

## KPC News July 2024

What a busy few weeks! We hope that you managed to enjoy some of the many events that have taken place in our village recently – concerts, festivals, films, comedy nights, visits, walks, talks, workshops, soup lunches....Many local events are advertised in our 5 village noticeboards and on our website, and Ketton News Facebook, and you can sign up for 'News Updates' (see contact information at the bottom). If you have a village event that you would like to promote just email, or drop in, a poster (A5 portrait please) to Debbie, our Parish Clerk.

At our Annual Parish Meeting in May the chair, vice chair, and committee chairs were re-elected, and so remain the same as previously, as do the committee membership. However, since the management of Chatterbox is being transferred to the Whitebread Trust (subject to final agreement), to overcome issues with paid advertising, the PR&M Committee will be known as the PR Committee and its remit will be communication, events and marketing. The committee is progressing with the new village Welcome Pack, with all the local clubs and associations being contacted for updates to their details. The pack would be in both paper and electronic format (via a tab on the village website,) and a flyer produced, with a QR code linking to the online version, that could be handed to the Marketing Suite of the new developments, as well as posted through the doors of newly arrived residents. The Film Club, Ketton Talks and the Hub continue to be well attended, and 50 residents enjoyed tea at Burghley, with the coach funded by Heidelberg Materials. The Hub is arranging, at it's own cost, a meal at Stamford College Gallery Restaurant in September for members.

The Highways and Open Spaces Committee are submitting 3 Highway Improvement requests to RCC relating to the High Street in the area of the Post Office – upgrading to a Pelican Crossing, readjustment of the zig zag lines which currently are not legal as they too far from kerb, and parking restrictions on the High Street near Bull Lane (to improve visibility and safety for drivers approaching the crossing from Stamford and those exiting Bull Lane onto the High Street). We thank Councillor Michael Wright for all his hard work in preparing these requests. It was decided to make a charge of £50 when Hall Close is required as an overflow car park for a private events such as weddings or funerals, in order to cover staff remuneration incurred by the Parish Council when marshalling the car parking. There would be no charge made for Ketton Community events. It was agreed that CIL money might be used to part fund the replacement of equipment and fencing in the infant play area, and a few items in the junior play area, depending on quotes received and the outcome of funding applications.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee discussed Parish Council spending requirements for 2024/25, and CIL income and spend. There will be a separate committee to evaluate potential projects funded by CIL, but all final decisions will need to be ratified by the Full Council. New equipment requested by the maintenance team would be costed, as would new equipment for the updating of the Parish Office. The parish asset register is to be reviewed and updated in sufficient detail to ensure that the sums insured match the insurance premium.

The May council meeting was also attended by our new Rutland South area beat officer, PC 2157 Edd McKinnon, who has been in post since the beginning of the year. Rutland South covers 28 villages, of which Ketton is the largest. Edd's current priorities are Neighbourhood Link and community engagement, road safety (he is being trained in speed detection and hopes to be in hotspots including Ketton once a week), antisocial behaviour and fraud. He aims to attend the Hub on Thursdays. He was accompanied by PCSO 6557 Lauren Lyall, who has offered a bike security marking event in Ketton.

Ketton Horticultural Society has been very active so far this year, with a very successful Plant Sale (and tea, coffee and cakes) up at the Heidelberg Materials visitor room. Their delicious home made cakes also made an appearance at the Ketton Green Festival last month, alongside plants for sale and a seed sowing activity. The festival, held on Hall Close, and organised by Ketton Climate Action, brought together village groups selling local products (honey, crafts, art works, and bird and plant boxes) and running activities including a minibeast hunt, willow weaving (using willow grown in Hall Close), bike repairs and a Bring and Buy sale. The Bring and Buy sale, run by the Darby and Joan Group, raised £120 for the Royal Papworth Hospital in memory of Rosemary Desforges, former long standing committee member. The Duck Race on the River Chater (with prizes donated by Heidelberg Materials) was a great success and generated £182 for Ketton School PTA.

Continuing the village 'green' theme, Chater Lodge Care Home has had fitted solar PV panels across its very large roof.

Finally, well done to Ketton's Knit and Natter Group who have not only knitted a wonderful display in honour of Air Ambulance next to the Post Office, but have linked with a hospital in Fiji, knitting hats for newborns, via a hospital volunteer who is Ketton 'born and bred'.

### **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

**Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>** Film Club, 7.30pm at KSCC 'Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry'

**Thurs July 4<sup>th</sup>** Ketton Talks, Alastair Stirling "My father, a soldier in two World Wars."

**Sat July 6<sup>th</sup>** 9am to 10am County Councillors' Surgery in Ketton Library.

**Sat July 6<sup>th</sup>** Ketton Sports JFC Summer Club sessions start ([enquiries@kettonsportsfc.com](mailto:enquiries@kettonsportsfc.com))

**Sun July 21<sup>st</sup>** 10 to 11.30am, Ketton Climate Action litter pick. Meet at Steadfold Lane layby.

*The Parish Office in Stocks Hill (Tel 01780722451, email [kettonpc@btinternet.com](mailto:kettonpc@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](http://www.ketton.org.uk)*