

Dear Residents of Kidlington,

This year's Gala Day took place mostly in the sunshine on Saturday 20th July, and it was a resounding success. Crowds gathered for most of the day, and the free activities provided by the Parish Council were seized upon by excited children of all ages, this year these included Zorbing, rock climbing, skateboard lessons and go karts. Many of our local voluntary organisations were also represented as was the Parish Council itself.

This year KPC Councillors were asking our residents how, and when, they currently use Exeter Hall and what facilities should Councillors consider for the future. There has been much public speculation on the future of Exeter Hall, and we are currently looking to understand how local residents use our facilities and what they want to see in the future, further details on this will be released as we get deeper into the process. It is a great honour and responsibility to be involved in the renovation of such an iconic local building. One thing that can be confirmed however is that Exeter Hall will not be turned into student accommodation as one resident suggested was a current rumour.

Should you want to be kept up to date on our future outreach sessions or keep posted on plans for the future please do subscribe to our Parish News here:



Our Comms Team are in the process of updating the website and making it a more useful resource for our residents, and we do hope to be able to issue regular updates on local news and information through social media. One of my particular aims for the Parish Council to have clear and transparent communication fostering a relationship of trust with our residents.

In my previous news I mentioned KPC's strategy for the future, and this has been the focus for the working group and should be coming to Full Council in September and be available on the website once agreed. Please do take a look at the details so that you can see our ambitions for the future of our village.

I also mentioned the significant changes that are coming to our village including the already planned homes and additional employment spaces, and many will have heard of the contract associated with Campsfield Immigration Centre, and we are waiting to see what additional plans our new Government has for our area.

Whilst there is still some summer to enjoy, KPC are looking ahead to Autumn where our activities come to the fore with our first ever Give it a Go session on Saturday 21st September, a day of free taster sessions (please see the website for further details), the traditional Christmas Light Switch On and Fireworks Display this year being held on 5th November.

This year our Christmas Lights will be a little different, but more about that in the coming months.

Thank you for your trust and support, the Parish Council looks forward to working alongside its community, together we can achieve great things.

Warm regards,
Lesley McLean
Chair, Kidlington Parish Council