



# Little Ellingham News

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## **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 19/20**

All dates are at 7.30pm in Old School Hall unless stated otherwise.

8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **Web Site**

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## **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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## **LITTLE ELLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!**

Our village hall is a huge asset to the community and one that I know many of you treasure.

As a Parish Council we are keen to see the hall continue as a success and to do this we need your help.

We are delighted to let you know that Sarah Drewery has agreed to stand as Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee. Sarah needs a team of people to support her on the committee. The more volunteers we get, the more we can spread out responsibilities and ensure the committee has fun whilst promoting the hall.

We are looking for people who are enthusiastic and keen to get involved in any way they can. The key activities of the committee cover the following:

- Promotion of the hall both locally and in the wider neighbourhood. I know Sarah has lots of great ideas on how we can promote the hall so will be keen to drive this forward with your help.
- Events - staging social and other events. Sarah was very much involved in organising the recent quiz night which was a huge success. We are keen to see more of these events. We are also looking to host an event to recognise World War 2 Remembrance. Further details of this will be sent out in the near future but for now any volunteers would be more than welcome.
- Day to day management of the hall - keeping everything clean and tidy. The parish council will consider the need for temporary cleaners to be employed if events in the hall increase in number
- Security - making sure the hall is locked and alarmed after events.
- Bookings and hiring of the hall including collection of the funds. Sarah has taken on the organisation of this. The Parish Council are looking to develop our website and email account to make booking the hall a really easy process.

**If you think you can help, we would be delighted to hear from you. please contact Sarah Drewery on [sl.grout@btopenworld.com](mailto:sl.grout@btopenworld.com), phone number 851440 or Caroline Rebisz on [crebisz7@googlemail.com](mailto:crebisz7@googlemail.com), phone number 850491.**

## **Kerry Foods Update – December 2019**

On 15th November Kerry Foods held an Open Day for residents from the village. 7 residents were able to make the visit and the feedback from those attending was very positive. We are hoping to arrange a further Open Day next year at a weekend to allow a greater number of you to attend should you wish.

Scott Turner who leads the operation was our host and started the session with an introduction to the business and a brief overview of the customers they serve. We were then dressed in overalls, wellies and hairnets to start our tour of the site. Paul and Mark from the management team guided us through the operation showing us the process from when the raw materials are delivered to the factory; through the storage and cooking processes and finally to packaging and dispatch. We were impressed with the scale of the business and it was interesting to see the level of individual work that takes place both in the sauce kitchens and on the production line. All the staff we spoke to during our visit were friendly and attentive.

Those who attended found the session really useful. We will try and organise something in the spring time so look out for details in your parish newsletter.

Can we remind residents that it is important that you raise complaints with Kerry Foods when appropriate as this supports our ongoing dialogue. Details of the complaints process are included in the newsletter.

We would also encourage residents to raise complaints with Breckland Council - the website address for noise complaints is attached <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/reportnoisenuisance>. It is important that Breckland Council are aware of any issues residents face with Kerry Foods as they regularly review complaint numbers in their discussions with the company and any enforcement requirements arising from these complaints.

### **Kerry Foods Complaints Process**

It is important that any parishioners who experience an issue with the Kerry Foods operation, report their concerns on the phone number and email address previously communicated (01953 852600) [Paul.Dauny@kerryfoods.co.uk](mailto:Paul.Dauny@kerryfoods.co.uk).

These complaints are logged by Kerry Foods and reviewed by Breckland Council to understand the impact on our local community. It also ensures that Kerry Foods and your Parish Council can address the issues which are important to our parishioners.

To ensure the Parish Council has full visibility of concerns raised, we would ask that you email a brief summary of the issue to the Parish Clerk or Chairman on the following email addresses. We are keeping a record of all complaints which we will use to discuss and follow up actions with both Kerry Foods and Breckland Council.

Parish Clerk – [little.ellingham@gmail.com](mailto:little.ellingham@gmail.com) Chairman – [crebisz7@googlemail.com](mailto:crebisz7@googlemail.com)

## Parish Matters

### **Dogs in the Countryside and Little Ellingham**

- Keep your dog under close control.
- You and your dog should both keep to the line of the path.
- Please clean up after your dog both in countryside and on pavements. Fouling is illegal – including in the Churchyard!
- Please keep your dog on a lead when livestock are in fields.

### **Bottle Bank in the Village Hall Car Park**

The Village Hall Committee would like to remind residents that there is a bottle bank in the village hall car park for everybody's use. The Village Hall receives a payment for this, so please support your local village hall by using the bottle bank and help raise much needed funds.

### **How to report Highway problems**

Residents can report problems relating to the Highway online via Norfolk County Council's website at the address below: - <https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/>

Things such as pot holes, pavements, trees and verges and flooding can be reported. Please do not assume that someone has already reported the issue you come across. You can also check the website above to see it has already been reported.

### **What should you do if you discover fly-tipped waste after the tippers have left?**

- Do not touch the waste – Fly-tipped waste can be dangerous – it may contain syringes, broken glass, asbestos toxic chemicals or other hazardous substances.
- Try to determine what and how much waste there is.
- Take note of the exact location and the time you discovered the waste.
- Do not disturb the site: there may be evidence that could help identify the culprits and lead to their prosecution.
- Write the details down as soon as possible and report it online (<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/flytip>) You may be asked to help make a written statement about what you saw.

### **Farmland in the Parish of Little Ellingham**

We would like to bring to the attention of parishioners that the boundary grass areas round fields are in specified Environment Schemes. These are very specific and not for access to people to walk or exercise their dogs. Please use the network of footpaths and comply with the Countryside Code. Any person found trespassing on these areas or elsewhere may be prosecuted. Walking any dog, you should by law carry poo bags and pick up after your dog. The dog cannot do this, it is the responsibility of the owner. However, Farmers and Landowners have clear responsibilities relating to the maintenance of public rights of way, and you can read about these at <http://norfolk.gov.uk/ut-and-about-in-norfolk/public-rights-of-way/about-public-rights-of-way>

### **St Peter's Church**

Following the completion of the tea point in the Church, there are a small number of pews which are surplus to requirements, and available for purchase. For more information, please get in touch with Peter Griffiths on 01953 850722 or [peter.griffiths@afiweb.net](mailto:peter.griffiths@afiweb.net)

### **SAM2 – vehicle activated sign**

A full report on the data received so far from the various locations this has been positioned in the Parish will be published in the February newsletter.

## **General Information**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020** beginning at 7.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend all Council meetings, where they are allowed to speak, during the Open Forum, which is for a short time usually at the start of the meeting. Look out for the agenda displayed during the previous week.

The website <https://littleellinghampc.wixsite.com/littleellinghampc> contains Minutes, Agendas, past newsletters and financial information regarding the Parish Council. It is regularly updated.

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St Peter's church, Little Ellingham

invites you to a

## Carol Service



6.00pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

With mince pies and drinks

*also*

10.30am Christmas Day

Holy Communion