



# KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Newsletter

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# A More Attractive Village *How can you help?*



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See pages 4 and 5 on how you can help us prepare a village 'wish list' for redevelopment, responses by 1st September 2017.

*What do we do with all this space when the lorries have gone?*

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# Annual Parish Meeting for Kegworth 8 May 2017

## Chairman's Report

2016 brought to Kegworth the decision that a bypass would be built and the announcement of the imposition of HS2 both of which bring changes to our parish, opportunities for improvements (in the case of the bypass) and a considerable extra workload. This report attempts to bring you up to date with these matters and the work the council has undertaken during the year. First I want to focus on people.

### People

In August chair, Valerie Teffahi decided to leave the council and I was elected chairman in September. Three new councillors were co-opted to the council, Carol Sewell in April and Cheryl Maguire and David Outterside in September. The deputy clerk, Lindsay Richardson, left for family relocation reasons and Emma Laban was appointed to replace her. The Council appointed Stuart Cox as Lengthsman to keep the village clean and tidy and improvements to the Market Place and surrounding areas can already be seen. Several of our many jitties have been tidied. We have also benefitted tremendously from the involvement of volunteers to working parties, regular litter picks organised jointly with the Plan Group and staff at RBS and Carpenters Arms. Kegworth Parish Council is fully committed to providing opportunities for training for staff and councillors. The clerk commenced the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA) and is near to completing this.

### SideLey Park

The ONE Kegworth weekend held in June 2016 highlighted the potential for this underused recreation ground to be developed into a 'Park' for everyone. A working group comprising five councillors plus volunteers, Julie Cooke, Beth Shearman, Jerry Tseng and James McKay began weekly meetings in August. Jerry Tseng produced an imaginative design and the working party produced the detailed scheme. Consultations with residents took place in November, with near neighbours to the park being visited at home. Work on raising the crown of all the trees to improve openness and visibility across the park started immediately and construction began on April 3 under the supervision of project manager, Mark Cooke. It was agreed infrastructure, picnic tables/benches, dog agility area and signage would be in place for the Family Fun Day and Food Festival held on 3 June 2017. An extra piece of play equipment for older children/teenagers will be added and the existing play ground equipment will be refurbished. The developer contribution from Citrus Grove housing has been used to pay for all this work.

### East Midland Gateway and the Kegworth Bypass

We now understand that the construction of Kegworth bypass will commence in September this year and be completed in April 2019. The A6 through the village will have a 7.5-ton restriction imposed, which will eliminate all HGVs except for access, and traffic is estimated to be 40% of current levels. This provides the village with the

opportunity to remodel the centre to release more space for people and much needed car parking. A workshop was held on March 1 for councillors, volunteers and specialist advisers to initiate a design brief for the village centre. The intention is to have a design completed, approved, costed, fully funded and ready to implement once the bypass is finished. The fullest consultation will be carried out with village residents and businesses.

### HS2

On 16 November the government announced a proposed change to the route for HS2 bringing it nearer to Kegworth at the top of Ashby Road and crossing the A6 on a viaduct. The route goes through fields that had planning approvals for 260 houses in total and gave the village two full size and two junior football pitches, changing facilities, car parking and allotments. Two representatives from HS2 met councillors and listened to our questions and objections. Parish Councillors and staff attended the all day drop-in held by HS2 at the Yew Lodge Hotel to listen to comments from Kegworth residents. A residents meeting attended by 47 people was held in the council offices and a letter of objection was sent to HS2 which is published on the website, [kegworthparishcouncil.co.uk](http://kegworthparishcouncil.co.uk).

### Other Matters

A coffee morning in aid of the Macmillan charity was held in the Parish Council Office. The event attracted about 60 people and raised £300 for the charity.

A drop-in session was arranged concerning the relocation of the post office. About 50 people attended and were able to talk to a public relations manager from that organisation. Summer planting in the Market Place rented from a contractor and maintained by them gained many positive comments from residents and visitors.

Christmas in the Market Place in conjunction with ONE Kegworth and the businesses attracted about 500 people with many of them staying for the lights switch on. Breaston brass band, Kegworth hand bell ringers and Kegworth young players provided the musical entertainment and stalls were arranged in the Market Place and behind the shops.

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

The council is responsible for all the trees on recreation grounds, allotment sites, the cemetery and St Andrews churchyard and has a tree survey undertaken every five years. This was completed in November and requires work to be undertaken on 31 out of 225 trees surveyed.

I would like to thank all councillors for their contribution to the work of the council. 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.

Finally I thank our clerk, Vicky Roe, for her excellent work since she joined us in August 2015. Vicky increased the office opening hours from 8 per week to 22, she has overhauled many of our processes and improved our use of a finance control and reporting system, providing detailed financial reports that enhance the use of our resources. Her liaison with village organisations, businesses and residents

has built our reputation for increasing openness that is frequently commented upon. Through her extensive networking with other parish councils, NWLDC and LCC she has gained much knowledge and deservedly has a reputation for getting things done quickly and efficiently.

I feel that we can all look forward with optimism at the prospects for Kegworth post bypass and it now requires us all to make the most of the opportunities presented to us.

Thank you

**David Hignett**

## Royal Garden Party

Kegworth Parish Council's Chairman, David Hignett and his wife Carole represented NWL's Northern Parishes at a garden party at Buckingham Palace on June 1st. The photos show the guests welcoming The Queen and Prince Philip



as the bands played the National Anthem. "The garden party was a fabulous occasion and it was a pleasure and a privilege to be there" said David.

*(Note from editor – the expenses for the trip were met personally by the chairman)*

*Introducing the newest member of our team...*

## Lengthsman – Stuart Cox

Hello, my name is Stuart Cox and I am the Parish Council's Lengthsman. This is a historical job title and means that I endeavour to keep Kegworth neat, tidy, safe and presentable.

I used to live close to Nottingham and worked in the City centre for British Telecom for over 30 years; I decided to take early retirement when staff numbers were being reduced.

In my new found spare time, I did odd jobs, decorating and gardening for family and friends, and learnt some new skills. We bought a puppy that grew into a bonkers chocolate Labrador and decided it was time to move to a more rural area.

My wife Helen, and our two grown up children and I moved to Kegworth in 2016, although one has now flown the nest and the other is at university. We quickly settled into Kegworth and love "the village that has everything". We have excellent dog walks on the doorstep and all the facilities you need are within walking distance.



# A More Attractive

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**“... an almost never ending flow of cars and lorries”**

As we've reported in previous newsletters, we have secured some funding to help us improve the village and explore what we could do with the downgraded A6, post bypass.

**“...the centre of our village is dominated by traffic”**

For decades, the A6 has carried heavy vehicles and an almost never ending flow of cars and lorries, the road being designed with vehicles and not people in mind.

We now have the opportunity to explore what a 'new' downgraded village road might look and feel like as less vehicles will pass through the centre.

## **What do we do with all this space when the lorries have gone?**

You will already know that the centre is dominated by traffic, with the A6 cutting the centre of it in half. Pedestrians are squeezed into a small space as most of the area is given over to accommodating traffic. There is only one pedestrian crossing point, making it almost impossible to cross the road safely. The noise and fumes are overbearing at times. It is definitely not somewhere you would choose to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon with family and friends!

The Parish Council are working with residents and local businesses to explore what we should do with the downgraded road once the bypass is open.

Before we commission any design work, we want to make sure that everyone in the village has the opportunity to contribute to what we hope will be a more attractive village centre.

In March, we held a well-supported public workshop when participants helped to create a 'wish list'.

## **How can you help?**

We would welcome any comments you have to make on the 'wish list', including anything you would like to see added to it.

The Village Hall committee is continuing with its programme of updating the building and facilities from aesthetic and green perspectives. The windows in the main hall are looking very shabby and are not as effective as modern double glazed units. Through the generosity of the Co-op and their Community fund we have received over £1,300. Thanks to all of you who nominated us for the award. We have also been successful in a bid for a grant of over £11,000 from WREN – the waste management scheme. This was made possible by the Parish Council's contribution of the Third Party funds

required by WREN. We hope that the work will be completed this summer.

The next major work will be to redesign and update the toilet area in the main hall.

One of the groups that transferred from the Community Centre was the Over 55's Lunch Club. This meets every Thursday and on the 3rd Monday of each month. It is a very friendly group and members have a cuppa and a lunch.



# Active Village

Once we've finalised the list, we will work to produce costed plans for local consultation. We expect this consultation to take place during 2018.

For inspiration, search for the 'Poynton Regenerated' film on Youtube or read 'Traffic in Villages' at [www.hamilton-baillie.co.uk/\\_files/\\_publications/50-1.pdf](http://www.hamilton-baillie.co.uk/_files/_publications/50-1.pdf)

To make comments, use "Contact Us" on the website, email [clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.co.uk), call on 01509 670204, come into the office or send us a letter.

The closing date for comments is **1 September 2017**.

*The 'wish list' so far for our village:*

- 🌱 **Reclaim the village** for people!
- 🌱 Create a place that is **welcoming, attractive and economically vibrant**.
- 🌱 **Prioritise pedestrians** by creating more generous pavements and by making it easier and safer to cross the downgraded A6 by slowing traffic.
- 🌱 **Reduce traffic noise** by calming vehicle speeds.
- 🌱 **Better, easier and more car parking** (whilst also tackling abuse of parking spaces, e.g. 'park and fly').
- 🌱 **More trees** and greenery.
- 🌱 Create a better **space for relaxation** and **community events**.
- 🌱 Create a **comfortable waiting area for bus users** where the bus stop and bus shelter have enough space to be located next to each other.
- 🌱 **Welcome visitors** by making sure that bypass signage highlights the shops and services in the village centre.
- 🌱 **Encourage cycling** by providing convenient and safe places to park bikes.
- 🌱 **Elimination** of rat runs

KEGWORTH  
VILLAGE HALL

COMMUNITY TOGETHER

There is transport available via minibus and wheelchairs can be accommodated. Due to various reasons the numbers attending the Thursday lunch in particular have decreased and new members would be most welcome. For more details

please phone Isabel on 01509 674437.

All the rooms in the Hall are now very well used but it is still available for private bookings

from children's parties to wedding receptions. Rooms have also been used by local companies for conferences and training events.

The website designed by Raj Vandra is now up and running – [kegworthvh.org](http://kegworthvh.org) and all enquiries can be sent via [enquiries@kegworthvh.org](mailto:enquiries@kegworthvh.org) or by visiting the hall on a Saturday morning 10 -11am.

Anyone interested in helping to manage the hall in any way would be welcome. Contact us via the website or phone Jean on 01509 569893.



Kegworth Village Association and Museum is changing.

We will become Kegworth Heritage Centre, a title that expresses all that we are about, but we need you, your skills, your expertise, your time, to make even more changes.

Changes in the way we engage visitors, especially those with young children.

We need volunteers who will actively engage with funding sources, to enable us to carry out much needed improvements in terms of flooring, windows, and display equipment. This is your heritage; we need you to help us carry on our heritage into the future.

Please contact the museum in any of the following ways:

Write to: Kegworth Museum, 52 High Street, Kegworth, Derby DE74 2DA, or email: [info@kegworthmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@kegworthmuseum.org.uk) or telephone Sheila Sharpe 01509 673613.

## **Kegworth Baby and Toddler Group**

Kegworth Baby and Toddler Group meet every Tuesday and Friday afternoon 12.30-3pm at the Community Room at the Village Hall. It is a relaxed environment for parents/grandparents/carers to meet whilst the children play in our large room. We have a new enclosed play area for the babies and a slide and bikes for the toddlers. We plan regular craft activities and days out. Refreshments are available and are included in the price of £1.50 for first child 50p for additional children. Come and join us. Find us on Facebook for further details.



We are very proud to have the only bookshop in the village situated here in the library ! Our New-To-You books are in really good condition and they are all only £1 – ideal for holiday reading. We have hardbacks, paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction, so do come in and enjoy a browse in comfortable surroundings with cosy sofas and refreshments.

The annual Summer Reading Challenge for 3-12 year olds (although there is a special book for under 3's) will run from 8 July until 2 September. This year's theme is Animal Agents. The Challenge encourages children to keep up the reading habit during the school summer holiday and it's a lot of fun too !

Please help us to keep these, and the many other facilities we provide for the village, up and running. We always need more volunteers and not just for stamping books. There are many and varied roles where we'd love to have new, enthusiastic volunteers with fresh ideas. Could one of them be you ?

Shopping at the Co-op has helped to boost funds by people donating their dividend. Other ways to contribute to the library funds are through easyfundraising. All the major retailers participate in this scheme.

To find out more have a look at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kegworthlibrary/> or pick up a leaflet from the library.

The library has a new phone number with answering service which is 01509 554176.



## Cricket Club Enjoy Successful Start to the 2017 Season

After nine games, the Cricket Club stand proudly in third place in the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League Premier Division with five wins, one abandonment and three defeats following promotion last season.

This is a considerable achievement as most opponents are larger clubs like Kibworth, Market Harborough, Lutterworth, and Loughborough Town etc.

The Club currently runs 3 Saturday teams, 1 Sunday team and junior coaching/teams from Under 10s through to Under 15s.

The Club continues to enjoy excellent playing and social facilities all maintained on a voluntary basis by members.

If you wish to join the Club or for further information please contact Carl Sutton [carlsutton@virginmedia.com](mailto:carlsutton@virginmedia.com) or visit the club website [www.kegworthtowncc.co.uk](http://www.kegworthtowncc.co.uk)



## Green Grants Funding

The Parish Council was recently successful in securing £500.00 match funding from NWLDC Green Grants Awards, which has been used to purchase litter pickers, hoops and viz jackets.

Any residents wishing to care for Kegworth village are welcome to call into the Parish Council office to borrow the equipment at any time. We would just require the volunteer's name, address and telephone number so that we can keep a record of who we are lending the equipment to.

An hour spent by a willing volunteer every so often really would make a big difference to the appearance of the village.

## Kegworth Tennis Club

Kegworth Tennis Club is located at the King George V Playing Fields, DE74 2FH, Kegworth and welcomes players of all standards. Facilities comprise three hard courts (two floodlit), providing year-round play. There are opportunities for both social and match tennis with three mens, one ladies and two mixed teams in the summer Leicestershire Leagues and two mens and one ladies in the winter Leagues. Senior club night is every Tuesday and junior club night in the summer is every Monday from 4.45-6.45pm (supervised by the Club Coach).

Each summer, the club organises in-house tournaments for both junior and senior members. We also host LTA tournaments for juniors which are open to both members and non-members, thereby providing our juniors with more opportunities for competitive tennis.

The club held its annual junior open day and senior open night in April. On 14th May the club hosted its first ever Great British Tennis Weekend, which is part of a nationwide campaign to encourage more people to play tennis. On 20th May the club ran its annual progressive supper around the village. The next social event is the summer BBQ on 24th June.

Coaching is available for all standards (senior/junior) from the Club Coach Tony Hawke on 07801425167 and 01159728499. Throughout the summer, the club offers junior coaching on Saturday mornings (8.30am -12, exact timing depending on age and ability).

Interested in joining? Contact Mrs Helen Collington, Membership Secretary on 01509 672842 and [htcollington@outlook.com](mailto:htcollington@outlook.com) for more information. The Club welcomes juniors from the age of 4 upwards. Membership is FREE for under sevens, just £27 for U12s and £39 for U18s. Senior membership is £116 and senior citizen is just £70.



# KEGWORTH BOWLS CLUB

## A HEALTHY HOBBY



It may not have a reputation for being the most athletic of pursuits, but bowls is increasingly popular with all ages, with a growing number of those in their 20s and 30s taking it up.

A survey of 2,200 players aged 15 to 80 showed that nine out of ten believe it keeps their muscles fit and supple, with most likening the benefits to yoga. Among the muscles targeted when bending to bowl are those in the arms, chest and waist.

*'A game like bowls is a great way to improve powers of concentration and focus,' says Dearbhia McCullough, a sports psychologist at Roehampton University. 'It will boost balance and visual skills, too.'*

PETA BEE

**COME AND HAVE A GO**  
**CHUMMY DAYS**  
**EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOONS**  
**2.00pm to 4pm**

**and FRIDAY EVENINGS 6.00pm to 8.00pm**  
Anyone, whatever age, wishing to try your hand at bowls can have free tuition.

Bowls and equipment will be provided and all that you will need to take part will be a pair of flat soled shoes.

**BEGINNERS COACHING LESSONS AVAILABLE**  
Call Brenda on 01509 673310

**Kegworth Bowls Club, Nottingham Road, Kegworth**  
For more information phone :  
**Barbara 01509 673969 or Brenda 01509 673310**

Or visit our web site: [kegworthbowlsclub.co.uk](http://kegworthbowlsclub.co.uk)

## SideLey Park Update

We hope you are enjoying the new improvements at SideLey Park.

Final works will be...

- Installation of bin and dog poo bag dispenser.
- Fixing of poles in dog agility area.
- Areas of turf to be corrected, when weather permits
- Erection of goal nets
- Planting of welcome and performance areas has already begun
- Remainder of planting will be carried out in the Autumn.

The piece of equipment pictured will be installed by Friday 14th July for all to enjoy during the Summer holidays!



## Mill Lodge Update

A director of Rushcliffe Care Group <http://www.rushcliffecare.co.uk> told Kegworth Parish Council that the home would be classified C2A the same as now and would be for rehabilitation of patients with mental health issues.

Mill Lodge currently has 38 en-suite rooms each with access to the garden and these will be reduced to 28 larger rooms with extra space for communal areas.

Rushcliffe Care Group expects that the unit will start to take patients by the end of 2017 and the typical length of stay could be around 18 months.

A 3 metre high fence is proposed to protect the patients and will not run across the front of the building. The fence will wrap around the sides and rear and Kegworth Parish Council have requested that the existing hedges to Mill Lane remain which will hide much of the fence. All the cctv will be inward looking so that patients enjoying the gardens could be quickly helped if they needed this eg after a fall.

The extra car parking would be via the farm gate and already dropped kerb and it was the intention that the car parking needs of the unit would be met on site. Rushcliffe Care Group were aware that hitherto car parking had filled one side of Mill Lane.