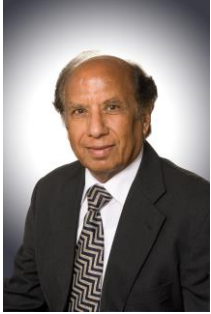




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November 2014 Ketley Parish Council Newsletter

Message from the Chairman of the Parish Council



"At this time of year it is tradition to wish friends and acquaintances a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. On behalf of Ketley Parish Council, I would like to send our very best regards to all the residents of Ketley and hope that you have a restful Christmas and a peaceful new year.

I would also like to especially acknowledge the volunteers who work within our local community. Community groups unique to Ketley would not continue to take place without the commitment and enthusiasm of these people. Ketley Youth Club, Ketley Good Companions, Ketley History Group and the Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound are but a few to mention and I wish all these groups a successful 2015." Best Wishes, Cllr Anil Saini.



Christmas Vouchers for Senior Citizens

Every year Ketley Parish Council donates a £10 Farm Foods voucher to Senior Citizens living in the Parish. The Chairman and Members of the Parish Council would like to invite Senior Citizens living in Ketley to collect their voucher and celebrate with a mince pie and refreshments from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm on Monday 8th December 2014 at Ketley Community Centre. One £10 voucher will be given per household and you will need to bring proof of age and address with you on the day (eg. winter fuel payment letter). If you are unable to attend, please ask a relative or friend to collect the voucher on your behalf.

The Meadows School Choir will be performing Christmas Songs at 11.00 am on the day and Ketley Youth Club will be holding a raffle for a Christmas Hamper. Ketley History Group will also be attending and would like to ask local residents to bring in any local memorabilia.



Ketley Parish Council Meetings

Ketley Parish Council Meetings take place at 7.00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

The Parish Council Finance Committee takes place at 10.00 am on the last Thursday of the month.

The Parish Council Resources Committee takes place at 3.00 pm on the last Tuesday of the month.

All these meetings are open to the public and the public has the opportunity to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting.

Switch on of the Christmas Lights at Ketley Community Centre

Come and join the Parish Council to celebrate the switch on of the new Christmas lights at Ketley Community Centre at 5.00 pm on Thursday 4 December 2014, followed by Christmas refreshments and festive cheer!

Parish Environmental Team

The Parish Council is working with Telford & Wrekin Council and TWS to improve the environment in the Parish. A work schedule has been set up which includes:

- weekly litter picking and sweeping of play areas
- twice monthly litter picking of pavements and footpaths
- monthly strimming of grass and weeding of flower beds
- twice yearly clearing of rights of ways

The Team will also be working daily at the Red Lake Garden of Rest.

Volunteers Needed to circulate the Parish Newsletter

The Parish Council are looking for local people to help circulate the Parish Newsletter, which is circulated 4 times a year to every household in Ketley. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details above).

Locking the Gates at Red Lake Garden of Rest

The Parish Council is looking at ways to cut costs in next years budget. One of the biggest budget commitments is the locking of the gates at Red Lake Garden of Rest. Are you able to help the Parish Council by volunteering to lock the gates in the evening and unlock the gates at weekends and bank holidays. If so, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details above).

Ketley Youth Club

Ketley Youth Club has been a Tuesday night fixture for the young people of Ketley for many years! Children aged between 6 – 16 year meet up at Ketley Youth Centre to play games, cook or just hang out and chat. The club is run by volunteers from Ketley, who also arrange outings during the year.

The Club is always looking for more volunteers to help – if you would like to work with young people and can spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday evening, please contact Dian Whittingham on 01952 618246.

Children in Need – Friday 14 November 2014



Thank you to everyone who donated books to raise money for Children in Need. The second hand book sale raised £90.84p towards this excellent cause.



Faulty Streetlights

If you spot a streetlight not working, please report to the Parish Clerk (contact details above).

Grants available for local community groups

Each year the Parish Council set aside £1,500 for local community groups. If you would like to apply for a grant, please contact the Parish Clerk for a grant application form (contact details above). The application form needs to be returned to the Parish Clerk by no later than Wednesday 25 February 2014 to be considered by the Parish Council.

Streetgames for Young People in Ketley



Telford Millennium Village Trust and Ketley Parish Council jointly funded a streetgames project for the young people in Ketley during the October half term holiday.

Many young people turned up for the event, which was held each afternoon at the MUGA on the TMC and MUGA in Sandbrook. Due to the success of this event the Parish Council hope to run this event again.

Christmas Events at St Mary's Church, Shepherds Lane, Red Lake

- * Friday 5th December at 7.30pm - Turkey & Tinsel Supper with Prize Bingo £4 per person (bingo games extra). All welcome. Please book your supper with Mary on 01952 613653
- * Sunday 14th December at 11.00am - Advent Family Service
- * Sunday 21st December at 4.00pm - Christmas Candlelit Carol Service
- * Christmas Eve at 4.00pm - Crib Service
- * Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm - Midnight Communion Service to welcome Christmas Day



Ecology Project at Telford Millennium Community

The Telford Millennium Community is looking to complete the Ecology Project on the Community shortly, following a consultation period. The Trust has also consulted with the children in the Ecology Group at the Meadows Primary School who were extremely enthusiastic about choosing their preferred materials for the information boards, signage and waymarkers plus also what information is to be included on these. The proposed designs are available for viewing and comment by contacting the Trust Co-ordinator David Churm on 01952 616545 or David.Churm@sanctuary-housing.co.uk or by calling in at the Sanctuary Office at 20 Ketley Park Road. Alternatively there will also be a display of the proposals (again for comment) at Ketley Parish Community Centre on Monday 8 December between 10.00 am and 2.00pm.

Ketley History Group

- ✂ Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 7-9pm - Christmas Social and Quiz.
- ✂ Wednesday 7 January 2015 at 7-9pm - 'What is Telford's Heritage?' – local woman Gilly Reynolds wants your views on the physical transformation and social changes that have taken place in Telford over the last 50 years. Come along and contribute your ideas as we discuss the concept of heritage, and moreover what we value within our town'.
- ✂ Wednesday 4 February 2015 at 7-9pm - 'Jurassic Ketley' – Ketley 200 million years ago or thereabouts! An insight into Ketley before 'Ketley Mon' made an appearance.
- ✂ Wednesday 4 March 2014 at 7-9pm – 'Researching your Ketley Connections' – group members will be on hand to help. Bring along details of what you want to research.

Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month at Ketley Community Centre. Members £1.50 / non-members £2. Enquiries to Dave 01952 252459 or Mary 01952 613653.



Availability of the Parish Clerk

The Parish Clerk is generally available at Ketley Community Centre between 9.15 am and 3.00 pm on a Monday through to Friday. Apologies in advance if she is not available when you visit as she sometimes has to leave the office to attend meetings. Please leave a message and she will contact you on her return.

Contact Details For Your Local Councillors

Dave Elliott	01952 252459
Amrik Singh Jhawar	01952 252530
Roy Picken	01952 249252
Anil Saini	01952 618848
Maggie Evans	01952 617029
Rajash Mehta	07545 023519
Gilly Reynolds	07837 117159
Simon Malpass	07809 403441
Laura Hodgkinson	07528 459940
Di Picken	01952 249252
Hilda Rhodes	01952 249156

Ketley Community Centre

Meet the Team



Ann Linton
Ketley Community Centre Manager



Sue Ward
Cleaning Assistant



Alison Hinks
Parish Clerk

Rooms available to Hire

Ketley Community Centre has rooms available to hire for an hourly cost of £12.50 per hour with discounts for charities. There is a large hall ideal for birthday parties and sporting activities, an Art Room with a sink area, a fully equipped IT suite with internet access and free wi-fi, a formal meeting room with flip chart and projector and a classroom with a linked kitchen ideal for courses and training events. There is also a stage available at an additional cost. Please contact the Community Centre Manager (contact details below) if you would like to book a room.

Christmas Opening time at Ketley Community Centre

Ketley Parish Council office will be closed from Friday 19 December 2014 and will re-open on Monday 5 January 2015 when staff will return to respond to any issues and problems you may have had during the holiday period.

What to do with a Problem of an Echo!

Ketley Parish Council will be installing acoustics boards to the walls and ceiling in the Hall and Art Room. This will reduce the echo in both rooms by over half!

BBQ Area at Ketley Youth Centre

Seddon Housing has kindly donated new wooden benches, wooden picnic tables and two portable BBQ's for the small garden area next to Ketley Youth Centre. Roll on the warmer weather so that the new furniture can be used!

Courses at Ketley Community Centre

Day	Course	Time	Contact
Monday	WEA Computers for All	1.00 – 4.00 pm	01952 614451
	TCAT Skills for Life	1.00 – 3.30 pm	01952 642237
	Tai Chi	7.30 - 8.30 pm	01952 536967
Tuesday	WEA Computers for All	9.30 – 12.30 pm	01952 614451
	CVS Extend Exercise Class	10.30 – 11.30 am	07821 739943
	First Class Learning	4.00 - 6.00 pm	07429 815098
	Belly Dancing	7.00 - 8.30 pm	07929 437172
Wednesday	WEA Tai Chi	10.00 - 12.00 pm	01952 614451
	Good Companions	1.00 – 3.00 pm	01952 223170
	JT's Tigers Self Defense	6.00 – 8.00 pm	07866 060544
Thursday	Age UK Creative Dance	11.00 - 12.00 am	01743 233123
	TCAT Digital Photography Beginners	9.30 - 11.30 am	01952 642237
	TCAT Drawing & Painting	2.00 - 4.00 pm	01952 642237
	TCAT Photoshop Improvers	2.00 – 4.00 pm	01952 642237
Friday	TCAT Basic DIY	9.15 – 12.15 am	01952 642237
	TCAT IT Introduction to Word Processing OCNWMR and the Internet	10.00 – 12.00 pm	01952 642237
Saturday	The Rock Project	9.00 - 1.30 pm	01952 814652

Change of contact details for Ketley Community Centre Manager

Ann Linton, Ketley Community Centre Manager has changed her emergency contact mobile phone number. You can now contact Ann on 07826 841673.

Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound



Even though the weather has now turned cold and wet we've had two very successful working parties in October & November. We have cleared the gorse around the heather because it needs sunshine and an open aspect to thrive.

We've also reduced the amount of broom and hawthorn on the mound top to encourage wild flowers to grow and carried out a litter pick. All this is under the direction of an environmentalist who makes sure we do not make any mistakes!



Many thanks to all those who have worked so hard during these sessions. In particular we should mention Sophie & Lily, our youngest volunteers.

Working parties are held every third Sunday between 10am – 2pm and first Thursday of the month between 10am – 12pm, although in December the working party will be meeting on Sunday 14 December 2014. We meet at the top gate in Shepherd's Lane and are always pleased to see new helpers. If you have any queries please contact Maggie Evans 01952 617029 or Wendy Stubbs 01952 618692.



Telford & Wrekin have recently cleared part of the round pond near Red Lees. The Friends would like to thank Mike Weaver for the photographs he has taken of the Paddock Mound and the wildlife he has seen on site.

