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September 2014 Ketley Parish Council Newsletter

Message from the Chairman of the Parish Council



I must firstly apologise to all households that received the June 2014 edition of the newsletter late, there was a misunderstanding with the organization that distributes the newsletter on behalf of the Parish Council and they too would like to apologise.

The Parish Council holds its monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at Ketley Community Centre from 7.00 pm. At the beginning of each meeting there is a 15-minute public session for residents to raise with Councillors their concerns from the Parish. Anyone can attend this meeting and it is an ideal opportunity to hear current projects and issues the Parish Council are dealing with. I look forward to welcoming you at a future meeting. I also hold a surgery when you can meet me privately on the last Thursday of the month at Ketley Community Centre from 1.00 pm. Regards, Anil Saini.



The WEA at Ketley Community Centre

The WEA (Workers' Educational Association) is a charity that receives government and council funding to run courses for adults. It is a national charity, but the office for Shropshire is based at Ketley Community Centre. Originally based in Madeley, the WEA moved to Ketley Community Centre at the invitation of the Parish Council in a number of years ago and have had an office there ever since, as well as running a range of classes at the Community Centre. Currently the WEA classes at the Centre are Tai Chi and two very popular Computers for All classes.

Being based in the main reception area at the Community Centre allows the WEA to be very involved with the local community and this has helped to attract local people to their courses.

As well as having some local students the WEA also has two Ketley people volunteering for them. Both volunteers help with classroom support in IT classes, a role that they've carried out for many years and that greatly helps the students to get the most out of their course.

The WEA is always looking for people who would like to do some volunteering, either on a long term regular basis or for a short while whilst job hunting. There is a range of opportunities for volunteers other than classroom support. Anyone who is interested can contact Sheila Brégeon, the WEA Shropshire manager, by ringing 01952 614451 or emailing sbregeon@wea.org.uk

Streetgames for Young People in Ketley



Telford Millennium Village Trust and Ketley Parish Council are jointing funding streetgames for young people in Ketley. The coaching will be provided by Telford & Wrekin Council Sports Development Team and young people under 16 years will be able to play football and other ball games during half term week in October 2014.

Just turn up on the following days:

Monday 27 October 1-3 pm at TMC MUGA

Tuesday 28 October 1-3 pm at Sandbrook MUGA

Wednesday 29 October 1-3 pm at TMC MUGA

Thursday 30 October 1-3 pm at Sandbrook MUGA

How would you spend the Parish Council's budget?

Over the next 3 months the Parish Council will be putting together their budget for the next financial year. During 2013-14 the Parish Council set aside £1000 towards activities for young people as well as £25,000 to replace old streetlights with new LED steel columns. How would you like next year's budget to be spent? Please contact the Clerk with your ideas.



Christmas Vouchers for Senior Citizens

On Monday 8 December 2014 between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm the Parish Council will again be gifting a £10 Farm Foods voucher to senior citizens in the Parish. As in previous years it will be one gift voucher per household and proof of age and address will be needed. More details to follow.

New Course Starting at Ketley Community Centre - Extend Seated Exercises To Music

For some reason, some older people hear the word 'exercise' and immediately have a vision of individuals wearing lycra, bathed in sweat pounding on a machine in a gym. Well, EXTEND seated exercise classes aren't like that! They are designed for people of 60+ who find everyday tasks like climbing the stairs or reaching for that jar of jam on the top shelf, hard work. They are for older people who can't do the type of exercise they used to, but still want to keep mobile and as healthy.

An EXTEND class is about helping your heart, bones, muscles and brain to do a bit of a work out without causing any damage. We sit in a circle, put the music on, have a warm up routine, a posture check with some gentle stretches and then exercises in time with the music to improve your balance (yes, still sitting down), ease the joints, strengthen the muscles and get the blood to pump through your body. And because it's important to keep the brain active as well, we do some co-ordination routines.

Come and give it a go. There will be a class starting on Tuesday 7 October 2014 at Ketley Community Centre from 10.30 to 11.30 with refreshments afterwards all for £2.00. If you would like any further information please give Sarah Warner, EXTEND Tutor, a call on 07821 739943.

Parish Environmental Team



Ketley Parish Council now have it's own Parish Environmental Team that employs Alan Wootton and Ashley Cartledge. Alan has worked for an environmental service for a number of years and Ashley is an apprentice who is working towards an NVQ Level 2 qualification in Environmental Services. A works programme has been drawn up including daily visits to Red Lake Garden of Rest, the play areas in the parish being cleared of rubbish every other day and rights of way being cut back at least twice a year. Any ad hoc urgent environmental work can be reported to the Parish Clerk and will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound

The Friends of Paddock Mound would like to formally thank Cllr Amrik Jhawar for his kind donation of £500 from the Ward Co-operative Fund. This money was used to purchase gardening tools to be used by volunteers and new seating for the Paddock Mound.

Ketley Playing Field

You may have seen Pinders Circus at Ketley Playing Field at the beginning of September. Reports from the owner said that the shows were well attended and Parish Councillors were pleased to see the Playing Field being used for events that benefit the local community.

The Parish Council would like to encourage the local community to use the playing field more for similar events and welcome your ideas.

Ketley Community Centre

Ketley Community Centre is used by many people in the Parish who attend courses that range from computer skills to Tai Chi. It is also an ideal place to hold social gatherings and parties.



The Parish Council wants the Centre to be used as much as possible and want to provide courses and events for the whole community. The Community Centre Manager is keen to know your ideas the types of social events and courses you would like to see being run at the Community Centre.

Ketley History Group

Ketley History Group meets at Ketley Community Centre on the first Wednesday of the month. Future talks are:
1st October 7-9pm - Famous People of Ketley - an illustrated talk highlighting the many famous (and infamous) folk who had connections with Ketley. Followed by a 'Bring & Share' session.
5th November 7-9pm - Ketley's War Heroes - an illustrated talk. Ketley History Group are keen to hear from people who have connections with any of Ketley's War Heroes - please come and share your memories and photos.

Ketley History Group are also working closely with The Meadow School looking at local history and comparing it to how we live today.

Visitors and prospective members are very welcome. Members £1.50, non-Members £2 at the door. Light refreshments available. Contacts: Dave Elliott, Chair - 01952 252459 or Mary Richards, Secretary - mjs.richards@virgin.net

Children in Need – Friday 14 November 2014



The Parish Council will be raising money for this year's children in need event by selling second hand books at Ketley Community Centre.

If you would like to donate any unwanted books, please drop them off at the Community Centre before the 14th.

Letter from the Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound

The friends are a group of people who live in Ketley who care about the Mound and want it to be enjoyed by generations to come. With your help, we fought building proposals for part of it; now that threat is over we want to maintain the area for local people and wildlife.

This is your space and it is very important to us that everyone has a say in what happens to it. Our group is working very closely with the Parish Council and an environmentalist working for Telford and Wrekin Council.

Working sessions are starting; to help clear paths, cut back over hanging branches, remove saplings, and other not too strenuous work.

We invite you to join us.

These working sessions will take place on every 3rd Sunday in the month when we will be working from 10am until 2pm, and we hope others will join us for part - or even all - of that time.

We will have a break in the middle so you might want to bring something to eat and drink. One of the groups will be working near the top gate on Shepherd's Lane at around 10 and again at 12 if you'd like to join us.

If you'd like to join us, you can do as little or as much as you want – just a chat or encouragement would be good!

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We would be grateful if you would take the time to answer the questions below – your own comments would be very welcome.

How often do you walk around Paddock Mound?

- a) Every day b) Once a week c) Once a month
d) Rarely e) Never

If you do go onto the mound, what is the reason you go there?

- a) Walking b) The views c) Wildlife

d) Other:.....

What would you like to see on the mound? And how could it be improved ?e.g. easier access; benches; information about wildlife and its history

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Everyone is very welcome to join the Friends or if you prefer you can just join in the working parties.

You can contact the group in the following ways:

Wendy Stubbs on 01952 618692 or stubbswendy1@talktalk.net

Maggie Evans on 01952 617029 or evansmaggot@blueyonder.co.uk

Facebook page (Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound)

www.facebook.com/#!/groups/paddockmound/

Please can you hand in the questionnaire below at Ketley Community Centre or email it to either Maggie or Wendy. Alternatively if you know any of the people involved in the Friends please give it in to them.

You can also reply on our facebook page.

Thank you very much.

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If you don't visit the mound is there a reason, which could be overcome by:
improving access, views, paths, etc

What would you like to see happen to the mound?

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We're also considering having regular working sessions on a weekday as well as the weekend – would you be tempted to join us then?

Have you any other comments:

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