the **AGM on Thursday 1st February at 7.30pm** in Kenninghall Church. The meeting will be followed by a Quiz with wine and cheese. Members will be able to collect a programme of meetings and garden visits planned for the spring and summer.

We will also be holding our annual **Plant Stall on Saturday 5th May**, so please remember when sowing seeds, potting on plants or taking cuttings this Spring to grow some for our stall.

What should we be doing in our gardens?

For February:

Buy your annual flower and vegetable seeds before the popular ones run out;
Prepare vegetable plots and sow some vegetables like broad beans and peas under cloches;
Start off sweet peas in pots - remember to soak seeds to help germination;
Get your greenhouse ready to sow seeds for annual flowers and tomatoes, but resist sowing for a few weeks unless you have an electric propagator;
Chit some early potatoes;
Prune winter flowering shrubs after flowers have finished;
Cut back ornamental grasses;
Divide and replant snowdrops after flowering but when leaves are still green;
Keep putting out food and water for the birds.

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Kenninghall Parish Council (KPC) News December 2017/January 2018

December and January Chair

Thank you very much to Brian for chairing the (very timely!) December and January meetings.

Parish Councillor vacancy

In the December meeting, three candidates each gave a short presentation with a view to being co-opted in to the councillor vacancy. It was decided to invite Roy Arthurton to join the KPC. We would like to thank the other two candidates for taking the time to present to us.

Norman Groves

Former Parish Councillor, Norman Groves, passed away recently. The KPC would like to pass on our condolences to his family. He made a great contribution to the village and will be missed.

Commemorative bench

Pip Whittle will be designing and building the commemorative bench to remember Steve Gordon. Pip will be making it out of solid oak and will be similar in style to those in the wood. Pip states these benches tend to be 'bullock proof'. So, quite robust then! A plaque will be placed on the bench.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

A meeting is due later in January 2018 and any updates will be discussed in a future KPC meeting.

Traffic monitoring equipment (SAM2)

The SAM2 is ready for delivery! We really do need more volunteers to move the equipment from one place to another. It will not take up too much time and would be a great help to the village. Please contact Jeremy Hall or the Parish clerk at kpcparishclerk@outlook.com if you are interested.

Village Hall update

At the December meeting, the trusses were on and the gable ends were being built. The roof will soon be covered. Latest completion date is April 2018...

Bike parking

As previously mentioned, the planned location for the bike racks in the market place is no longer viable. There should be provision for bike parking available at the village hall.

Playing field

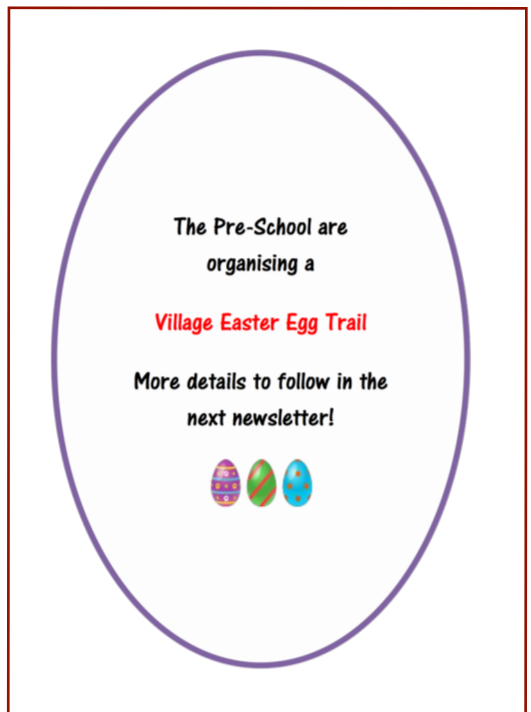
The roundabout should soon be removed. It has been decided not to update any of the equipment as a new playground should be placed near the new village hall, which will be more up-to-date, safer and easier to keep an eye on. One of the playing field's benches is charred where a vandal set fire to it. We will look to see if any funding is available to put in another bench or two.

Potholes

There are several areas of potholes in the village. Apparently, Highways regularly inspect the roads with a view to establishing the severity of the potholes. KPC will contact Breckland to see exactly what their schedule of repairs are.

Roads - white lines

White lines in village locations will not be reinstated. It is deemed safer not to have white lines in village locations as it apparently slows the speed of traffic and makes drivers more cautious. The KPC has no influence on the reinstatement of these lines and it is a national policy to reduce white line usage in more rural locations. This type of measure is called a 'self explaining road' (SER) and is designed, alongside other measures, like changing the surface type of roads, to encourage



safer driving behaviours.

Do you use the Borderhoppa?

Do any of you use this service? The Borderhoppa is a not-for-profit charity that provides transport services in the local area. We have had some correspondence from the company and are not aware of anyone who uses the service. If you do, can you let us know? Please contact a councillor or the clerk - details on the parish council website.

Kenninghall to Diss bus service to be discontinued

The bus company, Coachways, who provide the Saturday Attleborough to Diss (via Kenninghall) service (NC1) is discontinuing it from 28th February 2018. NCC has supported this service and are disappointed that Coachways has decided to stop the service. NCC are *'considering if it is viable to continue to support a level of service with another operator either in full, in part or not at all as other options may exist'*. KPC will be offering their feedback to NCC that it is disappointed the service is being discontinued.

WWI Commemorative Fund

2018 will be the centenary of the end of the First World War and there is a fund available to help commemorate it. Information has been forwarded to the Village Hall Committee and the primary school to see if there are any community projects or events for which they may wish to apply for funding.

Beware - theft of oil

Norfolk Constabulary has reminded residents in the area to secure their oil tanks as there has been an increase in oil thefts. They advise keeping an eye on oil levels, securing oil tanks with suitable locking devices and installing security lighting and CCTV.

Contact us

If you have an issue or a concern you would like to raise please contact a Parish Councillor or the Clerk at least three days prior to KPC meeting (contact details on the village notice board and at <http://www.parish-council.com/>)

Leigh Sturgeon

Councillor, Kenninghall Parish Council

leigh117@btinternet.com

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PUDDING EVENING

AT

THE RED LION

(LEEK & POTATO SOUP / PUDDING / PINT OR GLASS OF WINE)

Saturday 10th February - 7.30pm

Tickets £10



Tickets available from The Red Lion – OR Telephone Ali 07785518987



Norfolk and Norwich **NHS**
University Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust



Kenninghall Morris

New members are always welcome and if you wish to join, or simply want more information, please contact us on 01953 888291.

We look forward to seeing you watch us or, even better, dance with us!



WE WANT YOU!

Kenninghall Morris' first outing for 2018 will be at Halesworth Day of Dance on Saturday March 17th between 11am and 5pm. Why not come along and see as we dance with a goodly number of other local sides.

The practice season is underway but it is still not too late to join us. Anyone is welcome to come along as a dancer or musician. We currently practice on Thursdays at Hinderclay Village Hall from 7:30 'til 9pm. Call Pete on 01953 888291 for more information.



A big Thank You to everyone who supported Kenninghall Pre-School Nursery's Christmas raffle.

We made an amazing £723!

This will go towards the new building fund

These fundraisers wouldn't be successful without the support of parents, carers, local businesses and the wider community.

We thank you!

LETTERS

Blackout restrictions lifted...

I wasn't really aware of it, but I now realise wartime restrictions on showing lights after dark have been lifted at long last. The new 15 kilowatt light pole gracing the church tower (over the Christmas period) is obviously setting the standard; one would hope our noisy American friends at Lakenheath will appreciate the new glide slope indicator to their runway from the east .

And, by the way, I was getting more than a little concerned at the numbers of dead birds surrounding the tower this winter, having brained themselves on its exquisite flint work; now that the RSPB approve of the new vertical light pole, one would hope bird mortality will now diminish.

'And storied windows richly dight...
casting a dim religious light.' (Milton)

Your brother in feathers,

Donald Canard

Grateful Thanks

February is already upon us - how time flies... Christmas in the Courtyard seems a long time ago but we wanted to thank everyone for their support, donations and attendance. We raised the grand sum of £667 which will be added to the already fantastic monies

raised by Kenninghall Kicking Cancer.

Thank you to everyone involved - a list that would take up too much space in just the one issue but I hope you all know who you are and that we're very grateful to all villagers and local businesses who supported the event. We do need to say a special thank you to our neighbours in the Courtyard because without their kind permission, the event wouldn't be possible.

Here's to this year's event and start crossing your fingers for the weather...

Kirsty and Sandy

Christmas Giving Thank You

What an amazing amount of donations we received from our requests for folk less blessed than ourselves.

We had a lovely collection of Toys and Tins which Lucy Wood very kindly delivered to the Salvation Army in Diss, they were very grateful and hope to see us this year!

Our handy deliverer, John Hill had to make two trips to Norwich with his car laden with clothing, bedding and food for the night shelter, they were very pleased with it all including the

bedding as folk sleeping on the streets are grateful for blankets and quilts etc and for the dog blankets! There is an official thank you letter in the shop with more information about their work.

Especial thanks to Margie from Street Farm House who inherited the use of her front porch for a collection point when she bought the house from the Groves! Thank you Margie for honouring the tradition.

Last but by no means least we collected £40 for Nelson's Journey from the Christmas tree labels in the Church, thanks to Valerie Honey who organised the labels and has passed on the money.

A wonderful effort I think you will agree, hopefully we can repeat this for Christmas 2018 so please keep these good causes in mind during the year if you have any suitable treasures!

Anne Wood
Churchwarden.

Positivity from The Dam

When you read this I will have passed my 63d birthday (I know I don't look it but honestly I have) and I will have become even older and wiser than I was before and it is with the benefit of mature reflection that I have decided to say something nice about the government for a change.

In spite of the fact that twenty months after the referendum I am still waiting to hear if I'm going to be turfed out of

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All Welcome



this country in a year or two, irregardless of the fact that I have lived here for some 46 years and was just beginning to think of England as my home, I am determined to occasionally take an optimistic view of things.

So when The Prime Minister decided to mark the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration by inviting a guest to number 10, while the anniversary (the 71st) and the guest (a chap called Benjamin Netanyahu) seem a bit incongruous, I nevertheless welcomed and applauded her initiative.

When Lady Eve Balfour declared that the soil should be regarded as a living

organism and maintained in the best possible health so that it might sustain healthy crops with good nutritional values, she was instrumental in founding the Soil Association and was as it were the midwife at the birth of the organic movement.

She inspired generations of farmers to look for a way of producing wholesome food without having to resort to a cocktail of chemicals and while it is baffling that a foreign politician should be invited to celebrate this 71st anniversary I am delighted that her important work is remembered and celebrated at Number 10.

With regard to the proper stewardship of the land, I am regularly stopped in the street by farmers who want to know how they should reduce the extent to which they are poisoning the land. Only the other day one of our local farmers asked me what he could do to persuade the public that farming is still a respectable business even though the ground, the water courses and even the food we eat are polluted with neonicotinoids and glyphosate and now that the nitrates have reached the very water we drink.

Crops were already slow to get fertilised because the honey-bees had nearly all succumbed to the nicotine habit and now it turns out that fungicides such as Chlorothalonil are responsible for a steep decline in bumble bees. Bees are responsible for fertilizing three quarters of our food crops so this is no trifling matter. Roundup (once marketed as safe

enough to drink) has been proven to be carcinogenic and traces of it can be found in all the (non-organic) bread we eat and there are traces of neonics in 75% of honey sampled.

Neither does it help when our dear little village is regularly enveloped in a nauseating cloud of avian skin, feather and faecal particulates, causing the more sensitive ones among us a great deal of discomfort.

The chap was genuinely quite upset but I regret I could offer no advice other than to convert to organic methods. The addiction to chemicals is something I have always steered clear of (preferring natural herbs) so I have no idea how difficult it can be to wean oneself off the hard stuff but my guess is that once wedded to the notion that we can fight nature and win, it is likely to be near impossible to come round and admit that living in harmony with nature is the better option.

Never has there been a greater need to lock carbon up in the soil but instead, the soil is being eroded and compacted and organic matter is at an all-time low, leading to soil erosion and what are called the 'Norfolk Browns'; Dust storms where the very stuff that might support the crops for future generations is blowing out to sea. All because the wise words of Lady Eve were ignored by successive governments.

Let's hope this government will show more sense and promote organic management in future.

Il Presidente

PS:

I went to the doctor the other day and he asked what caused the pain and I mentioned sitting and standing and walking and I told him even lying in bed sometimes caused discomfort and I mentioned sharp pains if I rotated on my standing leg or if I bent down to pick something up off the floor and he suggested I should stop doing whatever made it hurt so now I know!

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(which we would sell in aid of KKC)

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Not all may make it to the finished article, but we will endeavour to include as many as we can 😊

 **Priscilla Bacon Lodge
Support Group**

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Christmas Night Shelter Collection

Thanks to all who kindly donated so generously to this years collection. It was such a success that I had to make two trips! The Organisers were particularly pleased with the duvets, sleeping bags, warm coats and boots, especially as the weather has been so cold recently. Many potential recipients were eyeing items already, as they helped me take them into the Hostel!

Thanks also, on behalf of Lucy, for the Christmas card collection cash, which was also gratefully received.

It all helps to support those who help people in the community in real need, and they greatly appreciate your kindness, especially at Christmas. Let's have an even bigger collection for this unsung Charity next year!



John Hill

Friends of St Mary's Church News

Thank you to everyone who was so generous this Christmas with not only money, but time, donations for the Night Shelter and the ~Radio Norfolk Toys and Tins Appeal. We also had a tremendous result from the Christmas Bazaar followed by a successful January Café Church. Well done all of you!

We are planning a busy 2018, so below you will find some dates to mark in your diaries/calendars.

Firstly, we are holding a 'Ploughman's Lunch at the Red Lion on Saturday 3rd February, starting at 12 noon to be held instead of Café Church. Tickets at the door (see separate notice for full details).

Dates for your diaries:

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|-----------------------|--|
| Saturday 3rd February | Ploughman's Lunch at the Red Lion (Ticket £8.00 each - £4.00 for primary school age) |
| Saturday 3rd March | Café Church |
| Saturday 7th April | Café Church + extra event from Kenninghall Kicking Cancer (see separate notice) |
| Saturday 5th May | Café Church + Kenninghall Gardening Club Plant Stall |
| Saturday 2nd June | Summer Fete and Flower Festival |



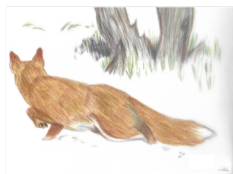
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Contact Peter Smith, Chairman, 01953 688203 or email as above

Village Christmas Card

£109.72 was raised from the card this year. A huge thank you to everyone who signed it and made their donation to the Norwich Night Shelter. Would anyone like to take over from me? It is not a difficult task. John Hill takes either a cheque or the cash up to the shelter after Christmas. Please let me know if you are interested.

Thanks

Lucy

The Red Lion



East Church Street, Kenninghall, NR16 2EP

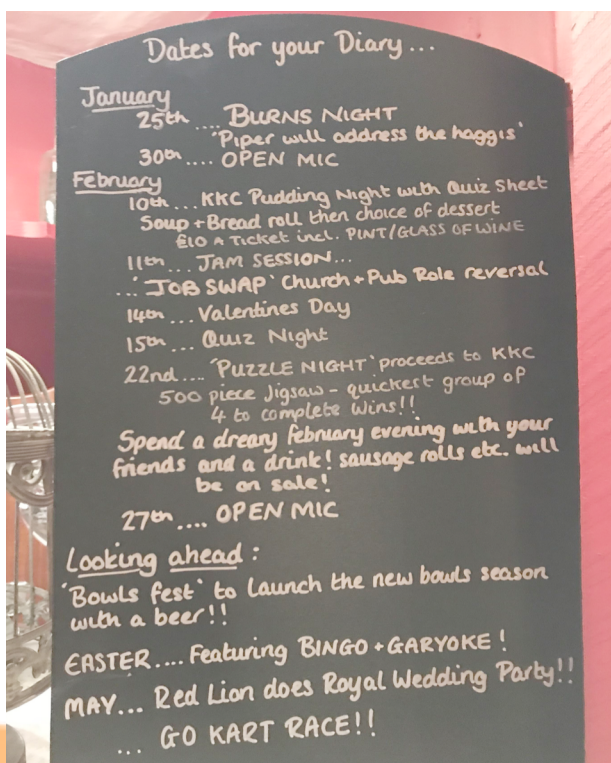
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Diary Dates

for February



Candlemas Day
2nd February

Bin Collections



February

1st (G); 8th (B); 15th (G); 22nd (B)



Kenninghall Amblers

The next walk will take place on Thursday 15th February, although the location is still to be decided. If you are interested, or require any further information about the walks/group, please ring Sylvie on **01953 888343**.

We will probably leave the Market Place at 10am (car sharing where possible) and after the walk we will have lunch at a convenient hostelry near the chosen walk.

Mobile Library



Stops

- 10.05am – 10.25am, Market Square
- 10.30am – 10.50am, Church Layby
- 11am – 11.20am, School Close

Dates

- Friday 2nd February

The Kenninghall Noticeboard

St Mary's Bell Ringers' Practices



February: 7th, 14th, 21st,
28th

Kenninghall Morris



See page 10 for details of practices and dances

Carpet Bowls Club



We meet on Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Always looking for new members to join.

If you are interested please contact Gerald on **01379 687305**

Parish Council Meeting

February: 6th

Ploughman's Lunch

February: 3rd
(see front page)

Kenninghall Gardening Club *Plus*

February: 1st
AGM and quiz
(see page 5)

Pudding Evening

February: 10th
(see page 9)

Jigsaw Evening

February: 22nd
(see page 26)

Kenninghall Woods Workparty

February: 14th
(see page 29)

KENNINGHALL KICKING CANCER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Pudding Club Evening - Saturday 10th February (The Red Lion)

Jigsaw Evening - Thursday 22nd February (The Red Lion)

Easter Bingo - Thursday 29th March (The Red Lion)



Bake Off - Saturday 7th April (St Marys)

**Get your baking tins out - Further details
next month**

**Events at Redgrave and Lopham Fen, nr Bressingham, IP22 2HX
February 2018**

Regular events

Wildlife Watch Group

Saturdays 10 February 10.30am-12.30pm

A club for 6-12 year olds, £2

Contact: marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com

or call 01379 688333

Guided fen walk

Saturday 3 February, 10.30am-1pm

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist, John Hill

£4 meet at the Education Centre; no booking required

Time to paint

Friday 23 February, 10am-2pm

Bring some artwork and join like-minded people in a relaxed, informal setting

£5 donation, includes tea/coffee and cake or biscuits

All welcome, no need to book

Contact: Deborah Key 01379 688333

Special events

Adult course: Beekeeping workshop

Saturday 3 Feb, 10am-4pm

With experienced local beekeeper, Michael Doy

£25, booking essential

Adult course: Marmalade masterclass

Sunday 4 Feb, 10am-3pm

With local master preserver, Janet Peachey

£25 + £7 on day for ingredients & jars

Booking essential

Volunteer recruitment morning

Wed 7 Feb, 10am-12noon

Find out about volunteering at the Fen & Knettishall Heath

No booking necessary

Adult course: Two colour woodblock printmaking

Thursday 8 Feb, 10am-4pm

With artist Glenn Holman

£35, including materials

Booking essential

Children's activity: Super furry animals

Tuesday 13 Feb, 10am-2pm

For unaccompanied 6-10 year olds

£7, booking essential

Family activity: Nest box building

Wednesday 14 Feb,

2pm-4pm

£6 per box, booking essential



Teens: Young naturalists

Thursday 15 Feb, 10am-2pm

Seasonal wildlife identification skills

For 11-15 year olds

£7, booking essential

**Activity day for home-educated children**

Tuesday 27 Feb,

10.30am-2.30pm

For 5-9 year olds

£7 per child, booking essential

Birds, whales & more in New Zealand

Tuesday 27 Feb, 7.30pm

Evening talk with Valley Fens Wildlife Group

£2 per person (includes refreshments)

All welcome, no need to book

For further details and to book, visit www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org or call 01473 890089

We have to stay open!

£100,000 needed to save popular Kenninghall Pre-School Nursery

Our popular pre-school could need about £100,000 to replace its crumbling 25-year-old mobile building - or risk having to close for good.

The pre-school nursery provides a vital service to working parents in the village, who might not otherwise have time to take their children elsewhere. It has spent its whole quarter of a century lifespan in the same mobile classroom on the grounds of Kenninghall Primary, which is less durable than a brick building and has long been showing signs of wear and tear.

We are at a point where a survey has been done and it has not got a long shelf life left," said pre-school chairman Heidi Glendenning. "The scenario at the moment is that if the building were to fall down tomorrow, we'd be stuck. We have no other facilities to move the pre-school to. We have to stay open."



South West Norfolk MP Elizabeth Truss visited the pre-school on Friday, January 12 to support the fundraising campaign.

Mrs Glendenning said the pre-school desperately needs more space including a quiet area, disabled access and a bigger outside space, adding: "It's better for their learning. It's just a better environment for them. We'd like to offer more facilities but in a mobile classroom we just can't do that."

Organisers estimate that they will need somewhere in the region of £100,000, although the final total will depend on where they can build as

well as the size and type of building they go for.

“We’re talking about various options,” said Mrs Glendenning. “We’re in the village and we’re heavily relied on by parents round here. Some families share a car and can walk to the pre-school. It’s really important for the village to keep the pre-school.”

Fundraisers will pursue grant money but said it is likely donations will also be needed from the public.

It also plans to hold fundraising events.

Anyone who is interested in helping Kenninghall Pre-School and Nursery’s campaign should email Mrs Glendenning on hdawno@hotmail.co.uk



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To arrange a visit or for more information
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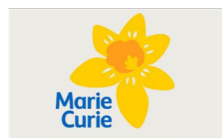
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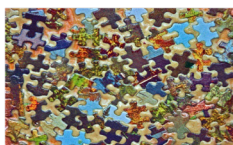
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Tree News by Lucy Whittle

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Christmas this year. Not so for some people sadly.

Two founder members of Kenninghall Lands Trust and the resulting committee have passed away this last month.

On 23rd November Norman Groves passed away whilst sitting at his computer. A terrible shock for Anne but a wonderful way to go. And Peter Francis died on 23rd December at home, also a terrible shock for Shirley. Twenty one years ago Norman and Anne helped me put an exhibition on in the church about the changing countryside in the parish in particular hedgerows. We called the exhibition "Hedges, Past, Present and Future". It was very well received and won an award from Breckland District Council and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England. Anne and Norman concentrated on the importance of birds in the countryside and their role in enhancing it, and the different variety of birds living in hedgerows.

Norman and Anne played a huge role in the village, being involved in many other things apart from the Lands Trust, which I will not go into here. They were amongst the prime movers who instigated Kenninghall Wood, which was planted in November 1999 to mark the Millennium. They spent hours painting sticks for marking out which tree went where, for example black for oak, yellow for hornbeam etc. I think they probably painted getting on for 1500, roping in help from their grandchildren, who still remember doing it. They were both a tower of strength and inspiration and kept me going when I flagged. They attended every meeting with good ideas and enthusiasm to get whatever task they took on done. Without them we would not have our lovely woods today. I will miss Norman very much but will stay in close touch with Anne by telephone.

After planting Kenninghall Wood in November 1999 we got a taste for planting woodland so I approached the owner of what is now Hemp Meadow Wood and wore him down until he gave in and agreed to sell it. In the meantime Peter Francis and a number of other people had the idea of establishing a

Trust whose sole purpose was to enhance the countryside in our parish. Kenninghall Lands Trust was created after much thought and hard work by all who were involved, including Norman and Peter. Norman decided not to become a trustee but Peter Francis became our Treasurer until recently, when Anne Wood took over. Peter suffered from ill health for many years but he too kept involved with the Trust, attending most meetings. He stepped down from his position as Treasurer at the last AGM in May. Coming from a financial background he was most thorough in his book keeping and had a hard job keeping us all in order.

So, two founder members have passed away but they will not be forgotten. Their names are beautifully written in our Founders Book which is kept in the church for all to read. If you have not seen or read this book do, if you have time, glance through it. It is a piece of history. It is in a wooden box, unlocked, on the table by the War Memorial, take it out and have a read.

What a sad year in many ways it has been with the passing of our wonderful and dedicated Parish Council Chairman, Steve Gordon, and now Norman Groves who never said an unkind word about anyone, and Peter Francis whose generosity helped enable the purchase of the land now known as Hemp Meadow Wood.

RIP

We are looking for someone who could make a plan of the Orchard. Maybe an aerial view, or a sketch, with the variety of trees written in beside each tree. It would be nice to put it up in the orchard for everyone to see. If there is anyone out there who would like more information before committing themselves then please get in touch with me or any other Trustee.

This is the time of year when the hazels are at their best. The catkins are beautiful hanging threads of gold and yellow - one stopped me in my tracks and I just had to stop and let it soak in to me. It is official..... it is alright to be mad about trees. Judi Dench, in a recent TV programme, turned sideways to the camera gave a giggle and said she had 2 passions. Trees and Champagne! I am right with you Judi!

It is the centenary of the end of the First World War this year and I feel it should not go unmarked..... well I would wouldn't I! It would be lovely to find somewhere to plant 100 oaks. Any offers or ideas where let me know.

Our hedge laying is going very well and we are on course to finish on Wednesday 14th February. Three kind people have come forward with offers of making soup or baking a cake for our workparties. There are many ways of helping without having to dig or weald an axe or chop brambles. Please get in

touch if you would like to make us a cake for the March party or any other month. Nothing fancy - we mustn't spoil them!

Sunday 21st January. Last hedge laying under tuition. Do come down anytime between 9.30 and 2.00 ish depending on the weather. Soup, cider and stollen.

Wednesday 14th February between 9.30-12.30

finishing hedge laying . We shall probably be weaving in the heatherings and planting up the gaps.

See you there.

Lucy

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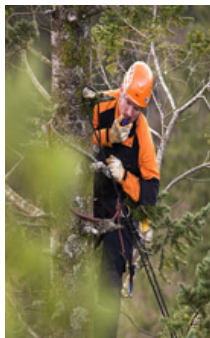
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