

## KEELE'S RESOURCES

### Keele Village

1. The Parish Council: This gives residents a voice at borough and county levels and acts as both a sounding-board and a focus for local opinion.
2. Village Hall: Owned by the Parish Council and run by a publicly elected management committee. It is a registered charity. It provides social space for local societies and residents' private parties, everything from wakes to children's parties. Use has declined in recent years and the current committee is committed to raising use.
3. Village Societies: The Garden Guild and the Women's Institute meet there on a regular basis. The parish church runs very well attended Yew Night suppers there some nine months of the year, as well as their annual parish meeting and fund-raising events. In the past there was a youth club and the brownies and guides also used to meet there. There was also a monthly pensioners dining club which met there. Outside for profit keep fit classes have been held there. Keele Conservation group have also used it to hold jumble sales.
4. Keele Parish Church: In addition to holding religious services and providing pastoral care, the church building hosts concerts and meetings.
5. Keele Churchyard: Located in the parish church grounds, this is a public burial ground open to all parishioners. It has a conservation area managed by the Keele Conservation Group.
6. Keele Charities: A small charity, it distributes funds to villagers once a year.
7. Keele Primary School: This is a successful and popular school and brings together families both on campus and in the old village. It has also been used for both school and church charity social events.
8. The Sneyd Arms: Unlike many villages, we are fortunate in that we have retained our village pub which is used by villagers on campus and in the old village as well as outsiders. It is a popular eating venue. It also has a few rooms for long-term rent.
9. Accommodation: There is bed and breakfast accommodation in the university Conference Centre and in the Old School House.
10. Business: There is an established rural business centre at the Keele Centre on Three Mile Lane.
11. Farms: We have a number of successful farm businesses through whose management of the land our rural environment is enhanced and maintained. Top Farm provides livery and stabling for horses, an important resource for local riders. Christmas Tree Farm is a major supplier of Christmas Trees, retail and wholesale.
12. Golf driving range: Now under new management.
13. Village shop: Located in the Hawthorns main building.
14. Bus services: Thanks to having a university on our doorstep, we have one of the best village bus services in the country.
15. Footpaths and bridleways: There are a number of interesting walks across the parish and some enjoyable and safe rides for equestrians.

## **Keele University Campus**

To list all the resources offered by the university to the local community and beyond would be impossible. We have selected those most used by locals.

1. Post Office: Located in the Students' Union
2. Campus General Store, Newsagents, Bank and Bookshop
3. Numerous restaurants and coffee shops
4. Religious services are available in the chapel and the mosque
5. Concerts, open to the general public, both in the Students' Union (pop groups) and in the University Chapel and Chancellor's Building (choral and classical music, all of the highest quality).
6. Sporting facilities: Soccer pitches, widely used by local youth; all weather pitch; gym; tennis courts and squash courts.
7. Library: Reading facilities open to all. Many local sixth formers use it when studying A Levels. The local history book collection is the best in the Borough.
8. Art Gallery: This hosts a number of exhibitions a year.
9. Plays: The annual Shakespeare production attracts full houses every year.
10. Student Societies: Most are closed to outsiders however the *World Affairs Group* which meets monthly and has an open membership of 100s is open to the general public.
11. Special Lectures and Talks: Many of these are free and open to the general public.
12. Academic Courses: For a fee most of the university courses can be attended by adult students. There are some Adult Education Classes run on campus. The *Jack Leighton Seminar Series* on local history, which is free, is widely patronised by residents across the city and borough.
13. G.P. Practice: There is a GP practice located on campus and it is open to Keele villagers.
14. Keele Hall: The principal rooms of this elegant Victorian country house and the Raven Mason Pottery Collection can be viewed by appointment. It is a major venue for weddings and/or wedding receptions. The annual Christmas Dinners are another major public facility.
15. Keele Hall lakes and grounds: These are open to the general public.
16. Science Park and University: These are major employers and provide work, from cleaners to research scientists, from porters to professors, from data-processors to medical professionals. Over the years many villagers have found work on campus.
17. Academic, Professional and Scientific Consultants: As one might expect, there is a wide-range of high-level professional advice available from the university.
18. The Sustainability Hub at Home Farm offers a range of public events and activities.

## **Tradesmen**

These are located both on campus and in the old village. They include the following: painter and decorator; electrician; plumber; general builder; general handyman and builder; ground-worker for drives and patios; two qualified tree-surgeons; and a professional gardener. There is a competent and competitive print unit in the Students' Union and a garage on the road to Madeley Heath. There is an established and competent glazier in Madeley Heath. Additional tradesmen can be found in Madeley, Silverdale and Knutton.