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KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Message from Cllr Anil Saini, Chairman of Ketley Parish Council

"It was reassuring to see so many residents at our recent meeting with Superintendent Nav Malik, Detective Chief Inspector Jennie Mattinson and Chief Inspector James Baker from West Mercia Police who attended the meeting to answer questions from concerned residents on the number of burglaries in the Parish. It was also reassuring to hear that the number of burglaries is lower in Ketley than in other parts of the Borough and that nationally, Telford has a lower crime rate. Residents were reminded of the simplest things to deter burglars: to keep their properties locked and their belongings out of sight when they are at work or away on holiday. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank West Mercia Police for offering to meet with the residents of Ketley and listening to their concerns." Cllr Anil Saini.

If you would like to discuss this issue or any other matter, Cllr Saini holds a monthly surgery at Ketley Community Centre between 12 – 2 pm on the last Thursday of each month.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Ketley

Due to the resignation of Tim Skidmore, the Parish Council now have a vacancy in the Ketley Ward. If you are interested in becoming a Ketley Parish Councillor and working within your local community, please contact the Parish Clerk for an application form. Completed application forms need to be returned by Friday 25 April 2014.

Changes at Garden of Rest

It is with much regret that Chris Hill, the gardener at Red Lake Garden of Rest for many years, has decided not to renew his contract with the Parish Council from 31 March 2014. Over the years, Chris has been a point of contact for all people using the Garden of Rest and his hard work and dedication to the site will be greatly missed. The Parish Council is in the process of appointing a new contractor and in the interim wants to reassure residents that there will be no change to standards. If you have any concerns or queries regarding the Garden of Rest, please contact the Parish Clerk.

PACT Meetings at Ketley Community Centre

West Mercia Police have organized a PACT meeting for local residents at Ketley Community Centre on Friday 4 April 2014 at 6.00 pm. This is an opportunity for residents to speak to the local policing team about their concerns.

Changes to the Electoral Boundaries in Telford

Following a recent Local Government Boundary Commission review on ward boundaries in Telford & Wrekin, the borough council are to implement changes to ward boundaries in time for the anticipated 2015 elections. Ketley will form a new 3-member ward with Overdale, named Ketley & Overdale Ward. Further details are available from the Parish Clerk.

Rooms Available for Hire at Ketley Community Centre

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. Please contact the Community Centre Manager if you would like to book a room.

Circus at Ketley Playing Field – June 2014

Planet Circus will be using Ketley Playing Field between 22 and 29 June 2014. Book to see clowns, high wire balancing acts, acrobats, trampoline artists and the highflying carousel, Tickets for the shows can be purchased closer to the date.

Resurfacing of Woodside Road, Ketley

Telford & Wrekin Council Highway Department has informed the Parish Council that Woodside Road will be resurfaced during the week commencing 14 April 2014. Traffic diversions are in place – details can be found on the Parish noticeboards at Ketley Community Centre.

Rights of Way in Ketley

Ketley Parish Council have worked closely with Telford & Wrekin Council to identify those rights of way throughout the Parish that were in a desperate need of clearing. This work is near completion and I hope that you see an improvement. If there are footpaths that you feel still need to be cleared, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Streetlight Replacement Programme

As previously reported, Ketley Parish Council has committed £25k towards upgrading streetlights throughout the Parish in desperate need of repair or replacement. This programme begins in May 2014. As part of this programme, the Parish Council also looked into ways of reducing electricity costs for streetlighting and as from April 2014 will replace faulty lights with LED lights.

Grant given to Local Organisations

Every year local organisations have the opportunity to apply for a small grant from the Parish Council. This year the following grants have been approved:

- Ketley Youth Club - £300	- New Testament Church - £250	- Ketley Good Companions - £200
- Telford Lions - £100	- Telford Crisis Network - £100	- Wellington Cottage Care - £100
- The Silver Clouds Bingo Club - £150	- Margaret Court Housing - £150	

2014-15 Precept

At the Ketley Parish Council meeting on 9 January 2014 councillors unanimously voted not to increase their annual budget received from Telford & Wrekin Council. The annual budget (Precept) received is funded via Council Tax payments from residents in the Parish. This decision means that you do not have an increase to your Council Tax contribution to the Parish Council. In 2014-15 the Parish Council will receive a precept of £114, 484 from Telford & Wrekin Council.

Street Champions

Telford & Wrekin Council are requesting for volunteers from the local community to take a more active role to improve the local environment. You will be expected to report to the local authority of areas of concern and encouraged to organize community events that improve the neighbourhood. If you are interested in volunteering, please email phil.pritchard@telford.gov.uk.

New Telford Millennium Community Co-ordinator – David Churm

As from 17 March 2014 David Churm has been appointed as the new Telford Millennium Community (TMC) Co-ordinator. One of David's first jobs is to arrange a TMC Residents' Meeting, which will be open for all residents of the Telford Millennium Community to attend. David and the Parish Council will continue to work closely on common issues in the community. You can contact David on tel. 01952616545 or email. David.Churm@sanctuary-housing.co.uk.

Changes to Recycling Services

As from 1 April 2014 Veolia Environmental Services will be taking over the contract for kerbside recycling. A new purple wheelie bin will be provided to all households for the recycling of cans, plastic and glass. Residents must continue to use the blue box and/or blue bag for the recycling of paper and card. To recycle textiles, use a carrier bag and place it next to your purple bin. For batteries and bulbs use separate clear sandwich bags and place on top of your purple bin. For more information please contact www.telford.gov.uk/recycling or tel. 01952 384384.

Friends of Paddock Mound

On the evening of 31st March 2014, Martin Noble of Shropshire Mammals Group and Mark Latham of the Shropshire Amphibian & Reptile Group will be making a preliminary visit to Paddock Mound with a view to conducting surveys. A number of our members will be joining them at 7pm by the top gate in Shepherds Lane (opposite Quarry Lane). You are of course very welcome to attend!

Ketley History Group

2 April, 7.30-9pm: 'Telford & Wrekin, Then & Now' an illustrated talk by Richard Bifield, showing a 'before & after' photographic journey from Wellington, through Ketley to Oakengates. (7-7.30pm: AGM of Ketley History Group (30 mins).
14 May, 7-9pm: 'Train & buses in the Ketley area' – do you remember the **Ketley Dodger**? Glyn Bowen's illustrated talk will show how folk travelled around the Ketley area. Followed by 'Bring & Tell' session.
4 June, 7-9pm: Annual guided walk through Ketley's History – led by Margaret Evans, the walk starts from Ketley Community Centre. There will also be an exhibition of Ketley History Group archives in Ketley Community Centre for those not wishing to walk. Come along and have a chat and cuppa.

St Marys Church, Red Lake

St Mary's Church, Shepherds Lane, Red Lake, Ketley - Services at 10.30am on Sundays (unless advertised otherwise). Please join us for a Mothering Sunday family activity service on 30th March (11.00am) and for Easter Praise on 20th April. We will be hosting the Red Lake Village Fete on Saturday 21st June 2.00-4.00pm. Attractions, stalls, games and refreshments. For church or event information contact Mary on 613653 or email: thechurchoffice@btinternet.com

Ketley Youth Club at Ketley Youth Centre

Ketley Youth Club is going from strength to strength – recent trips include Ten Pin Bowling and a trip to the Severn Valley Railway is arranged in April 2014. New members aged between 6 - 14 years are always welcome. We meet on a Tuesday evening between 6.00 to 8.00 pm and at only £1 per session its great value.

Contact Details For Your Local Councillors

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