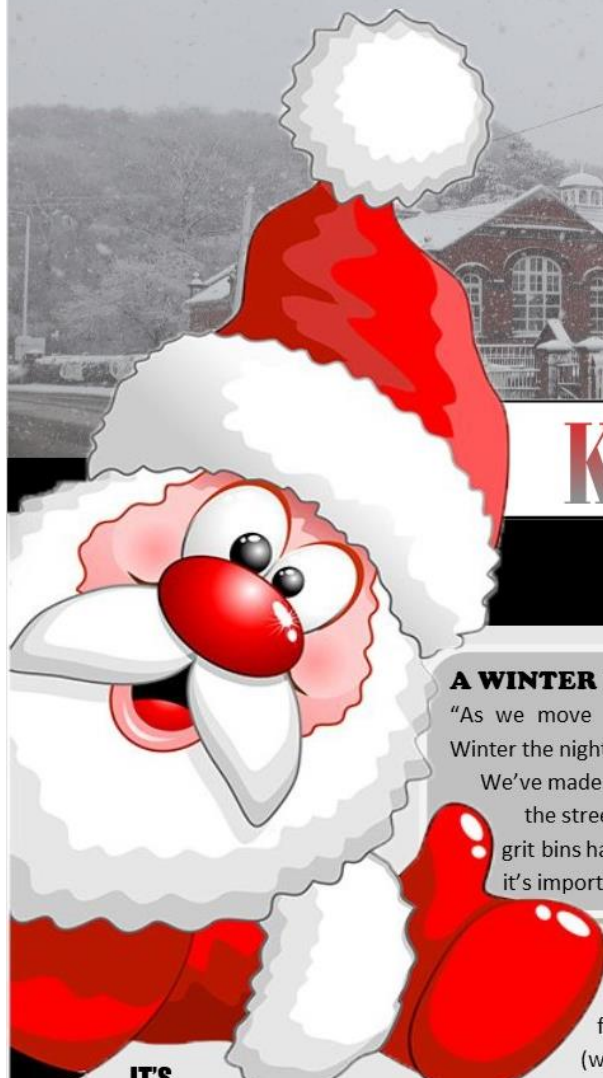




KETLEY PARISH NEWS

November 2018



IT'S... A CHRISTMAS CRACKER!!!

Well it's here again already, can you believe it?! We've only just stashed away the suitcase from this year's Summer holiday and yet the shops are now full to bursting with toys, Christmas decorations and of course all those delicious treats... and Ketley Parish Council have a few treats in store for you too this Christmas!

For the first time we'll be bringing everyone together on one day... just don't all turn up at once!!! **FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER** is the date for your diary, miss it and you'll miss out on your chance to share a very special Christmas at Ketley Community Centre.

Our day begins at 10am when we will be joined by Meadows Primary School Choir. The children's singing is magical and has been known to bring a tear to the eye so have those tissues handy! It's always a joy to watch the young people perform and they will delight the audience with their well rehearsed selection of songs. and carols.

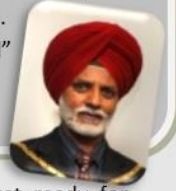


A WINTER WELCOME...

"As we move from Autumn to Winter the nights are drawing in. We've made improvements to the street lighting and the grit bins have been filled but it's important to take extra

care of ourselves and others during the season of goodwill. The Council is here for you, so please do get in touch if we can help. Safe Christmas to all"

Cllr Amrik Jhawar, Chairman



And at 11am all the way from the Orient, (well Birmingham)

comes the three pony kings! The Lollipop Ponies, complete with Christmas outfits, will visit you at your table. These



cute miniature Shetlands love dressing up, being fussed, posing for photos... and the odd apple! They'll be at the Centre until 12 noon when entertainer Linda Pelling takes the stage. With a repertoire covering five decades, Linda will have you singing along,

tapping your feet and even up dancing! She brings a wealth of musical experience with her... and a party bag of Silly hats, props and games! Linda is guaranteed to

put a smile on your face and as the afternoon draws to a close at 2pm you'll leave with a warm glow and a £10 Farmfoods* voucher in your pocket!



As darkness falls, get ready for the official switch on of our Christmas lights! At 4:30pm we welcome back the choir from Meadows who will sing around the Christmas tree until we begin our countdown to the **Switch On at 5pm**. Then back inside you can warm up with a dance to the festive disco and then cool down with one of Mr Tee's yummy ice cream sundaes... but no Christmas party would be complete without a visit from Santa himself!!!



They'll be hot and cold drinks, biscuits and mince pies available throughout the day plus you could win some great prizes on our tombola stall. *Farmfoods vouchers will be issued between 10am—2pm to all residents aged 65 years and over upon proof of eligibility (your age and address). And if you can't make it on the day, you can arrange for a representative to collect the voucher for you. Bulk collection requires advance notice though, so please contact the office the week before to make arrangements on ☎612035

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to celebrating with you all this Christmas!!!



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AT LONG LAST

...Riddings Close has been resurfaced!!!

It's been a very long wait and residents have been extremely patient whilst the road has developed one pothole after another. And with the Winter weather bearing on us, the new tarmac will be most welcome. Thank you to Telford & Wrekin Council's Highways team for carrying out this work. If you have issues with roads, potholes or pavements, contact Highways on 01952 384000.



BRIGHTER NIGHTS WITH LED

Thanks to the completion of the first phase of switching over the old orange sodium street lights to LED, many of us will be looking forward to lighter nights this Winter! 66 lanterns have been replaced which will reduce energy costs and minimise the number of repairs. The Parish Council will put forward phase two in the budget for 2019/20 with all remaining non LED street lights changed over by the end of 2020. If you find a problem with a street light, please check the number on the post. Numbers prefixed with 'K' are Ketley Parish Council's responsibility, so please report it to the Clerk on 01952 612035.

LEADING THE WAY...

A range of five individually designed boundary signs will soon be installed on the main routes into Ketley. We all know Ketley is 'Rich in Heritage' and the Parish Council wanted to recognise that in a more unique way! The signs will each feature something of historical importance to Ketley and the designs are inspired by the Parish Council's logo which depicts the Inclined Plane built in 1789. The images reflect our long past and strong connections with industry. The date of the grand unveilings will be announced soon, so look out for more details. We're putting Ketley firmly on the map!!!

MY COUNCILLOR... Find details on the Parish Council's website www.ketleyparishcouncil.co.uk or drop in at the Community Centre.

SO, WHAT'S THE PLAN??

All planning applications for Ketley are considered at public meetings of the Parish Council. Councillors discuss each individual application against current planning policy and the likely effects on local residents before deciding to support, object or make comments. The Recycling House application came to the Parish last year and was finally decided at Telford & Wrekin's Planning Committee in August after months of waiting. The Parish Council had strongly objected to the application right the way through the process and the outcome reflected this. Whilst the existing permission to operate at the site is still in place, they will not be able to extend the hours or increase the weight of the waste carried by the HGVs. A great many conditions have been set which the new operators must meet and you can read the decision notice by typing in the application number TWC/2017/0882



to the planning webpage on telford.gov.uk The Parish Council continues to work with residents to ensure the site is carefully monitored and enforcement of the conditions is carried out if necessary. If you have any concerns about new applications in Ketley, contact your local Parish Councillor or come along to the next meeting of the Parish Council.



TENDING TO THE GARDEN...

Work on the boundary fence around the Garden of Rest has now been completed and has certainly not blocked the magnificent view to the Wrekin! It is a stunning location and plots here are in big demand as you can imagine. New cremation and burial areas have been identified and work on revising the remaining layout has started. The Remembrance Garden where ashes can be scattered will also see improvements and a special memorial wall will be created at the front entrance. Ketley Parish Council are responsible for managing and maintaining the site and will shortly be writing out to everyone who purchased a plot to ensure the records are up to date in line with regulations on data protection. Health & safety inspections will be carried out in the new year as required by legislation and the Council will contact the registered owner directly with any issues raised. If you have any queries in advance of this work being undertaken, please get in touch with the Clerk who can advise on all policy matters... and if you've not yet secured your plot, call in to the Community Centre or ring the Clerk to talk about your options...

INCONSIDERATE PARKING

The bane of many people's lives as it affects both pedestrians and other road users. The local Policing team are stepping up inspections of problem areas and if you've responded to the recent Civil Parking Enforcement consultation, you'll know that Telford & Wrekin Council are hoping to take on this responsibility from West Mercia Police. If you spot an issue, take a photograph of the problem (where it is safe to do so) and report it through the website www.westmercia.police.uk. Select MY AREA and put in your postcode then you will be taken to the Ketley & Oakengates Safer Neighbourhood team pages with contact details and other local information. You can also raise Police matters at any Parish Council meeting.

A VOTE OF THANKS...

Borough Mayor Cllr Raj Mehta was presented with a cheque for £60.90 by the Parish Chairman Cllr Amrik Jhawar on behalf of the residents of Ketley following the Summer event in August. The donations will support the Mayor's Charity Appeal which this year is 'Building Bridges' that makes grants to voluntary groups who help tackle social isolation, disadvantage and deprivation. The Mayor, who is also a Ketley Parish Councillor, was delighted to receive the cheque and passed on his thanks to everyone who had so generously donated to his Appeal.



FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Parish Council	Wednesday 14 November @ 7:00pm
Events Committee	Tuesday 4 December @ 6:00pm
Finance Committee	Thursday 6 December @ 10:00am
Parish Council	Wednesday 12 December @ 7:00pm
Finance Committee	Thursday 3 January @ 10:00am
Parish Council	Wednesday 9 January @ 7:00pm
Resources Committee	Tuesday 5 February @ 6:30pm
Finance Committee	Thursday 7 February @ 10:00am
Parish Council	Wednesday 13 February @ 7:00pm
Events Committee	Tuesday 5 March @ 6:00pm
Finance Committee	Thursday 7 March @ 10:00am

All meetings are public and held at Ketley Community Centre. You can view agendas and minutes online at the Council's website www.ketleyparishcouncil.co.uk or contact the Clerk on 01952 612035. Come along and Have Your Say!

CHAT TO THE CHAIRMAN

If you've got any questions for the Parish Council or just fancy a chat about life in Ketley, why not drop into the Community Centre and speak to the man at the top! The Chairman is at the Centre every Tuesday morning from 11am—12noon to meet with residents, but if you can't make it then why not come along to any public meeting of the Parish Council or email your issues to the Clerk on clerk@ketleyparishcouncil.co.uk



“MILLENNIUM”

How many other people can't help but sing the Robbie Williams song in their head when they read that word! The development is most of the way there, much to the relief of residents who can now be proud of where they live. The design has maximised the use of green space and the new T50 trail passes right through the middle of the development wending its way along the outskirts where open land is dotted with wildflowers and home to a variety of animal species. The pond work off Beveley Road with terraced planting will attract birds, bees, dragonflies, frogs and maybe even newts too. There really is a good vibe about the place that is now very much established within the community of Ketley. And when the developers finally load their JCBs and scaffolding on to a truck and drive away, the residents will be taking control of the wheel! The Trust Board, which manages the Stewardship Fees, is currently chaired by Taylor Wimpey but will hand over to residents following completion supported by Sanctuary Housing. If you want to be on the Board or have any questions you'd like to raise, contact Sanctuary on 0800 1313348 or drop into the office for more details and find out who represents you locally.



MEET THE LONE RANGER!!!

The open space between the Millennium Community and the railway line, is owned by The Land Trust and they have appointed Groundwork West Midlands to manage the site. Peter Mcnee is the Ranger who will be responsible for ensuring the site meets the needs of the community whilst protecting wildlife habitats. But Peter is just one man and cannot do this alone! If you want to get involved with shaping this space and how it's used, contact Peter for more details either by email peter.mcnee@groundwork.org.uk or phone him on 07730 688924

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GIRLS ON FILM...

'The Search' makes its Ketley debut this month. The silent comedy film was made by and stars girls from Meadows Primary School and marks 100 years since women got the right to vote. The film has already won several awards and a gala event is planned to celebrate their achievements. Look out for more details on social media...

CLEARING OUT THE DEAD WOOD

...and rather a lot of reeds!!! Work on restoring the Round Pool back to its former glory has at last begun. The pool which is on the Paddock Mound just off the Red Lees entrance, was once a haven for wildlife. The aim of the Freshwater First project funded by the European Regional Development Fund, Telford & Wrekin Council, Ketley Parish Council and Shropshire Wildlife Trust, is to clear the pond and bring new life back into the area. The benefit to the environment is obvious, but it also has hidden benefits for us. Spending time with nature is known to help with relaxation and calming the mind, and in this hectic world we live in today, who couldn't benefit from that! The Mound is on our doorstep, is free to enter and if you can make it to the top, has the most stunning views! But to maintain this magnificent jewel requires a lot of hard effort and money. We are fortunate to have the fantastic Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound who manage the site for us all to enjoy, but they do need more members and financial support. So, why not come along and join one of their working parties held on the first Thursday and third Sunday of every month from 10am. They meet at the bus stop entrance on Holyhead Road (more exciting news about that next issue) or buy a lottery ticket online from www.twincl.co.uk to be in with a chance to win £25k... and support the Friends too!!!



So, have you written on it yet? You certainly can't miss the new addition to the back of the Community Centre, but if you've not been in recently the 24 metre long mural may just have passed you by... literally! Unveiled over the Summer, the project was jointly funded by Ketley Parish Council and Arty Party who were able to secure a grant through the Telford 50 legacy scheme. The mural celebrates the history of our area from the Roman times right up to the present day... and beyond!!!

...NO NEED TO GET CROSS!!!

Thanks to the addition of a new toilet facility at the far end of the Community Centre building, ladies no longer have to cross their legs when hiring the Rowley Room!!! And, as well as the WC, we've also got a fantastic kitchenette and separate access to the building via a super new ramp.



To look at the other facilities that the Centre provides, why not have a nose around our brand new 3D interactive tour! Not only can you view the layout of the former 'Old School', but you'll find some interesting facts and What's On information too. See the tour and room hire details on the website ketleyparishcouncil.co.uk/room-hire/

CAN YOU TEACH A DOG NEW TRICKS?

Yes, but what about toilet training? It seems fairly unlikely, we'll see our best friend sitting on the loo reading the newspaper anytime soon! So, remember your bags and pick up after your pooch because they can't!!!



The charity are now busy fundraising again to support their work with people of all ages who have learning disabilities. Their members meet at the Centre every week to explore, perform, create and celebrate art. One of their trustees is running in the London Marathon next April and they'll be a number of opportunities over the next few months to get involved and help raise money. If you'd like to access the service, contact Julia on 07825 070368 or you can email info@artypartytelford.org

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

If it's a last minute go at getting fit before Christmas or making plans in the New Year to shift those extra pounds after the holiday excess, there's a whole host of regular weekly groups at the Centre that should fit the bill! You could try Tae Kwon Do, Tai Chi, Pilates, Yoga or maybe WellFit. You'll find something for everyone here no matter what your age or fitness level, there's even Baby Yoga! And after the exertion, book a Mindfulness class for some relaxation! Many offer the first session free or at a reduced price so you can try before you commit yourself fully. To find out what classes are held and for the contact details ring the Centre 01952 612035 or visit ketleyparishcouncil.co.uk/whats-on-2/

IT'S RAINING IT'S POURING...

So, where does all the rain run off to in your garden? Many gardens these days have large amounts of paving which leaves the water standing, a 'Rain Garden' could solve your drainage problems! Shropshire Wildlife Trust are offering free training at the Community Centre on how to build one yourself. The 3 hour session will start at 9:30am on Saturday 12 January. To book email Katie on katiep@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk

O CHRISTMAS TREE...

This year's Christmas tree is coming from right here on the doorstep... Littleford's Nursery is a family run business which has been in Sinclair Gardens for many years. But despite that there are still local people who are yet to discover the beauties that lie behind the gates! As well as Christmas trees they've got wreaths, pots, Winter baskets, decorations, scented candles and even wrapping paper so you can get the lot without all that traipsing around the shops or hours spent surfing the net! For a friendly face and helpful advice on the difference between fir, pine and spruce trees, drop in at Littleford's or call 01952 246200.



~ THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS ~

Church is one of those special places that particularly at Christmas time even non regulars attend with their family, friends and neighbours to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Here in Ketley we have a number of churches and no matter your denomination, you will be made welcome.

Christmas at Ketley Methodist

Church kicks off at 10am on Saturday 24 November with a visit from Father Christmas at the Fayre. They'll be a variety of festive stalls to tempt you, a tombola and hot sausage and bacon baps! Messy Church is from 3—5pm on Sunday 9 December and the traditional Carol Service will be on Sunday 23 December at 11am.

...and over at St Mary's the Carol Service will be at 4pm on Sunday 23 December. The Crib Service is at 5pm on Christmas Eve and Midnight Holy Communion starts at 11pm on Monday 24 December. The Christmas morning service will this year be held at St John's, Lawley commencing 10.30am and they'll be one service again on Sunday 30 December at Holy Trinity, Dawley starting at 10.30am. Please bring your donations for the Foodbank and Christians Against Poverty hamper to St Mary's for collection. Here at Ketley Community Centre, Deeper Life Christian Ministry will be holding their annual Pass Over service from 9pm on Monday 31 December, so why not sing in the New Year and start 2019 with new friends and maybe some old acquaintances!!!

SORRY, BUT WE ARE CLOSED...

The Parish Council offices and Ketley Community Centre will be closed for Christmas and New Year from Sunday 23 December and will re-open on Wednesday 2 January 2019. For out of hours emergencies visit telford.gov.uk

DRIVING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

This is one of a huge collection of photos shared by members of Ketley's History Group documenting the life and times of our past. Much has changed since then and not just the cars! If you are interested in finding out more, contact Maggie Evans on 01952 617029 for further details.



CHRISTMAS AT THE MANOR...

Meet Santa at Rose Manor's Xmas Fair from 11am—3pm on Saturday 8 December! It's free to enter and they'll be lots to do!

FAREWELL 2018...

So as we say goodbye to 2018, we look back and remember a few of the highlights from the last couple of months...

The Exotic Zoo joined us at our Summer Street Party where there was face painting, art & crafts, information stalls and the Mayor officially unveiled the 24m long wall mural at the Centre!



There was free family entertainment at our Film Club which included showings of Paddington 2 and Peter Rabbit. And who can forget our 'litter hunts' where the rewards are not just good for the environment, but tasty too!!! With Autumn came our Halloween Spooktacular and a chance to channel your hidden spirit... and who doesn't enjoy fancy dress!! The RBL Poppy Appeal saw us into November and a very special year for Remembrance which was not only Armistice



but also marked the Centenary of the end of World War One. Pupils of Meadows Primary School made poppies and planted them at the feet of the Silent Soldier. Each

poppy bore the name of a man from Ketley who had lost their life in the war. The names were read as each poppy was planted and the service included poems and prayers written and read by the children themselves.

SCROOGE

A BAH-HUMBUG MUSICAL

This year the talented pupils of The Arts Centre Telford (TACT) are performing the Charles Dickens classic Scrooge at the Memorial Hall on the Wrekin College campus in Wellington.

*I will honour Christmas
in my heart,
and try to keep it
all the year.*

— Charles Dickens

Tickets are priced at just £13.50 each and can be purchased from TACT directly via their Facebook page, phone 07469 885184 or email the team to admin@theartscentretelford.com Performances will be held from 15 to 20 December starting at 7:30pm with matinee shows at the weekend. What better way to get into the spirit of Christmas this year!

GRANTING WISHES...

If your community group has a wish for Christmas, why not apply for funding? Ketley Parish Council hope to grant as many wishes as possible, so get your application in before the closing date 1 December 2018. The form and application process are available to download from our website ketleyparishcouncil.co.uk or you can contact the Clerk on 01952 612035. You can apply for anything physical that will support your group such as equipment or materials, but social events, travel and other costs will not be considered. If you need some help with ideas or completing the form, our friendly Clerk is available to give you a hand. There is only one condition however... your organisation must be attended by or support residents of Ketley! Good luck with your application.

TRY TREECYCLING THIS YEAR..

You wouldn't want to ride it, but treecycling is all the rage this Christmas! When you've taken down the cards and put away the decorations, the question is what do you do with your tree? Well, if it's artificial you'll be putting it back in the loft, but what about the real tree you bought which doesn't have roots? You've got several options... 1. Leave it in the back garden and forget about it until it's in the way or an eyesore! 2. Take it down to the Household Recycling Centre (HRC) if you can fit it in the car and don't mind the back seat covered in needles or 3. Chop it up and put it in your green bin—simples! The HRCs are only closed on Bank Holidays, but check your bin collection dates as it may be earlier or later... and don't forget to recycle your cards & paper too!



YOU, ME & US... AND THE KETLEY KOFFEE CLUB!!!

The Club which has been running for just over a year and now has more than 30 local residents on the register. It's a social group for anyone 55 and over and is held twice a month at Ketley Community Centre. You can have a cup of coffee (or tea!), meet new friends and enjoy a chat in comfortable surroundings. They'll be celebrating Christmas and New Year on 22 November, 13 December, 10 and 24 January 2019, so why not drop in from 1pm and spend an afternoon with a few friendly faces expanding your social circle? A warm welcome awaits... even on the coldest of days! If you'd like more information, want to get involved with organising events or to join the Steering Group, contact Barbara & David Evans on 01952 223170.