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Kegworth's Village Newsletter

"Volunteering is a work of heart"



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Annual Parish Meeting for Kegworth held on 11th March 2019

Chairman's Report

The long awaited Kegworth Bypass opened on 14th November 2018 and has reduced traffic through the village considerably. Many residents took the opportunity to walk the bypass and access roads on the previous Saturday morning. The work to produce a 'smart motorway' on the nearby M1 was completed by the end of December. For the first time in nearly two years Kegworth village was free of road works.

There are issues which still need resolving, for example some HGVs appear to be ignoring the 7.5 ton weight limit and there are reports of speeding on some roads within the village. Leicestershire County Council has advised that a 6 month settling down period is appropriate before any action by them can be contemplated. In the meantime, the Parish Council is in the process of setting up a Community Speedwatch Programme in response to residents' concerns.

Kegworth Village Centre

Your responses to the survey that was undertaken last spring were published in our Newsletter of August 2018, delivered to all properties in the village and still available on the website.

Since then your council has been working on schemes along with professionals, but is mindful that many residents asked that nothing should happen for 12 months after the bypass opens in order to see how the traffic settles down. 70% of respondents were against raising the precept to pay for improvements and so the council is working with the £227,000 it has available whilst also exploring some other funding options.

A clear majority of residents were in favour of introducing restricted parking on Derby Road and restricting Market Place parking. Such changes will be introduced by way of an experimental Traffic Regulation Order, the detail of which is currently being developed. Reductions in rat running and speeding also featured strongly in the consultation results and which will hopefully be addressed to some extent by the Community Speed Programme due to commence in April.

HS2

Your Parish Council has been working with the District Council and consultants employed by them

to mitigate the impact on the village. We produced a 20 page response to the most recent consultation which is available on our website.

The proposed impact on our village is substantial including:

- The loss of two proposed housing developments totaling 260 dwellings
- The loss of multiple sports pitches that were to be provided by the developers of the above.
- The building of a massive electrical transfer station near to M1 J24
- A6 running through a tunnel under the embankment carrying HS2
- The provision of three compounds employing up to 800 workers for 2 to 4 years.

30th Anniversary of Kegworth Air Disaster

Kegworth Parish Council together with East Midlands Airport and North West Leicestershire District Council organised a special Community Event to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Kegworth Air Disaster.

A Memorial Service was held at St Andrew's Church followed by the laying of wreaths at the Memorial in the Cemetery on Whatton Road. Afterwards, light refreshments were served in the Village Hall.

We were overwhelmed with the response from people who attended and welcomed over three hundred people into our community. Around forty people attending were either survivors or the family members of those who lost loved ones.

We couldn't have made the day a memorable one without the support of our volunteers and organisations who worked with us closely including Kegworth Village Hall Committee, Kegworth Plan Group, Kegworth Community Library, Kegworth Women's Institute, Soar Valley Twinning Association, the Reverend Loretta Wilson, Julie Cooke and the many other community members, not forgetting Parish Council staff and councillors.

People

Alicia Smithies, Engagement Officer and Deputy Clerk resigned from her role and left in early

February. The council thanked Alicia for all her work and wished her well for the future.

Parish Council elections will take place on 2nd May 2019 and anyone wishing to stand for election can contact the Clerk for more information. This is a very exciting time for Kegworth and as a Councillor, you could be part of the decision making to improve your community.

- Sideley Park has attracted many visitors throughout the long hot summer and especially for the Family Fun Day in June. Volunteers have helped to maintain the park gardens and a Friends Of Sidley Park constitution now exists with new members always welcome. The maintenance days are published on the Parish Council website.
- Christmas in the Market Place organised by ONE Kegworth and supported by the businesses attracted a lot of people, many of whom saw Father Christmas and the switch on of the lights.

We all enjoyed the carol singing performed by the pupils of Kegworth Primary School.

- As in previous years, your Council made grants to voluntary bodies. These grants help to sustain such bodies whose existence adds much to the character of and activities within, the village.

I would like to thank all the Councillors for their contribution to the work of the Council. Individual Councillors take on different responsibilities and special projects to augment the work of the Council staff. Many have full time jobs and most come to the Council with existing responsibilities within voluntary organisations in our village and so are all busy people.

I would also like to thank our Clerk, Vicky Roe, for her excellent contribution to the work of the Council, keeping us financially and legally compliant and dealing efficiently with the many and varied issues that come our way.

David Hignett

Chairman, Kegworth Parish Council

Clerk's Report

For the financial year, 2018/19, the Parish Council received a precept of £105,501. The Council also receives additional income from allotment rents, licence fees and small grants which totals around £12,000.

Prior to 1st April 2018, the Parish Council carried out a full appraisal of its cemetery fees. It materialised the cemetery outgoings, which are mostly made up of maintenance costs, were far in excess of the income that was being generated. From 1st April, the fees were therefore increased to ensure the cemetery operation is cost neutral, as far as is possible.

Regular Wednesday morning meetings take place between myself, the Chairman and Vice Chairman. We discuss various matters including the Council's finances. I also produce bank reconciliations on a monthly basis and present these to Councillors on a quarterly basis along with a Statement of the Accounts.

The Parish Council supports local groups and organisations each year by providing them with grant funding. A group of Councillors assess the applications and follow the guidelines in place. During 2018/19, the Parish Council awarded a total of £6720.

Our Lengthsman, Stuart Cox continues to provide a valuable service, concentrating on maintaining areas such as the Market Place, various parks and jitties in the village although his duties will often take him all over the village! Stuart continues to undertake training relevant to his post as do other staff members and Councillors. The Parish Council is affiliated to Leicestershire & Rutland Association for Local Councils who provide the vast majority of our training needs.

The Parish Council is very grateful for the financial support that local businesses provide. This year, the Council received £1700 from East Midlands Airport and North West Leicestershire District Council which funds paid for the Kegworth Air Disaster Commemorations. Additional funds have also been received from East Midlands Airport of £200 for the Christmas tree and for a second year, we received £1000 from the East Midlands Gateway/bypass contractors for Christmas installations.

LRALC continues to provide an internal auditing service and the external audit will be carried out by PKF Littlejohn. The accounts will be audited after 31st March 2019. I have no cause for concern and therefore believe that both the internal and external audits will proceed smoothly.

Vicky Roe

Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Spring is a Time of



It is now hard to imagine what our park looked like a little over 2 years ago. More wreck than recreation. Poorly cut grass hindered play, and areas overgrown with brambles were littered with rubbish. Not a place to enjoy.

In 2017 that all changed: new play equipment was installed; paths were formed for the power walker, the child learning to ride a bike in safety or just for a leisurely stroll. The overgrown areas were cleared, borders prepared and planted. New benches and picnic tables were installed to encourage park users to stay a while.

For the first time in its history, dogs were welcomed, when a fenced area with agility equipment was provided for them to have off-lead fun.

The newly formed park could now be used for village events including the One Kegworth summer fun days. These have attracted visitors from outside the village who have expressed the hope that their

own community can also achieve such a space to be proud of.

In 2018 'The Friends of Side Ley Park' was formed with the aim of maintaining and, where possible, improving the park for everyone. 'The Friends' have organised regular weeding sessions and have added to the original planting to ensure that it continues to be the envy of our neighbours. Weeding and maintenance is done one morning each month. If you can spare even just an hour or so to help with the weeding and planting you will have made a positive contribution to our village life. Just come along on the day. Look out for dates on the Parish Council website or Facebook page

Rules to ensure a good experience for everyone have been ignored by some, the worst offenders being dog owners who do not pick up. Ten instances of dog fouling were encountered on the last weeding day, including on the area between the goal posts: horrible for those maintaining the park; worse for the unlucky child playing football.

Plants and Projects



If you enjoy gardens or gardening, whether hands on, by visiting gardens or, through garden presentations and talks then **Kegworth & District Garden Club** has something for you.

We hold meetings on the first Thursday of the month September to June in the Village Hall's Community Room starting at 7.30.pm to which speakers are invited to give an illustrated talk or to demonstrate some aspect of gardening. Speakers for the 2019/20 season include former TV gardener Alan Mason and one of the country's foremost vegetable growers David Allison. Other topics to be covered include: plants for late colour; Calke Abbey gardens and; a pruning hands on session.

Although not included in membership subscription, we arrange trips to visit gardens including a weekend trip in May (this year to Cheshire and the Lake District) and a day trip in July or August.

Non-members are welcome on our trips and to most of our monthly meetings (charges apply) but some meetings

including our Spring Show and Christmas party are not. We also arrange a visit to a private garden which is not normally open to the public and this is also only available to members.

Other benefits of membership include a discount seed scheme; a member's plant and produce stall at our meetings and priority tickets at reduced rates to our celebrity speaker evenings. Past celebrity speakers have included Christine Walkden and Chris Beardshaw and we hope to be able to invite similar high profile gardeners to Kegworth in the future. Our affiliation to the RHS is also of advantage to members.

Spring is traditionally a time to start thinking about gardening and it is also the best time to join the garden club. Membership runs from April to March and costs only £12.00, by joining now a full year of garden club benefits is available. Further details from James McKay on 670243 or Paula Wood on 673274 or just come along to a meeting.



Become a Parish Councillor in the May 2019 Elections

**Are you looking for a new
challenge?**

**Do you want to make a
positive difference?**

**Would you like to influence
decisions that affect your
community?**

You will need to attend Parish Council meetings held once a month and spend some extra time on areas of specialism or interest.

You must be aged 18 or over, an elector, and have been a resident or worked within three miles of the Parish for the past year. The position is unpaid.

To express an interest or for more information contact the Parish Clerk, Vicky Roe.

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Volunteer for Community Speedwatch!



Kegworth has the opportunity to set up a community speedwatch programme from April 2019. If enough volunteers come forward, the programme can be carried out on roads such as Whatton Road, Station Road, SideLey, Derby Road and London Road where we believe drivers may be exceeding the speed limit. If you would like to take part, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.



Bench Refurbishment Programme

The Parish Council is pleased to report that our Lengthsman, Stuart has been working hard refurbishing some benches this year including at the corner of Broadhill Road and in the Churchyard. Other benches were beyond repair and hopefully by the time you read this, two brand new benches will have been installed on Ashby Road. In addition, a new bench will appear at the top of Whatton Road for people to use and enjoy the view. A new traditional bench will also be installed at the junction of SideLey with Long Lane. We hope you enjoy using all the benches and that you agree the improvements make a welcome difference to the appearance of your village.



*Refurbished benches in the Churchyard
and on Broadhill Road*





ONE Kegworth Events for 2019



Come and join us!

Our annual Easter Charter Market will be held on
Monday 22nd April

from 10am to 1pm in the Market Place

At the Easter Market, local groups will be taking the opportunity to raise much needed funds as well as their own profile. There will be plenty of arts and crafts stalls run by local businesses with many offering fun and exciting activities for everyone to try. Entertainment for the children will include a free Easter treasure hunt as well as tombolas, locally baked

goodies, jewellery, scarves, bric a brac and plant stall. Refreshments will be available in the Church as well as hot dogs and burgers in the Market Place. Don't forget to "Bring Your Own Victim to the Stocks" – all in aid of Children's Air Ambulance. Local businesses will be open on the day including Crane and Wells, the Indian Cottage, Flowers by Fredrika and many more.

Dates for your dairy

Saturday 11th May

Ceilidh the night away in the Village Hall

Saturday 19th October

Abba Sensation Tribute Night

– start getting your costumes ready!

Sunday 1st December

Christmas Market - Watch out for more info!

This year we are giving the Family Fun Day a miss. Whilst we are sad about this, we need to regroup and recruit more volunteers to make this event happen. If you have event management skills or are happy to help with tasks such as erected the marquee which takes 10-12 people around 4 hours to put up and take down, please get in touch. We very much want to continue using the marquee which was kindly donated by East Midlands Airport as it helps enhance our visitors' experience.

Our group is made up of fabulous volunteers. Without them, ONE Kegworth

would be unable to operate. We are a mix of students, businesses and residents. Last year, we saw some people leave us who had helped in three key areas - a big thank you to Beth, Luke, Sophie and Matt. As a result, we ran a volunteering campaign and are delighted to report we gained some new village faces - Rob, Matthew, Lesley and Phil.

Come and join us, whether you can spare time in erecting the marquee or offer a few more hours per year, it all helps to bring our community together and for the events to continue for the benefit of many.

For more information on stalls, events or volunteering please contact us via email at:

hello@onekegworth.co.uk

or via our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/onekegworth/>

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