

KPC News June 2024

June already! And the cuckoo can be heard calling from Ketton Old Quarry SSSI. This area, managed by the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, is well worth a visit this time of year when the wild flowers and their pollinator visitors are abundant, and the birds are calling. You may even catch a glimpse of an adder basking in the sun!

At the Annual Parish Meeting in April, 30 or so residents joined Parish and County Councillors for short talks, discussion and refreshments. Councillor Nigel Roberts, chair of the Parish Council, outlined major proposals for our library – the book area will remain as it is but the remainder will be modified to create a space that could be open 7 days a week, including evenings. There are no final decisions as yet, but it is hoped that work will be completed by the autumn. Councillor Sinclair Rogers gave a report on the activities of the PR&M Committee, which has had a busy and successful year with a residents' Christmas party, the Ketton Talks series, Ketton Film Club, and of course, the weekly meet up for coffee and biscuits at the Hub – which now regularly has 25 or so attendees. Councillor Mary Cade, and David Lewis gave an overview of recent activities of the Ketton Environment groups (Ketton Green Spaces, Ketton Seed Swap and Ketton Climate Action), and encouraged everyone to attend this year's Ketton Green Festival on June 16th. There will be lots on offer for all ages including a bug hunt, free bike checks, sales of crafts and plants, and the famous Bring and Buy stall - do bring small manageable items for selling on this stall. And new this year, a duck race on the river organised by Ketton School PTA! They will be selling 'duck numbers' in advance in the playground.

Ward County Councillors Karen Payne and Matthew Farina explained about Rutland's unitary status. As a result of the special RCC meeting on flooding called for earlier this year, there is now a flooding scrutiny group.

The May meeting was our Annual Parish Council meeting with a full agenda including election of Chair and Vice Chair, membership of committees and compliance details – this will be reported on in the July news.

Our Parish Council Chair attended Alicia Kearns' Parish Council Forum, and several Parish Councillors attended a liaison meeting with Heidelberg Materials (formerly Hanson Cement). These liaison meetings are held 3 times a year and are also attended by Tinwell Parish Meeting, our Ward County Councillors, the Environment Agency and senior staff from Heidelberg Materials Ketton. Topics covered were site Health and Safety, emissions, alternative fuels, a carbon-capture trial, the proposed quarry extension, and complaints, as well as issues specific to Ketton and Tinwell. Heidelberg have carried out work on the traffic safety mirror at the bottom of Pit Lane to stabilize the post after it was dislodged by ground works associated with the Crescent development. They are also in the process of organizing the repainting of the car park in front of the visitor centre so that it is more straightforward to park and exit the car park; the Visitor Centre is now being used for meetings by several Ketton organisations.

Ketton Good Neighbours Scheme has been donated a medical bed which is being stored in the Parish Council's second ('community storage') container on Hall Close. The bed is available for free loan – just contact KGNS or the Parish Office.

All 3 High Street housing developments are progressing rapidly and the first couple of houses have been sold. Muir Housing Association are marketing 6 shared ownership, 2 and 3 bedroom terraced homes at the Crescent www.muir.org.uk The marketing hub for other houses on the Crescent, and the Chater Field houses, is at the Crescent, open Thursday to Monday, and there are show homes to visit on both sites.

Blands buses have some good deals at the moment, and for the school holidays. With a 'Wander Rutland Day Ticket' you can travel on any Blands bus service all day for £9.90, including journeys to and from Melton, Stamford and Corby. From 13 July to 28 August a family 'Wander Rutland Day Ticket' (£22.50 for 2 adults and 3 children or 1 adult and 4 children) is also available. Call 01780 751671 for more information.

And finally, have you taken advantage of the shop's garden bench yet? Just right for coffee and a chat in the sun!

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 a hot drink, biscuits and chat

Sun June 2nd Rutland County Show

Mon June 3rd 7.30pm, KSCC, Film Club, 'West Side Story'

Thurs June 6th 80th Anniversary of D Day

Sun June 9th 5pm Ketton Showtime, Khrisma 4 String Quartet

Sat June 15th 9am to 10am County Councillors' Surgery in Ketton Library.

Sun June 16th 2 to 4pm Ketton Green Festival, Hall Close

Thurs June 20th Ketton Talks, farm visit (for members)

Sat June 22nd 1 to 4pm Ketton School Summer Fayre

Sun July 21st 10 to 11.30am, Ketton Climate Action litter pick (tbc)

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*

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