



KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Newsletter

DECEMBER 2015

As we approach Christmas 2015 and the end of the year, Kegworth Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has contributed to a very busy and exciting 2015.

We are currently working on a Business Plan for Kegworth, and we hope you will all make time to fill it in, as we promise we will use the results to shape our actions and priorities in 2016.

Already we are seeing lots of feedback on the parking issues and are working closely with North West Leicestershire District Council on a parking strategy for the village. We will do more consultation on this as part of the Business Plan in 2016.

We have also been fortunate this year with the recruitment of a new Clerk & Deputy Clerk



who do an immense amount of work on behalf of the village. There are a number of initiatives in the pipeline for next year which I know they are both very excited about driving forward.

Your Parish Councillors would also like to say a HUGE thankyou to all of our residents and businesses who volunteer, quietly and without seeking any reward, apart from the reward of maintaining our village and helping to organise and run a huge number of voluntary organisations, clubs, leisure facilities and events which all contribute towards a vibrant community.

*We would also like to wish everyone
a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year*

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New extended opening hours:

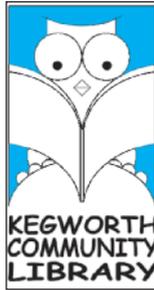
Monday and Wednesday 9.00am – 1.30pm

Tuesday and Thursday 9.00am – 4.00pm Friday – Closed

SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2016

The Trustees have agreed with Leicestershire County Council that this will be the date of our Opening Event. What form this will take is still under discussion. However we are keen to hear of any ideas you may have in order to help us make this a memorable occasion! Coincidentally this is also National Libraries Day.

Training for Volunteers and Trustees in using the library systems will take place



in the weeks beginning Monday 18th and 25th January. Once we have more details we will let you know exactly how this is to happen. Finally, if all goes to plan, the library will be officially handed over, following the signing of a lease agreement, to the Kegworth Community Library Trustees on Saturday 30th January 2016. This gives us exactly one week in which to make a transformation to the library!

Nicola Mullins, Chair KCL

Castle Donington Volunteer Centre is proud to be celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year

We now provide services to NW Leicestershire parishes primarily the Castle Donington and Kegworth areas, we have 8 community minibuses that transport those people that find public transport difficult to access. This includes school children right the way through to those living in nursing homes. We also provide a vital Medical and Social Car service to those people who are most disadvantaged through ill health, age and rurality.

We provide all these services with the support of our volunteers and our staff. Without the people in our community giving up their time, many of our services wouldn't be able to run. We are always looking for new people to volunteer, you can volunteer for regular or one off opportunities. If you can drive, we have training available and you could become a minibus driver, if you own a car and would like to use it to take people to medical appointments – we'd love to welcome you to the team. Some of our drivers we know you recognise from the Village!!!

It's important that we have people out there in the community who know what we do, you can be our eyes and ears. Tell people about our services, about volunteering with us, about how important the work we do is...help us recruit volunteers at your place of work, in your group or club. We also want you to think about people who might like to use our services, perhaps you could support them to get in touch with us?

Our Kegworth specific services are as follows:

Every Wednesday – Dial a Ride shopping bus to Tesco or Asda in Long Eaton £5.00 door to

door service. Wheelchair accessible community minibus service with passenger assistant service. Booking on 01332 850526

Every Thursday – Lunch Club at the Village Hall – door to door service for anyone in Kegworth – book via the Village Hall on 01509 673626.

Every Friday – Friday Group in Castle Donington – door to door service for older / disabled people who would like to join a lively social afternoon. £5.00 includes transport and most activities – booking on 01332 850526

Medical Car Service – if a person is registered with Kegworth GP surgery and they are unable to use public transport due to permanent or temporary ill health and they have nobody to assist them to get to medical appointments – we can provide a volunteer Medical car with driver. We welcome donations to help support this service. Please request leaflet from us on 01332 850526

Social Car Service – if a person is registered with us because they are unable to use public transport due to permanent or temporary ill health and they have nobody to assist them with transport – we can provide a volunteer Social car with driver. There is a booking fee of £5.00 and a charge of 45p per mile. Please request leaflet from us on 01332 850526

Huge thank you to you for reading this, let's hope it raises awareness in the local area. You can check us out at www.cdvc.org.uk or by calling in to see us at our office at 25a Borough Street, Castle Donington. Telephone 01332 850526.

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New Opening Hours for Parish Office

As Clerk to the Parish Council, I feel it is vitally important that I should engage with the residents of Kegworth as much as possible. With this in mind, the Parish Office opening hours have been extended as follows:

Monday 9am to 1.30pm
Tuesday 9am to 4pm
Wednesday 9am to 1.30pm
Thursday 9am to 4pm
Friday – Closed

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Messy Church, Kegworth is...Fresh Ideas for building a Christ-centred Community. Overflowing with creative ideas to draw together for fun, food fellowship and worship. We have ideas for creative art and craft activities, praying together and family worship. We would like to thank the Parish Council for the grant to replace the display boards which the children use for their work. All ages are very welcome, parents stay with their children and enjoy all the activities.



*Litter Pick – looks like we may be getting the message across, down to 28 bags
More Litter Picks in the early Spring.
Lookout for for dates!!!*



JOIN THE CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN IN MARCH

Introducing our new Deputy Clerk Lindsay Richardson

I moved to Kegworth 4 years ago and love the community feel of the village. I am originally from Aberdeen and moved here for a year long contract, but never left. My older daughter attends Kegworth Primary School and I have been involved with a toddler group in the village so the whole family enjoys living here. Even our two dogs! It is great to be able to work for the Parish Council and make a positive impact on the community in which I live. It is brilliant that the Parish Council is so positive about improving Kegworth and making this a thriving place to work and live. Amongst other things, I will be responsible for inspecting the Market Place and village defibrillators. I will also be helping to organise the Christmas events in the village, which will be fun! So if you have any ideas or suggestions please let me know. I work on Mondays from 9am until 2pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am until 4pm. I look forward to the challenges of working for the council and hope to meet some of you in the Council Office in the coming weeks and months.



The Hounsfield Facility at the University of Nottingham

The Hounsfield Facility is a world-leading research facility using X-ray computed tomography (CT) to study how plant roots grow in soil. Using X-ray CT allows us to non-invasively study root development and growth in 'real' growing conditions.

The facility houses three X-ray CT scanners, and has an integrated greenhouse for growing crops. The smallest scanner, which takes samples about the size of a coffee cup, has a resolution of less than $1\mu\text{m}$ (one thousandth of a millimetre). The largest scanner was custom-built to scan crop roots growing in pots a metre tall and 25cm in diameter and a resolution of $150\mu\text{m}$. Because pots of soil a metre tall are very heavy, we have a robot (called Newbold) to transport pots to and from the scanner. Newbold hands the soil column to a robot arm, which safely manoeuvres the sample into the CT scanner.



The team of scientists at the Hounsfield Facility is interdisciplinary. Computer scientists, mathematicians, engineers and bioscientists from the University of Nottingham's Centre for Plant Integrative Biology (CPiB) work together to plan experiments, analyse the data produced and produce predictive models of how plant roots grow. Current projects include looking at the root architectures of wheat varieties and ancient wheat relatives such as spelt and emmer. Understanding how different root architectures affect uptake of water and nutrients is crucial to developing new crop varieties which will produce higher yields.

The Hounsfield facility is named after Sir Godfrey Newbold Hounsfield, who won the 1979 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine

for helping to develop the diagnostic imaging technique known as X-ray Computed Tomography (CT). He grew up in a farming family in Nottinghamshire and his family. Sir Godfrey once said: "Each new discovery brings with it the seeds of other, future inventions. There are many discoveries, probably just around the corner, waiting for someone to bring them to life. Could this possibly be you?" That message resonates in our building.

AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN!

Kegworth Allotment holders have visited this amazing, high tech facility out of hours for a 90 minute guided tour they were treated to an exceptionally welcoming, informative and friendly session. Taken around the facility, shown the scanners, explored the huge onsite greenhouses. They even programmed one of the robots to do a demonstration for us!

We were shown excellent 3D images of the root structures of wheat, tomatoes and the structure of a poppy seed head to name a few. We also got to see videos showing the development and growth of root systems over time, as built up by many scans on site. Following this, we were taken around the labs and shown the store of *Arabidopsis thaliana* (the first plant to have its entire genome sequenced in 2000 – a massive breakthrough!), of which the University is a core supplier of seeds to researchers, who use this plant for further studying and research.

The Allotment group were in awe of everything they saw and did not know it even existed just a few miles down the road from their village! They were exposed to things they would never have normally seen and got to ask lots of questions about further research (for example, into potato and tomato blight). It made a difference to digging up the potatoes down the plot and I think made some people's year!

SPECIAL INVITATION!!!

We would like to invite members of the local community to a Hounsfield Facility visit on Wednesday 13th January 7-8.30pm. Places are limited to 20, and bookable in advance only, by emailing: susannah.lydon@nottingham.ac.uk

ENGAGEMENT...

Engaging with University of Nottingham, Sutton Bonington Campus

Engaging with our community is a key part of our role. On a quarterly basis Kegworth Parish Council, NWLDC and University of Nottingham meet to share business priorities and focus. Our introductory meeting for this year was held with NWLDC CEO Christine Fisher, Community Focus Officer Gillian Squires; University of Nottingham off campus Melanie Fuetter, Cllr's Val Teffhai and Julie Cooke from Kegworth Parish Council. Points discussed related to housing, parking and opportunity for all share and resolve issues.

The follow up session saw the introduction of this years Chair of the Student Guild, James Wilson, who will meet regularly with the all above, and form a key link to the partnership.



Business Engagement

Councillors, Businesses and NWLDC met in October for a new series of Breakfast meetings to increase awareness and partnerships for the future. Representatives of 60 businesses were invited and we were delighted with a 15% turnout. The agenda included the Parish Council forthcoming consultation, NWLDC forthcoming Parking Strategy Process and opportunity to discuss the enhancement to the Village. Key issues included Car Parking and Litter. Opportunities to be part of Christmas 2015 and the Summer ONE weekend in Kegworth was also discussed. The meeting was kindly sponsored by The Yew Lodge Hotel. Thank you. The next meeting will be early February 2016. If you would like to attend, please feel free to contact our clerk@Kegworthparishcouncil.co.uk

Kegworth Parish Council: Village Priorities Consultation Have you had your say yet?

We hope that you have received the consultation document that was dropped through your letterbox the last weekend on October. This is stage 2 of our 7 stage process to help us develop our business plan to guide our actions over the coming years. Full details can be found in our last newsletter, on our website along with an online survey. Please take time to complete this survey and return it to one of the 7 locations hosting a box. We will be more than happy to answer questions, by contacting any of our Councillors or Clerk.



How can we make Kegworth better?



At the Parish Council we are busy developing a business plan to help create a better village, but it's your village, so we want to know what you think!

An online survey is available (<http://www.kegworthparishcouncil.co.uk/consultation>) or further copies are available at the Kegworth Parish Council Office.

NWLDC

Your refuse and recycling is collected on alternate weeks on a Tuesday. On recycling week, one vehicle collects your red boxes for cans & plastics and glass (in a separate red box) and blue bag for paper. The other vehicle collects your garden waste and yellow bag for cardboard.

For further information visit:
www.nwleics.gov.uk/recycling

You can also follow us on Twitter
@NWLEviro or add us on Facebook
recycling nwleicestershire



Are you interested in Project Griffin?

Officers from Leicestershire Police at East Midlands Airport regularly undertake an initiative called 'Project Griffin' which is a counter terrorism and crime awareness programme that has been facilitated by the Policing team at the Airport since 2009. To date well in excess of a 1,000 delegates have been in attendance. The majority of attendees are employees working in and or 'interested' neighbours near to the airport site.

The sessions are suitable for all members of the East Midlands Airport Community and Businesses nearby at no financial cost. There will be presentations from the Police Aviation Team based at the Airport, Special Branch Counter Terrorism Security Advisors, The Prevent team and the EOD Bomb Disposal Squad.

The aim of the morning is to provide important and relevant information which will heighten awareness of the delegates in relation to hostile

reconnaissance, terrorism issues and general criminal behaviour. Points of contact for reporting suspicious behaviour are given and these sessions empower attendees to work together for the good of our Airport Community.

Making the airport and surrounding areas safe is our main objective by reducing the opportunities for criminal activities and reducing the fear of crime remain our core functions with working together.

If you wish to attend any of our events during 2016 kindly express your interest via our email address projectgriffin@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk:-

- Thursday 25th February at The Launchpad, Donington Park
- Thursday 5th May at Holiday Inn Express, EMA
- Thursday 6th October at The Launchpad, Donington Park



East Midlands Operational Support Service

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Christmas Celebrations 29th November 2015



This year we celebrated with many of our residents, with a collaborative celebration from Kegworth Businesses, Choir, Plan Group and the Parish Council in the Market Place. The bigger tree at 8m and aged 25 years was grown locally just 9 miles away. Sponsorship for the tree was generously provided by East Midlands Airport, Christmas Tree Lights from Geda Construction. Music and Dance was by Kegworth Singers and The Nottingham Ukranian Youth Orchestra and Dance Group.

Northern Irish company Geda Construction have recently relocated their regional office from Nottingham to premises on the High Street in the village. Geda were more than willing to sponsor the village Christmas Tree lights this year and look forward to building on a close relationship with the local community. For more information on Geda please visit www.geda.co.uk

Happy Christmas to you all

Church Gates to Nottingham Road

Re-opened Tuesday 27 October

Kegworth Parish Council is pleased to announce that the repairs are now completed on the St Andrews Church steps and the gate onto Nottingham Road is now open. Thank you all for your patience while the access has been closed.

Leicestershire County Council advised that for safety reasons the height of the bottom step should be reduced and that tarmac would then be sloped towards the road. The wooden bollards were installed to stop vehicles parking so that pedestrians have a clear view of traffic coming down Nottingham Road. Work was then undertaken on the rest of the steps to make sure they were secure and finally they were re-pointed.

Further work to the main gates and the church wall will commence in the spring.



KEGWORTH PLAN GROUP



Doing our bit for Kegworth

Thanks to all those who come along and support our events – we have another packed year of activities for you to look forward to.

In November we started a series of daytime film shows at the village hall – *“Films To Make You Feel Good”*. The next shows will be:

- **One Chance – Wednesday 6th January at 11am**

This is the true story of a shy, bullied shop assistant by day and an amateur opera singer by night who became a phenomenon after being chosen for – and ultimately winning – Britain’s Got Talent. A truly uplifting tale.

- **The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel on Monday 22nd February at 1.30pm**

A popular sequel to the successful comedy drama starring Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Celia Imrie...and many more !

Tickets are only £2 (pay on the door) and include some cake and a cuppa – so why not bring along a friend or neighbour.

On **Friday 4th December, 7pm**, we will be helping out at a concert given by **Sutton Bonington Choir and Orchestra** at St Andrew’s Church. Tickets £4 available from Picture This.

Our live theatre event for Christmas is on **Friday 18th December, 7.30pm** at the Village Hall – *“Bowjangles: A Christmash Carol”*. This promises to be a festive frenzy of music, song and dance. Tickets all £8, children free, with free festive refreshments.

Watch out for our annual **Christmas Shop Window Competition** – the theme this year will be Pantos. The Plan Group Santa is also likely to make a return appearance at the Market Place Christmas Light switch on this year...so keep an eye open for details on that too.

In the New Year, shows to look forward to include an **evening film show on Saturday January 16th** and the return of the masked theatre group Vamos in a live theatre show on Friday March 11th. Put the dates in your diary now and hope to see you there !

**Merry Christmas from all at the
Kegworth Plan Group**

KEGWORTH MUSEUM

The Kegworth Village Association was formed in 1971. Its main aim was to create a "folk museum" to conserve and preserve Kegworth's wealth of history. Artefacts and photographs collected over the decades have been recorded and stored in the current museum building, at 52 High Street, since the building opened in 1992.

Visitors came from as far afield as Birmingham; Wokingham; Leamington Spa; Witney; Kettering; Bradford; Newcastle-Upon-Tyne; Southend-on-Sea; New Zealand; Poland; China (a visit from a party of Chinese children)

Comments from visitors 2015 include:

"The Finest Museum ever"

"Must come for a week next time"

"What can one say – superb!"

"So impressive – capturing real lives"

"Superb Exhibitions – What A Gem!"

As well as adult visitors, here's what "The Tigers" – Class 5 Kegworth School had to say after a visit to the museum

"The Museum is great" "Thank you for having us – I'll come again" You have a lot

of interesting things" "It was fun" "Thank you for a lovely day and – lastly but not least from Libby

Items from the museum's collection are presented to the general public as themed displays during the museum's opening hours, generally six hours over each weekend plus an extra three hours on a Bank Holiday (Monday) between Easter and the end of September.

Entrance is free and donations invited.

Kegworth Village Association and Museum currently has eighty plus members who very kindly help support the museum by subscription. The museum relies totally on the goodwill of volunteers to maintain the building, organise displays and to act as stewards whilst open to the public. Volunteers also form the Committee, which looks after the administrative needs of the Museum and, vitally, organises fundraising events, educational walks, talks and visits to supplement its income.

Although the Museum does attract some very welcome financial help from local residents and/organisations, in the form of donations or grants, the Committee would welcome and encourage new members.

Would you like to help preserve Kegworth's rich history for its residents and visitors?
Please contact: info@kegworthmuseum.org.uk for further information.

A word from your Clerk...

GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council are accepting Grant Applications from any club, society or organisation in Kegworth. You can find the Grant Application Forms and Guidance Notes on our website or call into the Parish Office. Closing date for applications is Friday 18th December. Any successful application will be awarded in the new financial year.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Would you like to make a positive difference to Kegworth and influence decisions that affect your community? You must be aged 18 or over, an elector, and have been a resident or worked within 3 miles of the Parish for the past year. The position is unpaid. If so, contact the Parish Clerk for more information.