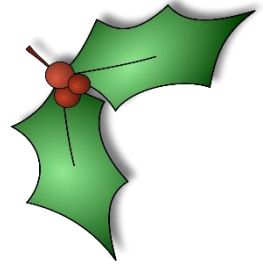


KETTINS NEWSLETTER



December 2020

We are nearly at the end of 2020 and what a challenging year it has been. Our small community rallied round and set up a community support group which brought together the Kettins Parish Hall, the Community Council and the Church volunteers. Shopping and prescriptions were collected and information was shared on all the things that people were needing. We then moved to the Wee Kettins Store which proved very popular, not just for groceries but fresh fruit, potatoes and produce from residents' gardens. As well a chance for a wee catch up, mostly in the sunshine. Following the announcements on Saturday 19th December, it looks like we have some challenging times still to come. If you are needing support on any of these things, the volunteers are still available to collect prescriptions etc. Email kettinscc@gmail.com or call John 01828 628169 or David and Sarah on 07775 791167.

Many of the usual activities have been stopped and any type of gatherings. This has been the hardest thing on our community, but as we do our daily walks or cycles there is the chance for a quick blether which is always welcome.



The pandemic has caused havoc with the timescale for the new building in Lindsay Park but many thanks to all the local contractors for getting the work finished in the end. We are just awaiting the completion certificate, which will be into January now, and then we can look to set an opening date. Of course, this will be a very limited programme at the moment but it is hoped to use the time to do some more research on current needs. We know that there is a desire for a Toddlers group, Youth club/group and an After School Club as well as requests for a yoga class and various craft classes. So that is where we shall start. The popular village lunch and coffee morning type events will recommence as soon as the COVID restrictions allow. So keep an eye on the noticeboards and facebook for any announcements. If you have an idea for a group, then please send it to kettinshub@gmail.com

How to make a booking

The calendar has been added to the website and so potential users will be able to see what days and times are available. You make an enquiry by calling 07546 278671 or emailing kettinshub@gmail.com. The booking form and full details are also on the website and can be downloaded and completed. www.kettins.org

SPONSOR A BRICK



It has been decided to continue the Sponsor a Brick campaign as we are still getting requests for the form and details can be found here <http://kettins.org/sponsor-a-brick/> Please remember to complete the Gift Aid if you are eligible. The design for the wall sign/brick board is flexible and so we can add more names as they come in. Many thanks to those that have already contributed to this.



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Kettins Parish Hall membership

Kettins Parish Hall is a membership organisation and we welcome members of the community that are interested in joining. There is no fee but we ask you to complete the form with your contact details. The AGM was held virtually in November and the office bearers were elected: Chairman – Russell Miller, Secretary – Alan Arundel, Treasurer – Douglas Rae, Committee Graham Bell, Cheryl Bisset, John Kettles, John McLean, Susan Smith. Kettinshub@gmail.com if you want a form

Kettins Parish Community Council



The Community Council usually holds a pensioners' party in December but of course it was not possible for this to go ahead this year. However, the community support group did not want our residents to miss out, so a plan was hatched. The 80 households that would have been invited to the party all received a Christmas bag delivered to their doors by the volunteers. Thanks to the volunteers and those that gathered the contents for the bags.



Ardler, Kettins and Meigle Church

The Church is not able to open this year for the usual nativity and watch night services. But those of you living in and around Kettins may wish to be aware that Sarah Cox has kindly offered to switch on the Church lights on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from 3.30pm to 8pm. That will be such a wonderful spectacle at Christmas time if you are out for a stroll/drive around the village just to see the beautiful stained glass windows from the outside with the lights shining from behind them. They really do look fantastic in the dark! Please note that the Guild are collecting stamps to support their chosen charity projects. So remember to keep all your stamps arriving on Christmas cards for the Guild Stamp Project! Get in contact if you have stamps that you wish to donate. Thanks you to Evelyn for the information.

News if you want to have news included in a future newsletter, then please email and we will include it.

Merry Christmas and we hope that you can enjoy this time safely.

Happy New Year when it comes and we look forward to a better 2021.



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