



The Yew Tree

May 2012

Newsletter for Keele Parish Council

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Your invitation to a Jubilee Tea Party

With the weather more unreliable than ever this year the Parish Council are taking no chances and we're hosting an indoor event on the jubilee weekend.

You are all cordially invited to join us for afternoon tea on

Saturday 2nd June

in the Village Hall

between 2 & 4 pm

There will be free tea/coffee and delicious cakes, and it's a great opportunity to chat to other residents, and even a parish councillor or two if you can prise them away from serving tea!

We would love to see you all there so please try and find time to drop in for some refreshment.

The Sneyd Arms in the village also has a programme of events over the Jubilee weekend. More details are on the parish website.

Public Meeting about Parking Problems in the Village

A public meeting was held on Thursday 3rd May to inform residents of the progress that has been made so far and to gather information so we can respond quickly to any report from the County Council.

We were informed in April that the County Council are finally conducting an investigation to assess the need for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on Quarry Bank Road. They are also surveying those residents on The Village who have no place other than the road to park about a Residents' Parking Zone.

Keele University are changing their car parking permit policy for next year to encourage more use of the Hawthorns car parks, and they are also limiting the free bus scheme to students who either live or have a car parking permit in Hawthorns. This should help to reduce the number of cars parking in the village.

St John's School Summer Fair - Saturday 26th May 1-3pm

Please come along and join the fun at the school's summer fair. There will be music and singing from the school orchestra and the children. There will be plenty of refreshments & a BBQ, as well as cakes, stalls, games, a tombola, a raffle, and a Bouncy Castle.



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Any donations of home-made cakes/jams etc., or any other items for the tombola will be gratefully accepted. All money raised will go towards outdoor seating and play equipment.

Church Car Park

There are 2 items about the car park that you should be aware of.

Firstly, you may have noticed some taped off areas that are protecting seed beds. These have been prepared by children from St. John's school, the Keele Conservation Group and the Newcastle Countryside Project. These beds have been prepared for cornfield annuals and some of the seeds were donated by the Royal Horticultural Society to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Secondly, it appears that the church car park is sometimes being used as a location for drug dealing and consumption. The local police are aware of this and are keeping the area under surveillance. If you should see any unusual activity please do NOT approach the individuals, but do report anything suspicious to the police via the non emergency 101 number.

Rubbish Bins & Dog Waste

Due to the difficulties associated with getting permission for specific dog waste bins within the conservation area, we have spoken to a senior waste management officer at the council, who has informed us that council bins (but not those belonging to the university or the pub) can be used to deposit bagged dog waste. For the sake of other walkers please pick up not only from the pavement, but also on footpaths and tracks.

We have asked for an additional waste bin to be provided by the bus stop on Station Road and a larger bin by the entrance to the school. We have also requested additional collections from the waste bin at the bus stop in The Village, as this is often overflowing.

Please note that the waste bin opposite Highway Lane is a council bin and can be used for dog waste.

Keele Parish Council Website

The website is now live and material has been added since it was first launched. Notice of upcoming events is highlighted on the News page, and more details are available on the Events page in the What's On section.

If you have an event that you would like to let residents of the parish know about then please send details to the webmaster or the parish clerk via the contact us page.

We are also adding information about groups that meet within the parish, so if you would like to let more people know about your organisation and the events you run please get in touch.

The Chair's Annual Report for 2011/12 – is available to view on the website within the minutes dated 17th April 2012.

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