

KPC News April 2024

April - when we look forward to our feathered migrants arriving - aerial masters such as swifts and swallows, cheery chiffchaffs, cuckoos, and of course our famous Rutland ospreys, who, in the last few summers, have been spotted in Grange Top Quarry. Hanson Ketton, now known as Heidelberg Materials Ketton, submitted their proposals to extend quarrying to the west and north east of the village, and to create a new access road from the A606 into the works. Also included in the plans are proposals for new permissive footpaths and bridleways. These proposals, as well as other topics, form part of the regular discussions that your Parish Council has with Heidelberg Materials Ketton at their liaison meetings.

All planning applications in the village can be viewed on the Planning Application map on the village website. If you have comments on current planning applications, do submit them to Rutland County Council, and preferably copy to us, as this helps the Parish Planning Committee decide on its response. The parish website is also where you will find all the meeting agendas and minutes.

We have continued to have traffic lights (sometimes 2 sets at once!) along the High Street, associated with the 3 housing developments, and problems with them being 'stuck on red'. If they do get stuck, phone 08455040123 (Go Traffic Management), and for unplanned power cuts phone 105. The Crescent development frontage has been 'tidied' with a new, wider foot way and resurfaced layby (same width as before), but the removal of the magnificent Wellingtonia tree, and hedge, was contrary to planning permission, as was the blue illuminated advertising sign; the illumination was rapidly removed and a new landscape plan submitted.

Partly as a result of the impact on traffic of the 86 new homes along the High Street, the Highways and Open Spaces Committee is reviewing speeding, parking and pedestrian safety along the A6121 from Luffenham Road to Steadfold Lane, and considering Auto Speedwatch Cameras, which will help to collect data as evidence. Ketton Parish Council have been accepted onto the Community Speedwatch Campaign, which is due to take place between 28/09/2024 and 11/10/2024. A request for volunteers will be made nearer the time.

Despite the new dog signs and maps in Hall Close, dogs are still regularly off leads in the play area and being exercised in the copse. The Parish Council maintenance team will now be carrying dog deterrent (pepper) sprays to use if there is potential of an attack by a dog. The play equipment has been inspected by ROSPA and one item (the 'house on stilts') been condemned as unsafe and will be removed. The fence also needs replacing in junior area. The Parish Council is in the process of applying for funding for new play equipment.

Your Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Wednesday April 17th 7.30pm in the Congregational Hall. Come and hear about the activities of the Public Relations Committee, the Hub, the Film Club and Ketton Talks, as well as of the Ketton Environment Groups. There will be a Q and A session with your Parish and County Councillors, plus refreshments. On **Thursday May 16th** there is an **Afternoon Cream Tea Party at Burghley House** – the coach leaves at 2pm and returns for 5pm; this is free for Ketton Seniors, but booking with the parish clerk is essential. If you are organising a village activity, do remember to email your poster etc to our Parish Clerk so it can be posted on the news section of the website, as well as Ketton News Facebook. Copies of

posters for the 5 noticeboards should be dropped off at the Parish Office – but it is essential that they are A5 portrait (in order to fit them into the boards), and delivered by the Wednesday of the week that you want them displayed.

Finally, congratulations to Ravi and Shikha at the shop, on the birth of baby Sahaj, a little brother for brother Darshan.

Additional Dates for your Diary

Mondays 1pm to 2pm, 2pm to 3pm in the Parish Office, IT help sessions with Berni (contact the clerk to book a session)

Thursdays 10am to 12 midday the Hub at Ketton Library, for hot drink, biscuits and chat

Thurs April 4th 7.30pm Congregational Hall, Ketton Talks, Jim Irvine, The Roman Villa

Sat April 6th 9am to 10am County Councillors' Surgery in Ketton Library.

Mon April 8th 7.30pm, KSCC, Film Club, The Fablemans

Wed April 17th 7.30pm Congregational Hall, Annual Parish Meeting

Sun April 21st 4pm Ketton Showtime, Jazz Quartet

Mon April 22nd 7.30pm Congregational Hall, KHS, The 12 Month Garden.

Thurs May 16th 2pm to 5pm Cream Tea Party at Burghley for Ketton Seniors (book with Debbie)

Sat May 18th 10am to midday, Hanson Visitor room, KHS Plant sale

Thurs June 6th 80th Anniversary of D Day

Sun June 9th 4pm Ketton Showtime, String Quartet

Sun June 16th 2pm Hall Close, Ketton Green Festival

*The Parish Office in Stocks Hill (Tel 01780722451, email kettonnpc@btinternet.com) is open Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am to 3.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am to 5.30pm (or 1.30pm to 9.30pm when there is an evening meeting) Facebook: **Ketton News**. Website: www.ketton.org.uk*

