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KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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OLD KETLEY SCHOOLS COULD GO

These buildings are at the moment your Community Centre and your Youth Centre. Decisions have to be made to either keep this going or hand the buildings back to Telford and Wrekin Council. This has implications for you as residents. What happens to these two buildings if that were to happen, no one knows. Do you want the facilities we as a Parish Council are providing for learning, entertainment, socialising and work or are you happy that this should go? You may already have strong opinions. You may not. Come along and find out what it all means. Come along and have your say. We have lost so much over the past ten years without residents having much say in decisions. So now make the most of this opportunity.

Special Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 19th February at 7.00pm
in Ketley Community Centre (the old school)
to discuss the
Future of the two old school buildings

If you want more detail then look at the extended newsletter on the Ketley Parish website or ask John, the parish clerk, for a printed copy.

Garden of Rest

The garden of rest is now well kept and a valued part of our community. In a few years it will be full and new income will stop. However, the ongoing costs will continue. Therefore the Parish Council have been looking at some ideas as to how we can cope with this in the future. One of the options would be to create a lovely flower garden near the entrance where people can have their ashes scattered with places for memorial plaques. This would provide an income long into the future which would allow the whole garden of rest to be maintained. The different options will be placed on the web site and on display at the Community Centre. If you have any views please email, write or telephone the Parish Clerk. The contact information is at the top of this newsletter.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Many thanks to all the folks that donated goods, sold tickets and brought raffle tickets on voucher day. The total collected for the Ketley Youth Funds was £100.00 and the winner was Mrs Parry from Glen Cottages Beveley. Ketley Youth Committee would like to thank you all again for your support.

P.A.C.T. MEETING

The dates for this year meeting are Thursday April 9th, June 11th, August 13th October 15th and December 10th 2009. They are held at **Ketley Community Centre starting at 6.30pm**. If you have any local community problems that you think the police can help with come along and air your views.

T.C.A.T

We are pleased to report on the success of the new TCAT courses at the Community Centre. We have Flower Arranging Course (a few places still available) Amateur Artists on Wednesdays. If you are interested in drawing or painting or would like to take up a hobby, which is therapeutic and relaxing, you are welcome to pop along one Wednesday morning and sit in on a session.

More courses starting in February. i.e. **Get that Job** Mondays 7.00pm-9pm, a useful course designed to help with all aspects of gaining employment in these difficult times . Sign Language for Beginners and a Counselling Course are also starting and many more.

Telford Academy of Performing Arts also now hold classes for all ages **Dinky Dancers 3-6 yr olds, Street Beats 7-15 yr olds Street Dance 12-18yr olds and Dancercise for Adults** only on Wednesday 4.45pm-6.45pm and Fridays 4.30pm-7.45pm come along and enjoy for more information ring the Community Centre on 612035 or 07554 366498.

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILDING

The Centre is available now for corporate, commercial and private hire; ideal for meetings-conferences-lectures; there is a large hall and small meeting rooms and a boardroom available. These are fully equipped with Internet connections, digital projector screen. Refreshment provided. For full details contact JOHN ROBERTS on 01952 612035 or ANN LINTON on 07723717851 or e-mail parishclerk@ketley-pc.com www.ketleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Directory of Voluntary Organisations and Groups.

Apply for registration, Telford and Wrekin Council has commissioned Expanding Futures to produce a comprehensive Directory of Local Originations and Voluntary Groups. Any social, cultural, educational and religious group of any size or community can apply for registration and share the benefits of funding and making links with similar groups in other parts of the county. Therefore, if you are currently operating any voluntary group or intend to start one in the near future or need further information please contact our Parish Clerk John Roberts on 01952 612035 or e-mail parishclerk@ketley-pc.com

Paddock Mound

It has been indicated that a planning application will shortly (sometime in February) be being submitted by Telford & Wrekin Council for houses on the paddocks bordering Shepherds Lane. The Parish Council understand that this is a very important issue for many local residents and will inform people immediately that we hear any further information.

Football Team Grant

Some of you may have seen an article concerning a proposed grant for a local football team. The position is that as soon as the local pitch is up and running and the local junior team established we will look at giving a grant to this team. The last contact we had with the organisers was last summer and finished with the organisers needing to talk with Telford & Wrekin Council about using the pitch and with the Millennium Partnership to find out when the work would be completed. The Parish Council offered to help with these discussions but since then no one has been in discussion with the Parish Council at all. So to see the story and the criticism came as a surprise. However, we can understand that frustration sometimes results in tempers fraying. When things are sorted the Parish would be keen to help. Let us hope that the work on the field will be finished soon and put back into a fit state to use. At the moment the condition of the whole area is depressing as it is no better than a marsh despite new drainage meant to have been installed. The Parish Council have asked Telford & Wrekin planners to look into this.

New Multi Use Games Area

A planning application has been put in for a new provision for young people in Ketley. If this gets approval then hopefully work will start by the middle of March. This will provide space for 5 aside football, basketball and cricket.

New Councillor

A co-option at the last council meeting resulted in Laura Hodgkinson being chosen to be your latest Parish Councillor.

Your Councillors - Trying to work for you.

Dave Evans	Ketley town	223170
Maggie Evans	Red Lake	617029
Joy Francis	Red Lees	613750
Laura Hodgkinson	Ridings Close	mobile 07528 459940
June Lamsdell	Broadway	406292
Roy Picken	Sandbrook	249252
Pauline Picken	Sandbrook	249252
Hilda Rhodes	Victoria Ave.	249156
Anil Saini	Jennings Estate	618848
Fen Tyler	Potters Bank	617768
Martin Young	Beveley	401990

Any questions?

Remember you can always contact the Community Centre on 612035 or by email, by post or by our website.