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March 2015 Ketley Parish Council Newsletter

Message from the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Anil Saini



The new Parish Council website will go live at the beginning of April 2015 and will give you all the information you need on Ketley Parish Council meetings, Ketley Community Centre and Red Lake Garden of Rest. You can access the website at www.ketleyparishcouncil.co.uk We are also on facebook and twitter!

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.

Kind regards, Cllr Anil Saini



Easter Egg Hunt on Ketley Paddock Mound – Thursday 2 April 2015 at 10 am – 2 pm

A free family Easter Egg Hunt is arranged for all families in Ketley on Thursday 2 April 2015 from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm starting from Ketley Community Centre. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place around Ketley Paddock Mound with a prize waiting for you back at the Community Centre along with Easter crafts and refreshments.



Jumble Sale – 18 April 2015 at 10.00 am

Come along and sell your unwanted items. Ketley Community Centre is holding a Jumble Sale at 10.00 am until 2.00 pm on Saturday 18 April 2015 to help to raise money for further activities and events for the people of Ketley. Tables cost £5 (charity tables free). To book a table contact the Parish Clerk (contact details above).

Parish Council Elections – 7 May 2015

Parish and Borough Council elections are taking place on 7 May 2015. If you are interested in your local community and would like to become a local Parish Councillor you need to register your interest by 4.00 pm on 9 April 2014. Application packs and nomination forms are available from Telford & Wrekin Council Democratic Services 01952 383210.



Ketley Sport Sessions

As the MUGA on the TMC is currently closed Taylor Wimpey have arranged for free sports sessions at Ketley Playing Field every Sunday between 12.30 – 3.00 pm. These sessions are run by Telford & Wrekin Council Sports Coaches – no need to book, bring plenty of drinks!

Room Hire at Ketley Community Centre

Ketley Community Centre has an entertainment license to hold plays, films, indoor sporting events, music, provide late night refreshments up to 11.30 pm on a Monday – Thursday, midnight on a Friday and Saturday and 10.00 pm on a Sunday. If you would like to book a room, please contact the Community Centre Manager (contact details above).

Kids Easter Holiday Activities for £1

Telford & Wrekin Council in partnership with RICOH UK Products Limited is running holiday activities for young people in the Borough. There is something for everyone, it doesn't matter how long the sessions are it only costs a £1.00! . You need to book in advance to avoid disappointment. Make sure you have a Telford Loyalty Card (tlc) as these activities are available to tlc holders only. If you haven't got one all you need to do is pick up an application form from your local leisure centre. Visit www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk to book multiple activities online.

Pot Holes

If you have a pothole near your home, please report to the Parish Clerk (contact details above).





Grants given to local community groups

Each year the Parish Council set aside £1,500 for local community groups. This year the Parish Council gave the following grants:

- Ketley History Group - £300 towards a projector
- Ketley Youth Club - £400 towards a laptop
- Ketley Silver Clouds - £200 towards a Christmas Party
- Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound - £600 towards gardening equipment and trees, shrubs and plants

New BMX Track on TMC

Works by Taylor Wimpey's play specialist contractors on the new Telford Millennium Community Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play are progressing well. 'Back on Track', a Mountain Bike / BMX track specialist has been busy creating an exciting and challenging BMX 'pump' track as a suitable replacement for the BMX track that was lost to facilitate the residential development. The track itself has now been completed and landscaping around the new facility is starting to establish. Kieran Edwards of Wrekin Riders BMX club visited the track and stated "the new Ketley track is completely unique, provides the opportunity for all (including experts) and I personally cannot wait for it to open so I can have a go myself". The new BMX track is currently closed to the public for Health and Safety reasons as there are a number of other play area works being carried out which are in close proximity. Works to the new Ketley Skate Park started March 2nd with amendments to the ball court, a new seated shelter and not one but 2 play areas (junior and senior to follow). It is anticipated that works will be complete and the facility opened in May.

Keep Ketley Clean

The Parish Environmental Maintenance Team are working hard to 'Keep Ketley Clean'. Alan and Ashley are responding quickly to environmental problems raised by the local residents. Two new litter/dog fowl bins have been installed along the Holyhead Road and a further bin installed at the top of Red Lees by the Garden of Rest. If you spot any rubbish or fly tipping in Ketley, please report to the Clerk (contact detail above).

Telford & Wrekin Council Homefix Service

Homefix is a handyman service for all Telford & Wrekin residents ranging from replacing a light bulb to small decorating/carpentry jobs. Prices range from £20 - £25 per hour. To book telephone 01952 380933 or email homefix@telford.gov.uk

New Footpaths at the top of Mountside

Footpath between Candleberry Meadow and Mountside has been upgraded to ensure that the people who use this route can walk safely. A similar upgrade to the footpath between Cornflower Grove and Mountside has also been installed to help walkers.

New TMC Officer Appointed

Following the internal promotion of David Churm, the TMC have successfully appointed Haroon Riaz, who will be starting on the 20 April 2015. Haroon lives locally and has a vested interest in the area.



Comic Relief – 13 March 2015

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the tombola held at Ketley Community Centre in aid of Comic Relief – we raised £63.00.

Red Lake Garden of Rest

Residents of Ketley are able to pre-purchase burial and cremation plots at Red Lake Garden of Rest. There is also a flower garden where you can scatter the ashes of loved ones and a remembrance wall to display memorial plaques. If you would like to discuss further, contact the Parish Clerk (contact details above).

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to apologise to the residents of Ketley who were disappointed when they visited Red Lake Garden of Rest over the Christmas holiday period. The Parish Council had made all the necessary arrangements for the Garden of Rest to be open as normal so that friends and relative could visit loved ones but were sadly let down. Can I thank all the residents that helped during this time and can I assure you that the Parish Council have reviewed its practices to make sure that this doesn't happen again. A local resident, Mr Slater of Snowdrop Meadow has kindly volunteered to open and close the gates. If you have any concerns regarding Red Lake Garden of Rest, please contact the Clerk (details above).

Ketley History Group

Ketley History Group would like anyone interested in family, local or any history subject to join us on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Ketley Community Centre at 7pm.

Dementia Skills for Family Carers

Come and gain the tools, skills and confidence to know you are providing the very best possible care for the person experiencing dementia. Create a personalised plan needed for well-being at home and in the future. Two consecutive programmes consisting of six sessions each are starting on Monday 13 April 2015 and Monday 06 July 2015 between 10:00am - 2pm at The Place in Oakengates. Louise, a former carer has said "I wish I had done this 10 years ago when mum was first diagnosed. I experienced dementia the hard way - by trial and error!" To book Julia Pitkin 07886 690026 julia@juliapitkin.com

Pinders Circus is coming to Ketley

Pinders Circus, a small family run Circus, will again be using Ketley Playing Field from Monday 14 September until Wednesday 16th September 2015.

Ketley Youth Club

On Tuesday 26 May 2015 the Youth Club have a full day trip to the Severn Valley Railway.

The Youth 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.

What's on at St Marys Church, Red Lake

Please join us for worship and fellowship on Sunday mornings at 10.30 am and especially on Easter Day - Sunday 5 April 2015 at 10.30 am for our Family Service with Holy Communion

A 'Pudding Tasking Evening' with musical entertainment from The Windsor Singers is taking place on Friday 17 April at 7.30 pm - £6.00. Puddings for tasting welcome!

A Fish and Chip Supper with a prize bingo is taking place on Friday 15 May 2015 at 7.30pm - £6.00. Please book supper in advance.

For details on all of the above events contact: Mary Richards on 613653/mjs.richards@virgin.net

The Meadows School – Celebrating Success

Since September 2014 the children of The Meadows School have been involved in a History Heritage Project. The Headteacher, Mrs Anna Sydenham, is delighted that the School has been asked to take part in a Local Heritage film organised by Martin Phillips from English Heritage. Martin said that the children "far exceeded expectations with their behaviour, enthusiasm, interest and comments". More information about the project is available on the School website.

Upgrade to Ironbridge Way Footpath

Telford & Wrekin Council has started the upgrade to the footway from Holyhead Road to Copper Beech. This is the final stage of the work to the cycle path that runs from Sinclair Gardens and also included the upgrade of the safer crossing of Station Road, Ketley.

WWI Commemoration Poppies

To commemorate WWI the Parish Council will be planting poppy and wild flower seeds in the grass along Beards Patch, Copper Beech Road and in the grass area along Orchard Close to commemorate WWI

Emergency Contact Details for Ketley Community Centre Manager

The Emergency Contact details for Ann Linton, Ketley Community Centre Manager, is now 07826 841673.

Meet Your Councillors



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Courses and Groups held at Ketley Community Centre

| Course / Groups | Contact | Course / Groups | Contact |
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| Art for Beginners (WEA) | 01952 614451 | Ketley Youth Club | 01952 618246 |
| Badge Collectors Association | 01952 247808 | Pottery Course for Carers | 07886 690026 |
| Belly Dancing | 07929 437172 | Working in Adult Social Care (TCAT) | 01952 642237 |
| Card & Stamp Club | 01952 247783 | Seated Exercise Class (CVS) | 07821 739943 |
| Computers for All (WEA) | 01952 614451 | Self Defense (JTs Tigers) | 07866 060544 |
| Creative Dance (Age UK) | 01743 233123 | Sewing (TCAT) | 01952 642237 |
| Digital Photography (TCAT) | 01952 642237 | Singing for Fun (WEA) | 01952 614451 |
| Drawing & Painting (TCAT) | 01952 642237 | Skills for Life (TCAT) | 01952 642237 |
| First Class Learning – tuition for children | 07429 815098 | Tai Chi – evening class | 01952 536967 |
| Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound | 01952 612035 | Tai Chi (WEA) | 01952 614451 |
| Good Companions | 01952 223170 | The Rock Project | 01952 814652 |
| Introduction to Word Processing/Internet (TCAT) | 01952 642237 | Telford Community Orchestra | 07985 903731 |
| Introduction to Contemporary Stitch (WEA) | 01952 614451 | Young Carers Youth Club-T&WC | 01952 916079 |
| Ketley History Group | 01952 252459 | | |

Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound

Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound and Ketley Parish Council have been awarded a Telford & Wrekin Council Pride in the Community Grant for £32,000 to upgrade footpaths and information boards on Ketley Paddock Mound. A group of local residents are working hard to finalise the exact location of the footpaths and obtain quotes for this work. This is excellent news for the development of this site to ensure that local residents can use the site safely for years to come.

Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound are always looking for more volunteers to help out at the working parties that take place on the Third Sunday and First Thursday of each month. The Parish Environmental Team are also working closely with the Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound to ensure that the area is litter free, the pathways cleared and green rubbish removed from the site.

The Paddock Mound Working Party have recently planted elm whips in various parts of the Paddock Mound. Many thanks to Shropshire Wildlife Trust for providing these. Future tasks for the Group include clearing the pathway along the southern bank of the canal.



The Green Gym have also been working on the Paddock Mound and have cleared a large patch alongside the Potters Bank to Red Lees footpath and created a willow screen. The Green Gym is a voluntary organisation who the Friends of Paddock Mound hope to work more closely with over the coming months.

Finally, the Paddock Mound is an area of woodland that the Parish Council and Friends want all the residents of Ketley to use. We especially want to encourage children to walk and play on the paths and the grass area at the top of the Mound. Can we therefore ask dog walkers to be mindful that these areas are kept free of dog foul. There are free dog foul bags available in Ketley Community Centre and dog foul bins located on Red Lees and the Holyhead Road.



Spring has arrived on Ketley Paddock Mound!

Please download any photograph you take of the Paddock Mound on the Friends of Paddock Mound Facebook page.



