



The Village News



December 2023

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Parish Council Meetings December 2023

All meetings listed below take place in the Parish Council Offices, Marram Green.

Finance & Governance Committee:

- 10am, Wednesday 20th December

Planning & Highways Committee:

- 10am, Wednesday 13th December
- 10am, Wednesday 27th December

The dates and minutes of all the committee meetings are listed on the council website: www.kessinglandparishcouncil.co.uk.

The public and press are all legally entitled to attend such meetings & submit any questions relevant to the agenda.

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Message from the Chair, Ian Graham



The Village has had another very busy year, coming together for the coronation of King Charles the Third, with all the wonderful events put on by local groups and the Parish Council.

Also, in May we had our Parish Council Election with some long serving members stepping down to finally enjoy their well-deserved retirement. Special thanks go to Billy Nicholls and Barry Burdon, and welcome to our enthusiastic new councillors who have come on board.

There are many groups and individuals that I must take this opportunity to thank:

- Firstly, our dedicated litter pickers how do a fantastic job keep the village clean,
- Secondly, all of the people running groups in the village from Bingo to Lego, Knit and Natter to Baby Bounce & Tots Rock and all the others. For a full list please check the Parish Council Website.
- Thirdly, our District and Country Councillors and officers who work closely with the parish council.
- and lastly the local businesses, the new Owners of the Spar for their generosity, the community team at Morrisons who are always ready to help and, last but not least, our local Co-op.
- And of course, not forgetting our wonderful Library which is at the heart of our community.

Looking forward to the coming year we will be installing two benches along the promenade, one to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee and the other The Coronation, and we are also hoping to have a village fete alongside the Halloween and Christmas Trails.

I Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ian Graham,
Chair of Kessingland Parish Council



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Position Vacant

Kessingland Parish Council

Committees/Groups/Representatives



Kessingland Parish Council consists of 13 members, including a Chair and Vice-Chair
The Council has 7 committees which deal with different areas of Council business.

Climate, Culture, Community & Development Committee

Councillors:

R. De Brea, C. Cook, I. Graham,
A. Green, S. James, J. McLean,
B. Saunders, L. Truman

Events & Communications Committee

Councillors:

D. Boyle, C. Cook, J. McLean,
L. Truman, C. Carter

Emergency Planning Committee

Councillors:

D. Boyle, M. Dunne, A. Green,
S. James, J. McLean, C. Carter

Planning & Highways Committee

Councillors:

M. Dunne, I. Graham, A. Green,
B. Saunders, L. Truman, C. Carter,
N. Glendinning

Leisure & Amenities Committee

Councillors:

C. Cook, M. Dunne, J. McLean,
L. Truman, R. De Brea

Finance & Governance Committee

Councillors:

I. Graham, A. Green, J. McLean,
S. James, B. Saunders,
N. Glendinning

Personnel Committee

Councillors:

C. Cook, I. Graham, A. Green,
S. James, N. Glendinning

Kessingland Parish Council

Committees/Groups/Representatives



As well as sitting on its 7 Committees, some councillors take on designated responsibilities and others represent Kessingland on outside bodies. These are listed below:

Beach Wardens

North – Cllr D. Boyle
South – Cllr S. James

Hidden Needs Forum

Cllr D. Boyle, Cllr C. Cook,
Cllr J. McLean, Cllr L. Truman

Community Speed Watch & SID Co-ordinator

Position Vacant

Marsh Warden

Cllr D. Boyle
David Fox (Deputy)

Youth Culture Forum

Chair & Vice Chair of Council,
Cllr L. Truman, Cllr J. McLean

Kessingland in Need Trust

Cllr D. Boyle, Cllr L. Truman

East Suffolk Community Partnership

Cllr J. McLean, Parish Clerk

Kessingland Sports & Social Centre

Cllr C. Cook

Community Garden

Co-ordinator
Cllr J. McLean

Village & Beach Clean-Up

Co-ordinator
Cllr D. Boyle

Community Fridge

Cllr C. Cook, Cllr J. McLean,
Cllr L. Truman

Kessingland Events Group

All of Events Committee

Benacre & Kessingland Flood Group

Cllr M. Dunne

Compass Suite Trust

Cllr M. Dunne

Suffolk Bus Passenger Interest Group

Cllr A. Green

Suffolk Police

Cllr L. Truman

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Committee Clerk:
Debbie Blowers

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Senior Youth Leader:
Ryan George



Youth Leader:
Daniel Fisk



Cleansing Operative:
Ruth Hill



Cleansing Operative:
Niall McLean



General Factotum:
Paul Reed

District & County Councillors



County Councillor:
Michael Ladd

Michael has been the Suffolk County Council councillor for Kessingland & Southwold since 2013. He is currently the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee which is part of the arrangements for making sure the Council carries out its responsibilities properly and scrutinises the decisions of the cabinet and committees to ensure that procedure and the law have been properly followed.

Michael's other key role is liaising with his constituents and the parish councils that he represents, helping with matters relating to his role as a county councillor and raising matters with Suffolk County Council. Michael actively attends as many monthly Parish Council meetings as he can, and also takes an active involvement with the parish council's quarterly meetings with Suffolk County Councils Highways Department. Michael also is involved with the East Suffolk Carlton Colville, Kessingland and Southwold Community Partnership.

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Alan was appointed as the East Suffolk Councillor for Kessingland in the 2023 elections. He is also Chair of the Carlton Colville, Kessingland and Southwold Community Partnership.

Alan's other key role is liaising with his constituents and also Kessingland Parish Council, helping with issues relating to his role as a district councillor, and also representing Kessingland's views at district council level. Alan actively attends Parish Council meetings as well being involved in the Carlton Colville, Kessingland and Southwold Community Partnership.

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Alan Green



Councillor Surgery

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**1st Saturday of each month
from 10am until 12pm**

**Kittiwake Room
Marram Green (1st Floor)
Hall Road
Kessingland**

An opportunity for residents of Kessingland to come and chat with me about any concerns or queries they would like my help with.

ALL WELCOME



Surgery Dates for 2023:

2nd December

Kessingland Women's Institute



Kessingland WI has around 36 Inspiring Women members. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Kessingland Working Men's Club, starting at 7.30pm.

On our 9th November meeting we sang Jerusalem. We went through the Minutes of our 2022 annual meeting. It was proposed and seconded by members that we use an independent financial advisor.

KESSINGLAND W.I. REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE 2022/23

Our Annual Meeting November '22 was attended by 20 members and our Advisor Kate Peacher. Following the business part of the evening, social time was spent making marzipan fruits, with a coin vote deciding the winner.

Average attendance at our monthly meetings was 26 plus a good number of visitors, who we trust felt they were most welcome. Sadly, three of our members died during the year: Polly Piggott, Ivy Frost & Eve Durrant. We miss seeing them here with us.

At our meetings throughout the year, we have welcomed a variety of speakers & enjoyed varied entertainment. The talk about Medical Detection Dogs was very popular; we joined in songs with the Lowestoft Signing Choir; we could have listened to Mary Newton, forensic biologist, for much longer; Tony Brown, as ever, showed us amazing pictures he had taken of local flora & fauna, and our own Pauline Shipley got us moving with her usual enthusiasm. Our entertainer at Christmas was Stephen Amer who led us in some very enjoyable singing. Our Bloom of the Month and other competitions are usually well supported & we try to ring the changes with the latter, so we had 'a dog, in any medium', 'photo of a flower'; Chinese New Year was marked with a rabbit competition and our special Coronation celebration by a crown.

A vote was held to decide whether we should continue to sing 'Jerusalem' at the beginning of our meetings. A majority voted in favour.

Social events have been a soup, scone & pud evening and two fish, chip, and beetle evenings and an afternoon of kurling. Outings have been to the Lowestoft Players to the pantomime, 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame', & '9 to 5'. Our walking group meets monthly for a stroll if the weather is good enough, it usually includes a stop for refreshments, often travelling to a starting point by bus or occasionally by cars. Outings have included Gunton Woods, Southwold, Beccles & Gorleston. Our craft group meets monthly on a Monday afternoon, presently at the Methodist Church. We have crafted Christmas angels, greetings cards, tried macrame & paper folding and been introduced to Mandala work by one of our members, with time for a cuppa and conversation. Our cinema group meets at the Marina, sometimes eating lunch there beforehand.

Not many films have been showing recently on convenient dates, but we saw 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris', 'Hallelujah' & a screening of 'Oklahoma'. The reading group meets on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month. We have enjoyed, in some cases not so much, non-fiction books and a variety of fiction. We always have a good discussion, and members taking turns to suggest books. Our lunch club has met at Spring Tide, The Bell in Carlton Colville, the Blue Boar at Oulton & the Hotel Victoria. We like to celebrate our Institute's birthday with a meal at the local college, which is always popular. We are part of Group 1 which enables us to meet up with other W Is in the area. We have joined in a garden party at The Dales W.I., 10 pin bowling in Lowestoft, Dabble Day and the Group meetings at the Hotel Victoria. We have attended SEFWI events such as the literary lunch, kurling at Wrentham, the Annual Meeting at Trinity Park & the Christmas Concert in Southwold. We bought the Centenary booklet which is available to borrow.

We support National W I by selling raffle tickets annually. This year National W.I. day was made more of. and our tombola & information point was very successful in advertising the W.I. We have supported village events: the library cake stall; the Christmas tree festival at St Edmund's; we provided a poppy wreath and poppy covered net for Remembrance Sunday & our colourful bunting has been displayed at the sea front all summer. We have attended Parish Council meetings and presented a report at their annual meeting. We received a certificate for our part in making Kessingland a great village. You can see the commemorative trees we have planted in the community garden.

Members donate items or money for the Christmas shoe boxes, which last year were sent to Ukraine. We donated cakes for the stall in support of National NHS Day. We have ongoing collections of used postage stamps for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, small change collection & a donations in lieu of sending Christmas cards to one another for the Association of Country Women of the World. We try to recommend an eco-tip each month, such as bringing your own container if you buy items at the cake stall. We also collect your emergency contact number – just in case!

Whether you have been attending W I for more years than you care to remember, have joined recently or are still thinking about it we hope you enjoy our meeting nights and other activities available. Please do ask questions & make suggestions – it's your W.I. and we want to continue inspiring women.

The President gave her report and awarded Pauline Shipley the President's Cup for her hard work within the institute.

We also had a talk by Doreen Cowie who is member of our institute, who leads a fun and varied life such as being the president of the mother's union. She took part in visits to Trinidad and Tobago and South Africa; she also was a reader within the church. Her Husband was a vicar, and both retired to Kessingland. She also learnt to read within the church of England.



Our competition was to make Bakewell Tarts using Paul Hollywood's recipe which was provided at our September meeting.

- The first place was Christine Mabb
 - Second place was Jennifer Jagger
 - Joint third place was Karelyn Smithson and Connie Niblett
- The Cookery cup was awarded to Christine Mabb.

Our other competition was to make 5 pieces of bunting on a ribbon,

- The first place is Glynis Lake
 - Second place goes to Sandra Warner
 - Joint third place was Sally Richards and Karelyn Smithson.
- The Craft Cup was awarded to Glynis Lake

With our Shoebox appeal, we filled a total of 15 boxes which will go to Eastern Europe places like Ukraine.

Walking Group was rained off last month, for their next walk, they will be walking from Kessingland through Gisleham to Morrisons for a well-earned cuppa.

The Craft group are making Suffolk Punch decorations. On 27th October 7 members attended Group 1's dabble day where they made a varied range of crafts such as glass painting, making cards, making Gingerbread men to brooch, and other craft activities.

Next month is our Christmas party on 14th December (Invitation only). Members have been asked to bring a plate of food to the meeting. A table centre is the competition as well and our entertainment is Just Andy.

For more information about our W.I. and to come along to future meetings please call Margaret Parker on (01502) 740785



Kessingland United Working Men's Club



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Affiliated to the CIU

Newsletter – November 2023

What a busy Month we have had, our Saturday night's Music has been very popular. Friday Darts night is also going well, and we have recently had the full-size Pool Table refurbished which is a pleasure to use.

We have just had an evening with Mary Newton, a retired Forensic Scientist, "Blood, Sweat and Fears". There was nearly 90 people who found it fascinating, you could have heard a pin drop. She was very entertaining. We raised £350 plus bar profits. Everybody asked when the next talk is, so I will book her for the Spring with a different talk. **SO, WATCH THIS SPACE.** We have also just had a Charity evening, "Les's Yarn and Dance", for Alzheimer's and Dementia. It was a very successful night the total raised is yet to be released.

We are looking forward to the next month and Christmas:

- Saturday December 2nd: KCR (Band)
- Saturday December 9th: Rob Charles
- Sunday December 10th: Country Club with Kevin Barry (very popular)
- Saturday December 16th: Tony Barker
- Sunday December 17th: Club Music Night 7pm-10pm, £2.50
- Saturday December 23rd: Stigma (Band)

DON'T FORGET NEW YEARS EVE. If you want to book a table, you need to hurry. "Kenny Lee and Hustler" (very good). Bring your own food, a very good evening with Balloons at Midnight. Handy to walk home so everyone can have a drink.

We have Bingo Sunday lunch time and Wednesday evening and over Sixties Bingo Monday evening. Darts to watch Friday when they are home and our refurbished pool table. Slimming World every Tuesday, W.I. second Thursday in the month.

The club is available to hire for Parties and other activities. Wakes are free. A comfortable venue with plenty of parking, disabled entrances, and disabled toilet

We look forward to seeing you.

President: R A Hood
Society Registration No: 4343

Secretary: R Gasking
VAT Registration No: 105 2958

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

HALL BAR

Saturday 23rd December 7pm - 11pm
(live music with "Stigma")

MAIN BAR

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)
Lunchtime - OPEN for BINGO
Evening - CLOSED

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day) - CLOSED

Tuesday 26th December (Boxing Day) - 12noon - 3.00pm

HALL BAR

Saturday 30th December (No Live Music) CD's only

Sunday 31st December (New Year's Eve) 7pm - 12.30am
(live music with "Kenny Lee & Hustler" TICKET ONLY)

MAIN BAR

Monday 1st January 2024 (New Year's Day) - CLOSED

Exciting new additions to bact community transport

There have been some new and exciting additions to bact community transport operations recently.

Firstly, following a successful bid to the Suffolk County Council Innovation fund, bact secured money to purchase a new Hybrid Ford Kuga car. This is a new addition to bact's fleet as previously they only had wheelchair accessible vehicles and minibuses with volunteers who drove their own cars. Manager, Debbie Blowers said *"We are so excited to receive the new car as it opens new opportunities for volunteers to drive for us. bact are struggling to meet the demand for its transport requests, and we are in competition for volunteers with many other organisations these days. We are hopeful that having a lovely new car will attract new volunteers"*.

The first volunteer to drive the new car was a recent recruit, Judy Cloke, from Bungay. Judy said: *"As a District and County Councillor for Bungay I have always tried to support BACT with Community and Locality funding for projects where I can, and it is now a real pleasure to be able to help in another way and I have met many interesting people in my new role. I especially enjoy driving the new KUGA- I just love the smell of a new car !"*

Judy took Andy (both pictured below), a regular passenger of bact to Clinks Care Farm, a popular destination for bact passengers. Another passenger, Christine McHugh, said *"My daughter and I were driven to James Paget hospital in BACT's new car by their volunteer driver, Judy Cloke. It was a real treat to be taken in a brand-new car. It was beautiful, lovely, and comfortable. It was so smooth and quiet, almost as if it wasn't moving - but it was, as we got there in good time! Judy was a lovely person; we had a good chat."*

Now, just one month on, the vehicle has been used to take a lady to visit her husband in a home, taken people to both the Spire, James Paget and Norfolk and Norwich hospitals, taken people to Beccles bowls club, taken people for their COVID/Flu jabs, to the dentist, chiropodist and to social clubs as well as taking people to drama workshops and to the 60+ club in Lowestoft. These examples demonstrate the breadth of the type of journeys that bact undertakes every day and the impact that bact and other community transport groups have on enabling people to live a normal life with a little help with transport.

Could you spare a few hours to help bact community transport. Please do get in touch.

Bact was established in 1997 and is essentially a volunteer-based organisation. Bact uses its own accessible vehicles and volunteer cars to transport members who cannot readily use public transport or have no access to a car or live in a rural area.

Bact are seeking volunteers who would enjoy offering time to help those in their local community. They offer transport to medical appointments, day centres, shopping trips, educational outings, and such like. They also offer Dial-A-Ride special days out. Recently, passengers have enjoyed visits to garden centres, retail parks and seaside towns.

Volunteers need to know that DBS checks and references are required. Training is provided and a mileage allowance is paid (for drivers using their own vehicles).

If this sounds interesting and you would like to find out more about volunteering in your local community, please call the office team on 01986 896896

www.Bactcommunitytransport.org.uk



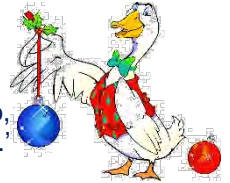
Judy Cloke and Andrew Jaye (photo taken by bact)





Dear Friends,

'Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,
Please put a penny in the old man's hat,
If you haven't got a penny than an ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got an ha'penny then God bless you.'



Yes, Christmas is sneaking up upon us, although signs of Christmas have been in our shops for weeks. I love the anticipation of Advent but for many people Advent is skipped, and they go straight to Christmas. Advent is about getting ready for Christmas and the birth of Jesus.

Let me introduce myself. I am Deacon Linda Kinchenton, one of the ministers at Kessingland Methodist Church. I am married to Joe and our family is made up of four legged babies. We have 4 cats, but we also foster cats for Cat's Angels, Lowestoft, and I also help with the rescue and rehabilitation of hedgehogs.

For me, Christmas is not only about ourselves and our families but how we respond to others too. This is reflected in this poem by Warren Meyer.

YOU ARE CHRISTMAS

'You are Christmas...
Every time you smile and help to make the world a brighter place
You are Christmas...
Every time you laugh and let the sound join with all the happy
music of the world
You are Christmas...
Every time you speak a word of faith to some fearful soul along an
unpaved road.
You are Christmas...
Every time you pray a prayer for those who need your very special
blessing.
You are Christmas...
Every time your loving hand goes out of the way to give that extra
special service.'

So, this Christmas be Christmas in the world!

I invite you to Join Kessingland Methodist Church for the following activities.

- **Christmas Bazaar** on **2nd Dec** between 2pm and 4pm
- **Nativity service** with Rev Pam Bayliss on **Sunday 10th Dec** at 10.30am – a time to dress up and children are welcome.
- **Christmas songs** with Karen & Kayleigh on **Friday 15th Dec** at 7pm
- **Carols** outside the Doctors Surgery on **Saturday 16th Dec** at 10am
- **Christmas Eve service** on **Sunday 24th Dec** at 11.30pm – a Candlelight service with Michelle Wood
- **Christmas day morning service** on **Monday 25th Dec** at 9.30am with Rev Pam Bayliss

All are welcome.

Love and Blessings for a lovely Christmas

Deacon Linda





Transformed
by Christ

Prophetic

Prayerful

Pastoral

From The Rectory Revd Mandy writes: December 2023

What is the True Meaning of Christmas?

Most people would agree that Christmas time is different from any other time in the year and that we see the genuine "warm heart" of the community at this time. "Goodwill to all men and Peace on Earth", is generally adopted, and we see special campaigns to raise money for those less privileged than ourselves, and projects to re-unite families or look out for the elderly on their own. Homelessness has again come into the news headlines and organisations such as Crisis and Shelter see to provide shelter over the Christmas holiday. Yet..... in other ways the Christmas magic that people seek is something of an illusion. The current concept that we adopt is often far removed from the real celebration of the events 2023 years ago, a tiny baby coming into the world to reconcile us all to God, and it is becoming very rare to see illuminations or even Christmas cards depicting the nativity scene. Instead, we are all subjected to intense marketing campaigns to buy, buy, buy. Sadly, today Christmas has become no more than a commercialised holiday about 3 things,



GETTING, DOING and GOING.

Let me give you some examples:

1.0 GETTING: Generally, there are three questions many people ask at Christmas time. The one that children often ask one another is "What are you "getting" for Christmas?". Unfortunately, there is this deeply entrenched expectation of getting and we sometimes begrudge the season because we wonder whether our bank balances can really stand the getting expectation of our families, we are emotionally blackmailed to give to by commercialised campaigns. Christmas is a "time for children" but how often do we encourage our children to give, or encourage ourselves to give, in a society where the getting expectation is so much part of our whole social fabric. "What's in it for me?" appears to be at the front of our basic concerns.



2.0 DOING: A second question is "What are you **"doing"** for Christmas?". Christmas, of course, is a holiday season. Schools are on leave, most businesses are closed down, (although even that is becoming less likely as more business look to capitalise on the ever-growing commercialism of Christmas). Only essential services like electricity supply, police, nursing staff, and yes vicars.... are on duty. Sometimes, in the course of conversation we may ask someone, "What are you "doing"? So much of our "doing" doesn't reach beyond ourselves at all at Christmas, a most current advert, was a perfect example of this and caused quite a stir on social media. Sometimes the "doing" of our life is selfish. AND.....sadly, Christmas is one of the times when, despite all our messages of Christmas "is a time for giving, sharing and loving", we exhibit this selfish quality more profoundly.



3.0 GOING: A third question is "Where are you **"going"** this Christmas?" How many of us will receive an invitation or invite our families to share Christmas? This is a good thing that so many families do endeavour to get together at Christmas time, no-one would dispute that.



However, it is a sad fact that, at Christmas time there is a large increase in family arguments and domestic violence. It would be fair to say that there are even those in the community who really dread the coming of Christmas. This is the sadness we face today, at a time

when we should feel encouraged to evaluate the direction of our life and celebrate the love and goodwill of the season; all too often, the main priority is the direction of our car, so that we can get to where we're going, to do what we've planned.

Relevance today

I guess the message we should take on board at Christmas is.... not to focus on what we are "getting" or what we are "doing" or where we are "going" - but whether we believe in Jesus, Gods Son whom He sent to lead by example and show us the way. This is



how we are encouraged to celebrate Christmas, and this will help us become answerable to ourselves when asking what we need to be doing or where we need to be going over the Christmas holiday.

With so many of our community and family struggling to make ends meet, maybe we could take a bit of time, to really offer goodwill to all and seek to come together as community. To share in the experience and joy, of just being amongst each other and offering hospitality and inclusion to those feeling alone and isolated.

Christmas is an event that is special and different from any other time of the year, so let's focus and enjoy it and celebrate it with our loved ones and others. Celebrate with

our children at their school Christingle and Nativity play, as well as engaging with them at the Family service at 4pm at the Church Centre, coming together as community to sing carols on December 17th at 3pm and attend Christmas events around the villages. Maybe this Christmas we can give, as God gave, to offer us hope for our futures alongside our neighbours, celebrating the true gift of Christmas..... Jesus.

CHRIST-mas is about celebrating the gift of a tiny baby to bring us all hope for a different future.

Kessingland Church prays you encounter a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Merry Christmas to You All. God bless you.



Silent Night. Holy Night.

Rev'd Mandy.
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1. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" –
Ecclesiastes 3:1

2. "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43:18-19

We Pray you encounter a Peaceful New Year.
With Love from
KESINGLAND BENEFICE
Gisleham * Kessingland* Rushmere Churches

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Norwich

Transformed
by Christ

Prophetic

Prayerful

Pastoral



Congratulations to the Community Garden and our Volunteers

Your Community Garden has been given special recognition in the Lowestoft in Bloom Awards 2023, a fabulous achievement.



With Winter approaching & the weather turning colder, our volunteers are doing basic maintenance now until the Spring. The main job at the moment is digging out the new Wildlife Pond which will look fantastic once finished.

Please remember that anything that is grown & harvested in the garden is for the Community so please do help yourself to anything that is ready. Any surplus will be given to the Community Fridge based in the library.

Our volunteers will be on site from 9am every Tuesday morning (weather permitting of course) so come along and see for yourself the progress being made in your Community Garden. If you have some spare time on your hands, come along and join the Volunteer Group, everybody is welcome. Dogs are also welcome into the Garden, but please remember to keep them on leads & clear up after them. Also, don't forget our Seed Swap box is available for donations of unwanted/surplus seeds, please do make good use of it.

*Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas*



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Kessingland Community Kitchen & Wildlife Garden

Village Clean-Up Teams



The Village clean-up teams continue to go out & about - on a Thursday for verge and promenade clearing, and also organized litter picking groups going around the Village on a Friday morning and are doing a great job keeping the Village nice and tidy.

The Monday beach cleans have now finished until March. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped to keep it clean & tidy.

More volunteers, for litter picking & work at the Marsh, are always needed. So, if you have an hour or two to spare, please contact Cllr David Boyle for more details.

Telephone: 07707 201300

Email: dboyle@kessinglandparishcouncil.org.uk

Come and join our friendly Team.

(all equipment provided)



Clearance of fallen tree on footpath between Catchpole Close & Church Centre

December 2023 Update

Now that December has arrived, we at the Shed would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope you enjoy the holidays.

We had some good news from the local Co-op during November. Kessingland Men's Shed has been one of the Local Causes under the Co-op Local Community Fund and we have benefitted to the tune of £1379.38. This was made up of customer contributions which were then matched by the Co-op. Thanks to everyone for your support.



Pictured are Simon from the Co-op with Niall, Tom, Mike, Alan & Billy from the "Shed".

We are still welcoming new members, so pop down to the Shed, on Bethel Drive, for a coffee and a chat, where you can fill in a form if you want to join up or contact the Secretary on 07950 837083. Opening times are 9-1pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.



Chef's Fayre Café @ Marram Green



How great to have a community Café back !!

A very warm welcome to Chef's Fayre, who officially opened on 20th November with a day of complimentary drinks and cakes. We wish you all the very best in your venture!

The café is open everyday from 8:30 until 4:30, serving a great selection of hot & cold foods & drinks, with daily specials and a roast dinner on Sundays.

Please do support your new café as much as you can so we can ensure it stays open as it is an important asset to our community.

Don't forget to pick up your loyalty card too !!



Telephone:
01603 748822

Email:
enquiries@chefs fayre.co.uk

Website:
www.chefs fayre.co.uk

Facebook:
Chef's Fayre at Marram Green



November 2023 – Press Release

FUEL POVERTY AWARENESS EVENTS

On 11th and 13th December between 10am and 2pm, Citizens Advice invite you to come and join them for a chat and cuppa to learn about fuel poverty, energy efficiency and other topics connected to energy with the aim to see if help is available to you to prepare for winter and keep warm.

Event: Fuel Poverty Awareness Date: 11th and 13th December Time: 10am-2pm.
Venue: Citizens Advice, St Margaret's House, Gordon Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1JQ.

"This event was inspired by National Energy Action who share our goal of ensuring everyone gets the help they need to stay warm during the winter. Citizens Advice has a lot of knowledge in this area and we look forward to meeting you face to face to see what help may be available",
Sally Blake, Community Engagement Coordinator.

Citizens Advice helps people find a way forward. We provide free, confidential, and independent advice to help people overcome their problems. We are a voice for our clients on the issues that matter to them. We value diversity, champion equality and challenge discrimination and harassment. We are here for everyone. **For free, confidential, and independent advice:**

Call us on **0808 278 7866** between 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday. Our lines are very busy at the moment, so alternatively visit **www.caes.org.uk** for all the different ways you can contact us - face to face drop ins, email and video link.

CITIZENS ADVICE CENTRES IN EAST SUFFOLK

Main offices:

Beccles: 12 New Market, Beccles, NR34 9HB. Monday, Wednesday and Friday by appointment. Felixstowe: 2 - 6 Orwell Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7HD. Monday-Friday 10-lpm by appointment.

Leiston Office: 14 Colonial House, Leiston IP16 4JD. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday by appointment.

Lowestoft: St Margaret's House, Gordon Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1JQ. Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment.

Outreach drop-in centres:

- Aideburgh and Alderton - by appointment.
- **NEW VENUE**** Bungay 28 Wingfield Street, Bungay, Suffolk NR35 IEZ. Drop in every Tuesday 10am-12 noon.
- **NEW VENUE**** The Oaks Family Hub (Children's Centre), Grange Road, Felixstowe IP11 2LA on first Wednesday of every month from 1-4pm
- Framlingham Library, The Old Court House, Bridge Street, Framlingham IP13 9BA. Drop in every Friday 10am-12noon.
- Halesworth Library Bridge St, Halesworth IP19 8AD. Drop in on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday 10am-12 noon.
- **NEW VENUE**** Kesgrave Community and Conference Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Suffolk IPS IJF. Drop in on the third Tuesday of the month from 9am-12 noon- starting from 15th August.
- Saxmundham Library, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham IP171AL. Drop in every Wednesday 10am-12 noon.
- **NEW**** Stella Peskett Millenium Hall, Might's Road, Southwold IP18 6BE. Drop in second Monday of each month from 10- 12noon starting on 7th July.
- Wickham Market Resource Centre, Chapel Lane, Wickham Market IP13 0SB. Drop in every Tuesday 1.30pm-3.30pm.
- Woodbridge Library New St, Woodbridge IP121DT. Drop in every Monday 10am-12 noon.





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HELP
for
HOUSEHOLDS

If you, or someone you know, are worried about the increasing cost of living, please use the contact details below:



Suffolk
County Council

For help with Local Welfare Assistance Scheme & Household Support

www.suffolk.gov.uk/costofliving

0345 606 6067



EASTSUFFOLK
COUNCIL

For help with Finances/Food & Essentials/Fuel & Energy/Housing

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/squeeze

0333 016 2000



For general enquiries

www.kessinglandparishcouncil.co.uk

01502 744367

admin@kessinglandparishcouncil.org.uk

Where you can get information & advice about what help & services are available to you.

Further information will be published in future issues of
The Village News

Help & Support in the Community



SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

FREE PRIDE AND PERIODS
MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS HERE

Speak to a member of staff about the products we currently have available. No need to apply, no questions asked.



East of England COOP
SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

Kessingland Library, Marram Green, Hall Road, NR33 7AH

We're here to help

Whatever the problem, we're here for free, impartial and confidential advice

- Debt & money
- Housing
- Benefits
- Consumer
- Family
- Work
- Immigration
- Health

Call us on 0808 278 7866
Lines are open 10am to 2 pm Monday to Friday
or email us from our website caes.org.uk

citizens advice East Suffolk

Our offices are in :
Beccles • Felixstowe • Leiston • Lowestoft
plus outreach centres across the region



Transformed by
Christ

Prophetic

Prayerful

Pastoral

Kessingland Church: SUPPORTS



WHERE CAN I DONATE FOOD?

Kessingland Church Centre when attending any group
 Saturdays 10-12noon Sundays 10.30- 12noon

The Rectory 1 Wash Lane ANYTIME
 We also take perishable food at The Rectory
 & hygiene products.

The Co-op Field Lane have a designated
 Basket for Food Bank

The SPAR in the High Street have a
 designated Basket for Food Bank

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Food is donated by lovely people, like you, at drop-off points. This is collected, and taken to a consolidation place in Lowestoft. From there it is sorted and distributed in food hampers to feed a family or individual for three days. Contents provide items for complete meals.

In addition Food Bank network helps people break free from poverty by providing additional support to help people resolve the crises they're facing so that they don't need to use a food bank again in the future.

This could include things like debt advice, mental health support, or benefits guidance. **Food banks rely on the support of their local communities to support people in crisis.**

DO LOCAL PEOPLE BENEFIT?

YES, Care professionals such as health visitors, staff at schools and social workers identify people in crisis and either issue them with a food bank voucher or direct them to: **The Lowestoft Food Bank** is located at **5-6 Bevan Street E, Lowestoft NR32 2AA**. The food bank is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM. You can contact them at **07307 866146**. This means people can receive a food bank parcel of three days' **nutritionally balanced**, food from their local food bank.

THANKYOU, THANKYOU LOVELY DONORS

THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Each week, please buy an item from the list below.

When you have 6 to 8 items, please pop them into a bag or a small box and then leave them at your local supermarket or church.

We will then give the donated items to someone living in food crisis this Christmas

Christmas Pudding

Mince Pies

Tinned Meat

Trifle Mix

Custard

Bread Sauce Mix

Cranberry Sauce

Stuffing Mix

Christmas Biscuits

Fruit Juice

Tinned Fruit



Help & Support in the Community



PET FOOD PANTRY

Helping Pet Owners in Need

FOOD PROVISIONS

The RSPCA & Kessingland Spar have kindly donated a supply of wet/dry dog & cat food to the Parish Council to help pet owners who are struggling financially during the cost-of-living crisis.



WHO CAN APPLY?
Pet owners who live within the parish of Kessingland

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the Parish Council for help by telephone or email:

Tel: 01 502 744367

Email: admin@kessinglandparishcouncil.org.uk

A small selection of pet food is also available at the Community Fridge in the Library. Please only take what you really need as supplies are very limited. If you require additional help, please contact the Council office.



Kessingland Library
Marram Green
Hall Road
Kessingland NR33 7AH

OPENING TIMES

MONDAY:	Closed
TUESDAY:	12:00 – 17:00
WEDNESDAY:	10:00 – 17:00
THURSDAY:	Closed
FRIDAY:	12:00 – 17:00
SATURDAY:	10:00 – 15:00
SUNDAY:	10:00 – 15:00

Be part of the nationwide initiative to reduce food waste in our community



Keeping warm this winter

Come and join us for a cuppa and
find out more about energy
efficiency, planning, budgeting and
any support available this winter

Monday 11 & Wednesday 13 December
10.00am to 2.00pm

at Citizens Advice, St Margaret's House
Gordon Road, Lowestoft NR32 1JQ



Email us via our website: caes.org.uk
Call us on 0808 278 7866

Community Noticeboard

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Christmas Tree Lighting 2023

Carols around the Tree
with St Edmund's Church Choir
& Waveney Valley Brass Ensemble
Sunday, 3rd December
St Edmund's Crescent
from 4pm

Join us afterwards at
the KSSC for

- Mulled Wine
- Mince Pies & Snacks
- Santa's Postbox
- Carols in the Hall
with the Choir & Band
- Wine Hamper Raffle

Any donations received will go to
Kessingland Sports & Social Centre, Registered Charity No. 275441



Letters to Santa

Write your letter to Santa
Don't forget to include your name & address.
If you attend Kessingland Primary Academy,
please also include your class/year as replies
may be delivered to the School.

You'll find the Post-boxes in

- Field Lane** (opposite the Surgery)
4th to 10th December, 8am-4pm
- Kessingland Library**, Marram Green
5th- 6th and 8th- 10th December
during Library opening hours
and
- KSSC**, Francis Road
3rd December only
(after the Tree Lighting)
4:30pm until 6pm



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**MANOR FARM'S
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**
SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER
2PM - 4PM
KESSINGLAND CHURCH CENTRE, NR33 7SJ

*. CHOIR . TOMBOLA . FOOD & DRINK . STALLS . SURPRISE GUEST .
& MUCH MORE...*

www.kessinglandmethodist.org.uk



Kessingland Methodist Church


**Christmas
Bazaar**

Saturday
2nd December

2 - 4pm
Free Entry
Raffle, Tombola,
cakes, toys, refreshments

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Santa's Grotto

at
The Sailor's Home, Kessingland

Open every Saturday 2-5pm and Sunday 12-3pm
in the run up to the **Big Day**
(other dates/times available on request)

£5.00 per person (no age limit)
Includes Christmas gift and donation to St Edmund's Church
Payment required in advance

To book, please call:
01502 740245 (Sailor's Home) or 01502 740632 (The Beach Hut)

 Santa at the Sailor's Home



WE DISCOVER... WE GROW
Girlguiding

Fundraising Bazaar

**COME JOIN IN ON OUR CHRISTMAS FUN
LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON
& PLENTY OF HOMELESS BEARS LOOKING FOR THEIR NEW FAMILIES.**

**BAKE SALE
RAFFLE
ADOPT A BEAR
LUCKY DIP**

& lots more


**JOIN US AT ST. EDMUNDS CHURCH HALL
14TH DECEMBER FROM 5:30PM**

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SUFFOLK LIBRARIES




BABY BOUNCE & TOT ROCK

Christmas Bounce
22nd December

Join us for Christmas Bounce at the usual time of 10am. The session will feature a visit from Santa with a gift for each child.

Limited to 30 spaces so book now so you don't miss out!



If you would like to bring older siblings along, please book an additional space for them.

Messy Church Advent



You are invited to join us as we discover the
Hope, Peace, Love and Joy of Advent.

Create and make,
Celebrate that God Loves You,
Finish with food and friendship.



Messy Church is a Family Church

We invite you and your family, if you have a strong faith, a little faith or have no faith but are curious.



Kessingland Church Centre
Saturday 2nd December 2023, 1.30 – 3.30
RSVP: jokendrew@yahoo.com
You are welcome.

Community Noticeboard

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A festive poster for the Santa Parade 2023. The background is a dark blue night sky with a large, bright yellow full moon and white stars. In the upper left, Santa Claus is silhouetted in a sleigh, pulled by four reindeer. Below the moon are stylized blue evergreen trees. In the foreground, a snowman wearing a black top hat and scarf stands on a snowy hill, waving with its right arm. The text 'Santa Parade' is written in a large, black, cursive font, with '2023' in red below it. At the bottom left, there is a wooden signpost with two arrows: one pointing left to 'Kessingland' and one pointing right to 'North Pole'.

Santa Parade
2023

Friday, 22nd December

Starting from the KSSC, Francis Road at 4.30pm

This event is weather dependent so may be cancelled at short notice & re-scheduled for another date.
Updates will be given via community Facebook pages.

 Kessingland
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All donations received will go towards the
Kessingland CoFE Primary Academy Youth Culture Fund



Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Church Hall



Transformed
by Christ

Prophetic

Evangelical

Pastoral

Christmas Services

Carol Services

December 16th RUSHMERE 5.30pm

December 17th Gisleham 10am

December 17th Kessingland 3pm

Christmas Eve Kessingland

Family Christmas Service 4pm

Midnight Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day GISLEHAM

Holy Communion 9.15am

Happy CHRIST-mas

www.kessinglandbenefice.co.uk

Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Church Centre



Kessingland Church Presents
Small Wonders
We meet on a **Friday** at the
Church Centre from
9:30am-11.00am
Newborn to School-age
FREE OF CHARGE



Arts and Crafts
SINGING STORIES, GAMES
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

 Transformed by Christ: Prayerful Pastoral Prophetic

Every Saturday 10am—12noon
Kessingland Church Centre
Saturday Coffee at St Ed's

CAKES



FRIENDLY, WARM, SPACIOUS
FUN and LAUGHTER
QUALITY PRE-LOVED ITEMS
LOTS OF EASY PARKING
DISABLED ACCESS
WONDERFUL WELCOME
COME.....



TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT

Craft for Children



1000 x 915

Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Church Centre



We meet on the second Monday of every month at Kessingland Church Centre, Church Road Kessingland at 7,30pm.

The Centre is open from 7pm

We have member and guest speakers on various gardening and wildlife topics, we have a strawberry fair in June and a

Christmas party in December as well as Summer outings.

Membership is just £10 per year plus £3.00 per meeting to cover the Centre charges, and refreshments will be served.

Contact Tony or Anne 01502 740639

KESSINGLAND GARDENERS CLUB

Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Church Centre



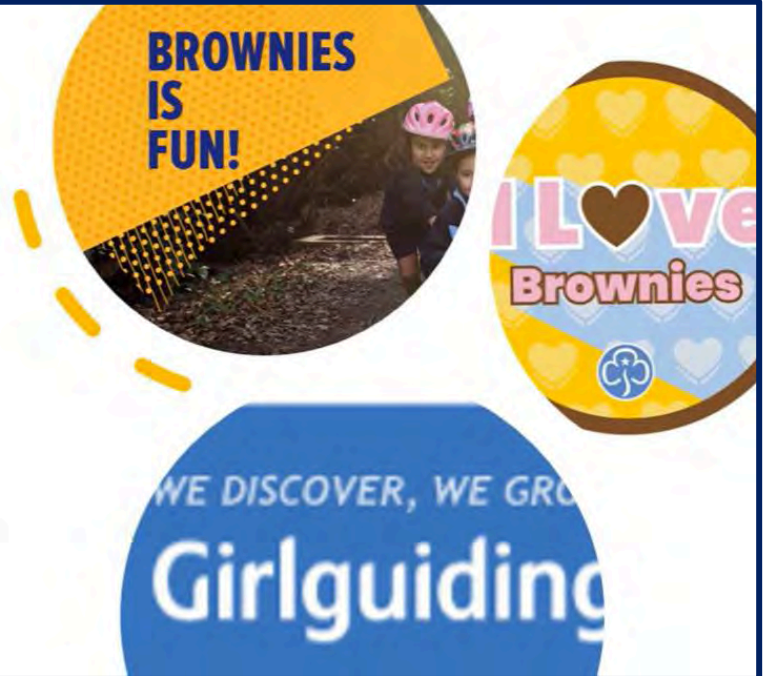
1st Kessingland Brownies & Guides

Brownies 7-10yrs Guides 10yrs+

Thursdays 5.30pm at Kessingland
Church Centre

Contact Tawny Owl 07773 960 747

Snowy Owl 07891 607540



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Activities & Groups: Kessingland Church Centre



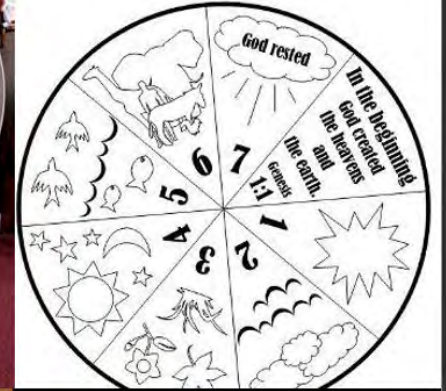
GO – CLUB (God's Own)

Thursdays
3.15pm – 4.15pm
in Kessingland School

Sunday School on a Thursday

Craft, songs, games and much more.

A time to wonder and find out for yourself about God, the Bible and the Church



Crafting The Word Of God

Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Sports & Social Centre



DO YOU LIKE TO DANCE?

COME AND JOIN OUR GROUP **DANCING FRIENDS**

EVERY MONDAY EVENING
7.30pm

KESSINGLAND SPORTS & SOCIAL CENTRE
FRANCIS ROAD, KESSINGLAND, NR33 7PU



ALL TYPES OF DANCES, INCLUDING JIVE, ROCK 'n' ROLL, MODERN DANCE,
LINE DANCING etc
IF YOU JUST ENJOY DANCING COME ALONG AND JOIN IN A FUN EVENING

ENTRANCE: £5.00 per person
FOR MORE INFORMATION, RING: SUE DYER 07731 380691

KESSINGLAND



CLUB

WE MEET EVERY TUESDAY
& FRIDAY AFTERNOONS
1.45 PM FOR START AT
2PM UNTIL 4PM

£2.50 PER SESSION
INCLUDING TEA/COFFEE & BISCUITS

FIRST TIME? COME AND TRY FOR
FREE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT:-

STAN & CHRIS RAMSAY
01502 740704

WE ARE A
FRIENDLY CLUB
LOOKING FOR
NEW MEMBERS

WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU
THERE!

KESSINGLAND
COMMUNITY
CENTRE
FRANCIS ROAD
KESSINGLAND

Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Sports & Social Centre



Kessingland

Friendship Club

The Kessingland Friendship Club meets at the KSSC on alternate Thursdays from 2.00pm until 4.00pm

Come and join in with us and make new friends, enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit in convivial surroundings, join in the bingo and try and win the raffle!

The Friendship Club also organises and runs outings, social events and long weekend breaks for members and friends, so don't be left out – come along to one of our meetings and join in!

For more information, please contact Helen Sinfield on 01502 741424



Welcome!

Other Groups at the KSSC:

Tuesdays:

- Waveney Table Tennis
10am – 12pm
- Badminton
7pm – 9pm

Wednesdays:

- Knit and Natter
9:45am – 11:45am
- Kessingland Dance Academy
5pm – 6:30pm

Thursdays:

- Chair-based Exercise (alternate weeks)
9:30am – 10:30am
- Pilates
6pm – 7pm
- Model Flying Club
7:30pm – 10pm

For Bookings:

- Telephone: 07729 384705
- Email: ksscbooking@hotmail.com

Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Library & Marram Green



CHAIR

Y

Gentle exercise designed for people with mobility issues

Come & join us for a chair yoga class led by Jan Lacey, BWY Dip. a qualified & experienced British Wheel of Yoga teacher



Every Thursday
11:00 until 12:00

£5.00 per session

The Spinnaker Room
Marram Green (Ground Floor), Hall Road, Kessingland

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Supported by Kessingland Parish Council

Formerly MeetupMonday
We're Back!



Do you feel like the weekend has dragged?
Are you fed up with your own company?
Maybe you are new to the area?

Mates on Monday
Marram Green
Community Lounge
Hall Road
Kessingland
NR33 7AH

Join us on
Mondays
(except Bank Holidays)
10.30 am until 12.30pm

You are invited to come along and enjoy a free cuppa, cake or biscuit & a friendly chat.

COVID SAFETY

For everyone's safety, when arriving for the first time, you will be asked to provide contact details.



Rural Coffee Caravan is a registered charity. No.1187423

Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Library & Marram Green



SUFFOLK
LIBRARIES

WHERE
I BELONG

Library Opening Times

SUNDAY	10am - 3pm
MONDAY	Closed
TUESDAY	12pm - 5pm
WEDNESDAY	10am - 5pm
THURSDAY	Closed
FRIDAY	12pm - 5pm
SATURDAY	10am - 3pm

Take a look at our website for up to date info on all our event and activities.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook!

Find us at: Marram Green, Hall Road, NR33 7NY

suffolklibraries.co.uk/kessinglandlibrary



By donating to Suffolk Libraries you can help us fund crucial additional services that reduce social, digital and rural isolation in our communities. For details visit www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/donate

9896 charity number: 1134476

SUFFOLK
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WHERE
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Regular Library Activities

SUNDAY	10:30-12 - Craft & Play
TUESDAY	10am - Baby Bounce
TUESDAY	11-11:45 - Stay & Play
WEDNESDAY	2:45 - Bingo
FRIDAY	10am - Baby Bounce
FRIDAY	2:30pm - Scrabble
FRIDAY	2pm - BYO craft club

Take a look at our website for all our activities

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook!

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SUFFOLK LIBRARIES **WHERE I BELONG**

CHILDREN'S
craft

Every Saturday & Sunday

10:30 - 12:00

FREE ACTIVITY

Including snacks!

Kessingland Library, Marram Green

By donating to Suffolk Libraries you can help us fund crucial additional services that reduce social, digital and rural isolation in our communities. For details visit www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/donate HMRC charity number: XT34476

10am on 22nd December 2023

Usual Baby Bounce followed by tea/coffee etc.

Santa will visit with gifts for the children which have been donated by Get Suffolk Reading.

£2 to be paid at time of booking. If payment hasn't been received by 17th and we have a waiting list, then the ticket will be lost.

All money collected will be going towards our new Children's Area.



Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Library & Marram Green



SUFFOLK
LIBRARIES

KESSINGLAND LIBRARY

CROSSWORD
COMPETITION

£1 PER SHEET
RETURN COMPLETED
TO ENTER PRIZE
DRAW



Monthly
crossword
competition
created specially
for Kessingland Library

SUFFOLK
LIBRARIES

BINGO!

Every Wednesday in Marram Green Cafe

Hot drink and biscuits included plus
prizes for every round.



Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Library & Marram Green



SUFFOLK LIBRARIES **WHERE I BELONG**

Would you be interested in a

Writing Group?

We have had enquiries about starting a writing group at the library. If you would be interested, please get in touch with the library and register your interest.

By donating to Suffolk Libraries you can help us fund crucial additional services that reduce social, digital and rural isolation in our communities. For details visit www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/donate ISBNIC charity number: X734476

The advertisement features a red and yellow background with illustrations of hands holding pens and a blue pen.

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES **WHERE I BELONG**

Support Suffolk Libraries and other charities

By buying your seasonal cards at the library this year, you will be supporting multiple charities!

By donating to Suffolk Libraries you can help us fund crucial additional services that reduce social, digital and rural isolation in our communities. For details visit www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/donate ISBNIC charity number: X734476

The advertisement features a dark purple background with a gold star and snowflake decorations.

Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Methodist Church



Kessingland Methodist December Events

Christmas Bazaar 2nd Dec 2-4



Sunday 10th Dec Nativity service with
Rev Pam Bayliss

Children always very welcome

Friday 15th December Christmas songs with
Karen & Kayleigh, 7pm at Kessingland
Methodist



Dec 16th join us for carols outside Dr surgery
Kessingland 10am

24th December Christmas Eve 11.30pm
Candlelight service with Michelle Wood



Monday 25th December Christmas Day short
morning service 9.30am
with Rev Pam Bayliss



Community Noticeboard

Activities & Groups: Kessingland Methodist Church



Kessingland Methodist Church Activities 2023

Family friendly services every Sunday 10.30 am

Coffee morning every Tuesday 10-12

Prayer meeting on zoom

every Wednesday 7.30pm

2nd December Christmas Bazaar 2-4pm

December 24th Christmas Eve midnight
candle light service 11.30

Monday December 25th Christmas day 9.30am

Prayer Group

Every Wednesday 7.30 on zoom

Any prayers left in prayer box included



Community Recycling



Kessingland Church Centre Carpark

CLOTHES BANK

Serving our Community.
Serving those in need



BOOKS

Kessingland Library
Marram Green, Hall Road, Kessingland NR33 7AH

UNWANTED / USED BATTERIES

Kessingland Co-op
44-48 Field Lane, Kessingland NR33 7QA

Kessingland Library
Marram Green, Hall Road, Kessingland NR33 7AH

USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Kessingland Library
Marram Green, Hall Road, Kessingland NR33 7AH

GLASS & BOTTLE RECYCLING

Kessingland United Working Men's Club
The Avenue, Kessingland NR33 7QD

The Sailor's Home
302 Church Road, Kessingland NR33 7SB





MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

Could you be a voice for your community?

Do you think that you would represent a different group of people on the Parish Council?

Do you have strong views about what Kessingland Parish Council should be doing?

Do you know what the Parish Council can do?

Kessingland Parish Council has a vacancy for a new councillor

If you're over eighteen years of age and live or work within Kessingland (or within three miles of the Kessingland boundary) and do not have any of the disqualifying criteria, then we would like to hear from you! Especially if you are different than the people already on the council. Kessingland is a diverse community, and the council wants to recognise, celebrate, and represent that diversity. The key qualities for a councillor are to keep an open mind and to listen to, learn about, care for and represent your community to the best of your ability.

Applying is easy, there is a short form which you can collect from the parish council or download online. Just complete and either email or drop it off at the council. You'll be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting (generally the second Wednesday each month) and tell the council more about yourself, what you can bring to the council and what you would like to achieve for the community.



If you are interested or want to know more, please speak to one of the current councillors or contact the council office. There is more info as well as information on a range of different local councillors nationally at: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/local-elections#what-do-local-councils-and-councillors-do>



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Volunteering Opportunities



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you fed up with seeing litter all over the place?
Fed up with seeing overgrown paths & alleyways?
Street signs that are so dirty they are difficult to read?

If so, would you be prepared to give up an hour or two each week, on a day to suit you or as part of our organised group on a Monday & Friday morning, to make this village a better place to live and visit. All equipment will be provided.

For more information, please contact either:
the Council Office: 01502 744367
admin@kessinglandparishcouncil.org.uk

or Cllr David Boyle: 07707 201300
dboyle@kessinglandparishcouncil.org.uk



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Pakefield Coastwatch

Can you spare 3-4 hours per week?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
to assist us in safeguarding our seas and coast.

Full training given.

Contact our Station Manager on
07788 377501

Pakefield Coastwatch is a registered charity. No. 1178259

Useful Contact Information



Useful Local Telephone Numbers

East Suffolk Council (Customer Services)	0333 0162000
East Suffolk Council (Out of Hours Emergency)	0800 440 2516
East Suffolk Council (Automated Payments)	0300 7900509
Kessingland Parish Council	01502 744367
Peter Aldous MP (Waveney)	01502 586568
Citizens Advice Bureau	01502 518510
Disability Advice North East Suffolk (DANES)	01502 511333
Suffolk County Council Highways (if immediate danger to life) or online at www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk	0345 6066171
Kessingland Doctors (Longshore Surgery)	01502 740203
Kessingland Pharmacy	01502 740251
James Paget Hospital A and E	01493 452200
NHS Helpline	111
Police - Emergency Only	999
Police - Non-Emergency	101
or online at www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something	
Coastline Vets (Carlton Colville)	01502 531999
Three Rivers Vets (Kessingland)	01502 741988
Pakefield Vets (Pakefield)	01502 664656
Wangford Vets (Wangford)	01502 578999
Kessingland Library	01502 741212
St Edmund's Church	01502 743154
Kessingland Primary Academy	01502 740223
Kessingland Sports & Social Centre	07729 384705
Kessingland United Working Men's Club	01502 740218
Kessingland Women's Institute	01502 740785

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National Organisations and Helplines

Age Concern	0800 6781602
Childline	0800 1111
NSPCC helpline	0808 800 5000
Cruse Bereavement Support	0808 8081677
Samaritans	116 123
Macmillan Cancer Support	0808 8080000
Mind Infoline	0300 1233393
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 9177650
Refuge National Domestic Abuse Helpline	0808 2000 247
RSPCA helpline	0300 123499
RSPCA (Mid Norfolk and North Suffolk branch)	0303 040 1565
Action Fraud (Fraud & Cyber Crimes)	0300 123 2040
Suffolk Trading Standards	0808 223 1133

If you are experiencing any antisocial use of vehicles racing along the dual carriageway in Kessingland during the late evenings especially over the weekend periods
Then please report this to Police online –
At www.suffolk.police.uk then click the report something tab
Followed by ASB, or Call 101 or 999 as appropriate.
Please use the QR code for further advice.



**Thank you
Lowestoft Police,**





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If you would like to submit articles or cover photographs, the deadline for copy is 12 Noon on the 24th of each month.

Please send submissions to the Editor – jmclean@kessinglandparishcouncil.org.uk
Articles can be half or full page.

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