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KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE YOUTH CENTRE

After years of negotiations, setbacks and leaps forward the Parish Council has finally signed the legal documents for both buildings. For those of you who may have missed the details on this, the Parish own the Community Centre which Telford & Wrekin Council have sold to us for £1. The Youth Centre will be leased for a 25 year period for a small rent. There is a break clause within this agreement but we would need to give T&W Council a good period of notice. Therefore the buildings will be protected for a considerable time with the added benefit that they will provide community space for us all.

KETLEY COMMUNITY DAY

On Saturday 22nd May there will be a lot going on at the Community Centre so look at the separate sheet which has been delivered with this newsletter.

IT @ THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Internet Access

One of the councillors, Fen Tyler, has spent the last few months updating our IT systems within the two centres on a voluntary basis. This has brought our computer network into the 21st century. Not only that, but there is now a free Internet access in the office area for residents to make use of. This gives access to our website and other parish information which those without the Internet currently miss out on. It also has other facilities as well, so if you are interested please call in and speak to the Parish Clerk.

Online curriculum

Thomas Telford School online curriculum is now available at the Youth Centre for youth club members or other young people with a legitimate reason for wanting access to the material. For access please contact Councillor Tyler 01952 617768 or fentyler@blueyonder.co.uk. Ketley Parish Council would like to thank Sir Kevin Satchwell and Thomas Telford School for making this valuable resource available at the youth centre.

Help needed

There is now a sophisticated IT network at the community centre including a Windows Server with Exchange Server, 48 fixed Ethernet ports, 4 wireless routers a fibre optic connection between the buildings and so on. The facilities are used on a daily basis by Parish Council Officers, the WEA, TCAT and the Youth Clubs. If you are interested in Information Technology, have some experience of working with computers and would like to learn more, perhaps you may like to get involved. The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to assist with the maintenance of the system. This may include backing up the data, maintaining machines and other troubleshooting. If you would like to work with Councillor Tyler contact him or the Parish Clerk.

ACTIVITIES AT KETLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

WEA and TCAT are running a range of classes at the centre including Spanish, Tai Chi, Drawing and Painting, Working in the Classroom, a Beginners Guide to the Internet and other Computer classes.

If you would be interested in joining one of the courses please call Cathy Addison on 07887661847. Cathy would also be interested if anyone has ideas of other courses they would like to see offered at the Community Centre. For more information on WEA courses ring Sue Blair on 01952 583886

ALSO ON AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

If you are interested in any of the following activities or groups come along to the Community Day on 22nd May 10.00 am – 3.00 pm.

Salsa, Telford Stamps and Cards, Telford Academy of Performing Arts, Slimming World, Belly Dancing -The Fifth Element, Good Companions, Feel the Beat – Line Dancing, Shorthand classes, Age Concern Creative Dancing Class, British Badge Collectors Association

Please ring 01952 612035 or look on the website for more details

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FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND OTHER KEY MEETINGS

Our next meeting will be at **6.30 pm. on 11th May**. This is an opportunity for people who feel they have something to give to help make the community centre a success.

There will also be a meeting regarding the **Parish Plan** following on at 7.30 pm.

On **Thursday 13th May at 7.30 pm**, the Parish Council will hold the **Annual Parish Meeting** which is the opportunity for the Parish Council to tell all residents of Ketley what they have been doing over the last year. There will also be a presentation by the WEA on a project which explores the history of the two school buildings.

POLICE SURGERIES

The Police have been holding a monthly surgery at Ketley Community Centre, Holyhead Road since January 2010. The next one will be held on Wednesday May 19th at 11:30am - 1:30pm. It is an opportunity to discuss with the experienced Police Officers any local community problems e.g. parking, burglaries, anti-social behaviour. They are there to listen to your concerns and where necessary take remedial action. Therefore, come along to the monthly surgeries and air your views.

GARDEN OF REST

A new project which needs your help is underway to try and create a lovely flower garden for the scattering of ashes and a place to relax and contemplate. If you have any shrubs, herbaceous perennials or bulbs spare could you let Chris have them at the garden of rest or the Parish Clerk at the Community Centre. By next spring we hope to have this area finished. Then there will be dedicated space for commemorative plaques and benches. With your help we can make this a wonderful place for local people. Just a quick word about the fir trees which have been removed. They were an ongoing cost for the Parish and of little value. We are going to replace them with slow growing trees which will hopefully be good for the site, its neighbours and the wildlife.

UNADOPTED ROADS

We have in our Parish several unadopted roads which are in a poor state of repair. All are also rights of way which pedestrians may use. Due to the potholes in these roads they are now becoming dangerous. The Parish Council is approaching T&W Council to see if the pothole-buster team can fix these roads. It should be known by everyone that the residents who live on these roads pay exactly the same council tax as all the rest of us in similar houses. So it seems unfair that the repair teams will not repair these surfaces at the moment.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

Five-a-side football and basketball event.
Saturday 24th July
Multi Use Games Area, Ketley
10.00 – 5.00
Under 12's, 12-15's, 16-18's
Entry £3 per team (50p each inc the reserve.)
Entry Forms from your school, Ketley Community Centre and locally

This is to officially mark the opening of the M.U.G.A which is now managed by Ketley Parish Council.

LET US KNOW WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON

If you have any community events coming up in Ketley let us know and if space permits we will put it in our newsletter for you. Our next newsletter will be out in the summer, so get in touch.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

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Please contact the above with feedback on the newsletter or any concerns you have in the Parish. For example blocked footpaths, potholes in the road or streetlights not working.