

Kimbleworth, Plawsworth and Nettleworth Parish News

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From the Parish Council

(website: www.kpparishcouncil.co.uk)

The Parish Council continues to meet on the second Thursday of each month (except August) at 7.00 pm, in the Nettleworth Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome to bring any matters of concern to the Parish Council either by attending or by emailing the Parish Clerk, Jocasta Lawton, on kpparishcouncil@gmail.com

The Parish Council discusses any matters concerning the welfare of our villages, including planning applications, local amenities, allotments, police reports, roads and parking issues, and wider issues raised by the County Council.

The precept has been kept the same as last year, to avoid making any additional charge to local taxpayers. From the precept, the Parish Council pays operational expenses and gives financial support to help local organisations (applications to be made with a grant application form on the website above). Money has been allocated this year for a number of activities, including: support for the Community Café; support for the Community Centre; better local signage; flowering plants for the planters; pest control on the allotments.

If you have ideas for improvements for our villages or local projects you would like the Parish Council to support, please email the Clerk (Jocasta).

The Community Centre

The Community Centre hosts a number of clubs and groups, including Table Tennis, Carpet Bowls, Appalachian Clog Dancing, Slimming World, Kicks, show training for small dogs, and The Community Cafe, which is open on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Centre is also available to book and local users (from Kimbleworth, Nettleworth, Plawsworth and Sacriston) pay a preferential rate. For further information, telephone (0191) 371 1278. Or you can visit our website. This has been offline for some time but is now up and running again: www.pkcommunityassociation.co.uk

We have seen a number of changes to the Management Committee. Our new Chairman is John Barclay, while Ted Morton is Vice-Chair and Daniel Inman has taken over as Secretary. Lorraine Gillhespy remains as Treasurer. The survey we conducted locally produced some very useful feedback and members of the Management Committee would like to express their thanks to all who participated.

Still time to help with village green application

An application to Durham County Council to register land between Hawthorn Close and Sycamore Road as a village green is still under way. If you either use or have used this land to play games, sit, or just to walk over, we would like to urge you to make a statement to say so. To do this, or help in any other way, please contact Daniel Inman on (0191) 371 1278, or email: dan.inman@btinternet.com



Nettleworth Community Café

Free meals for children this summer! During the school summer holidays (21st July to 6th September), the Cafe is open every weekday and has special funding to enable it to offer all children of sixteen years and under a free breakfast each morning (9.00 – 10.00am) and a free meal at tea-time (3.30 to 4.30pm). All others are of course also welcome to come and enjoy Karen's wonderful cooking at any time when the Café is open (usually every Monday and Thursday, but during this period every weekday 9.00am to 5.00pm).

From the Parish Church, Kimbleworth

On Tuesday 31st May Durham Cathedral was packed with hundreds of young children who had come to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Mother's Union (a worldwide Anglican organisation that supports family life). There was a party atmosphere as children joined in action songs. The highlight was watching each branch parade a banner that had been made by children in over 100 different parishes. The children from the "Little Stars" toddler group in the village carried ours and we were all very proud of them. A huge thanks to Su and Karl Jones who designed the banner and helped the children to make it. What a day!



On Sunday 26th June the church held its 6th Messy Church and it was one of our most successful yet! 22 children and their families joined us for craft activities in our newly refurbished church hall. The theme was summer fun and fishing. As well as craft activities there were games in the car park and parachute games on the grass. The children then enjoyed a wonderfully informal and creative service in church that was followed by a delicious party tea.



Nettlesworth Primary School

Traffic Survey:

On Wednesday 29th June Class 3 and 4 children took part in a real-life traffic speed survey on the main road outside of school. With the help of PCSO Turnbull they measured the speed of 146 cars passing our school between 10.00am and 11.00am. Out of the 146 cars measured 5 were exceeding the speed limit of 30 miles per hour and will be sent warning notices from the Police. The children are also working on posters to display outside of school asking motorists to drive safely past our school.



Fairtrade links:

On Thursday 30th June children from our school took part in the grand opening of the newest Co-op store at Framwellgate Moor. The store which is on the site of the old Salutation Public House was keen to make links with our school because they are heavily promoting Fairtrade ethical products and were aware that our school holds Fairtrade accredited status. Four children from our Rights Respecting Council took part and met senior managers, staff and Olaf snowman and a Minion. Hopefully the two organisations will continue to make links to advertise Fairtrade goods.



A Letter from the Queen to Class 1!

Last half term Class 1 had chosen to learn about Castles and Medieval England. Peyton thought it would be a lovely idea if we made 90th Birthday Cards for the Queen and because the children had made such a wonderful job of them Miss Grant wrote a letter and sent them to Buckingham Palace. We have just received a beautiful letter, photo and many thanks from both the Queen and her Lady-in-Waiting, Amanda Whitehead. The children were so proud that the Queen had noticed their hard work and all have a copy of the special letter that we received! Well done Class 1!



"Little Stars"



Baby & Toddler Group

"Little Stars" has been running since February this year, with funding from the Big Lottery, and has been going from strength to strength. It is run in the Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

We have had around twenty mothers or grandparents and carers and about twenty-five children coming every session. So far more than thirty families have registered with the "Little Stars" group.

"Little Stars" also has a wonderful, enthusiastic and committed team, who are full of energy and ideas and have a passion for local projects, and they all live locally in Nettlesworth /Kimblesworth.

Over the five months we have enjoyed various activities: painting and messy play, collage, and baking activities. We also made a banner to carry at the Mother's Union Service in the Cathedral on 31st May. We recently went out to Hall Hill Farm, which was a fantastic day-out at a brilliant venue. More recently we had a Teddy Bears' picnic on the Nettlesworth Primary School playing field.

"Little Stars" is also running a family holiday club for all local children of primary school age and below (accompanied by an adult) in the Community Centre, August 1st to 5th (9.30am to 12 noon). For further information contact Su Jones (07837 944656) or Paula (07798 922788).

The Monday Club

A new group for over 55's now meets in the Community Centre, Mondays 1.30 – 3.30pm. Currently featuring a fun course on healthy eating. £1 per person. All welcome.

Mobile Cinema: 4th August

Nettlesworth Community Centre, Thursday 4th August, 2.00pm . The film will be: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip. Entry £1.00 All welcome

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