



Updates for the parents and community of The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form



## KEY DATES

- 30th May to 3rd June - Half Term
- 7th June - Year 9 Healthy Relationships Day
- 17th June - Inset Day
- 8th July - Pride Day
- 14th July - Year 12 Student Review Day
- 13th July - Summer Concert (Evening)
- 21st July - Whole School Sports Day
- 22nd July - 12:30pm School Ends for Summer Term

## Rushcliffe MP Visit

*By Olivia B-B and Joseph C-B Year 10*

Three weeks ago, The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form were lucky enough to receive a visit from our local MP for Rushcliffe, Ruth Edwards.

Members of our student body were given the chance to put our local MP in the hot seat! The meeting began with a personal touch, giving one of our students, Thomas C, a letter in reply to one he had sent her earlier this year. Later on, Olivia BB posed a tricky question: "Given the pressure placed on young people, do you think that public exams at sixteen are justified?" Ruth Edwards felt that these exams are justified but did believe that more balance was required between the Arts and Languages subjects.

This was then followed by Eliana R who asked if there is enough being done to combat climate change. Ruth Edwards went on to talk about the work she has done and is still doing to help flooding issues in Cropwell Butler, along with other projects she has done for the community, which can be found on her website [News | Ruth Edwards](#)

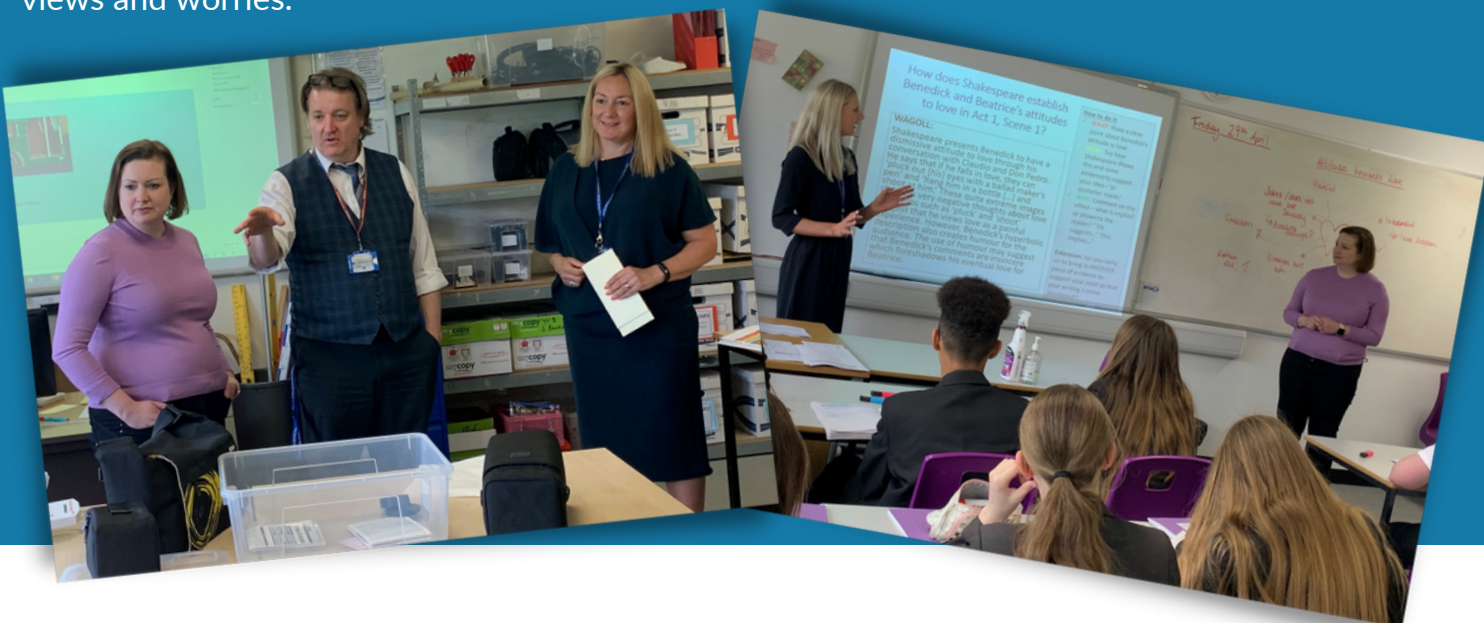


## Rushcliffe MP Visit continued...

The House of Commons was the next subject to come up, with a query about equality within it from Joseph CB. Ruth Edwards gave an unexpected answer, claiming that once in the House, there was no bias and everybody was treated equally but infrastructure wasn't in place to assist disabled people with getting in. She also commented that she did believe there should be more women within.

In general, Ruth Edwards seemed to be very open minded and took on board our ideas, especially when Rachel B mentioned that nationally there is perhaps more emphasis on core subjects than on music, and that music was on the decline. Ruth Edwards appeared surprised to hear this, but promised us she felt it was something she needed to look into. She had the opportunity to tour the school and see the incredible Dance Troupe's performance earlier that day.

Overall, contrary to what others may have thought, it was a very relaxed setting when talking to Ruth Edwards and we were glad that someone took an interest in the younger generation's views and worries.



## Ruth Edwards Student Panel

*By Rachel B Year 12*

Recently we had a visit from Ruth Edwards, the MP for Rushcliffe. She was shown around the school, which included being treated to a dazzling performance from the dance festival and visiting our art department. She then sat down with a student panel to answer some questions. Six students from various year groups were able to find out more about being an MP and ask about any issues that concerned us. Questions were asked about flooding in Rushcliffe, safety online and equality in parliament, among other topics. It was a great opportunity to find out more about how our country is run and to put forward the things we felt needed addressing, to someone who could then bring them to parliament.

# Influential Women in History Competition

By Miss Fox

I am running a monthly competition, which gives students the opportunity to create a resource focused on the many influential women in history. This month we are celebrating Rosa Parks, a courageous woman who refused to give up her seat to a white man on a bus in Alabama, which was required by law at the time.

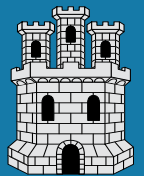
I was so impressed with all of the entries that I received. It was clear that the students had put a lot of time and effort into creating their resources.

The winner of this month's competition is Hari (Year 8) who created the fantastic poster below!



## Fristory Castle Project

By Miss Fox



As part of our Castles topic last term, some of our fantastic year 7 Fristory students decided to bake castle cakes. One of our students baked this excellent chocolate castle cake that they brought in to share with the rest of the class - we really enjoyed sharing it at the end of our lesson!

I have been so impressed with the quality of work in the Fristory groups this year - well done to you all!

# Inter Tutor Sports is back!!

## By Miss Smith

It was fantastic to finally be able to run the inter tutor sports again for year 7, 8 and 9. Students competed against the other tutor groups in their year group in football, netball, basketball and dance.

Students also competed individually for the title of MVP (Most Valuable Performer). This was given to the students in each activity who contributed the most to their team in terms of quality of performance, effort, etiquette, and teamwork.

PE staff were supported by our fantastic year 10 and 12 Sports Leaders who officiated the games and judged the dance competition and selected the MVPs.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and to the positive attitudes and teamwork that was evident in all the events.

Winners of each event and MVPs are listed below:

|        | FOOTBALL                            | NETBALL                                  | BASKET-BALL                            | DANCE                                      |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Year 7 | 1 R<br>2 Y<br>3 K<br>4 E<br>5 = T H | 1 Y<br>2 E<br>3 R<br>4 T<br>5 = K H<br>6 | 1 Y<br>2 R<br>3 T<br>4 H<br>5 K<br>6 E | 1 K<br>2 = E Y<br>3<br>4 = R H<br>5<br>6 T |
| MVP    | Ashton and Zilpha                   | Isla and Ben                             | Isaac and Chloe                        | Caleb and Lily                             |





# Inter Tutor Sports Results Table

Year  
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|     | FOOTBALL                               | NETBALL                                  | BASKET-BALL                            | DANCE                                      |
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| MVP | Jack and Evie                          | Hugo/Claire/<br>Rebecca                  | Chloe and Oscar                        | Lucy                                       |

Year  
9

|     | FOOTBALL<br>G                          | NETBALL                                | BASKET-BALL                            | FOOTBALL<br>B                          |
|-----|--|--|--|--|
|     | 1 K<br>2 Y<br>3 R<br>4 H<br>5 E<br>6 T | 1 E<br>2 K<br>3 R<br>4 T<br>5 H<br>6 Y | 1 E<br>2 H<br>3 Y<br>4 R<br>5 T<br>6 K | 1 R<br>2 E<br>3 H<br>4 K<br>5 Y<br>6 T |
| MVP | Niamh                                  | Emma and Bertie                        | George and Charlotte                   | Mitch                                  |

# The Bridge Garden



Mr Murphy and Mr Legge are beginning to turn the garden area in The Bridge into a more inviting space for students.

With the help of our Year 8 and Year 9 helpers, we are building new planters out of pallets, growing vegetables and flowers and clearing out the old flower beds.

We hope that we will be able to turn the space into something that will be a calming place for all students and also a sensory space for students to explore and eat their lunch in.



## Dyslexia Awareness Day

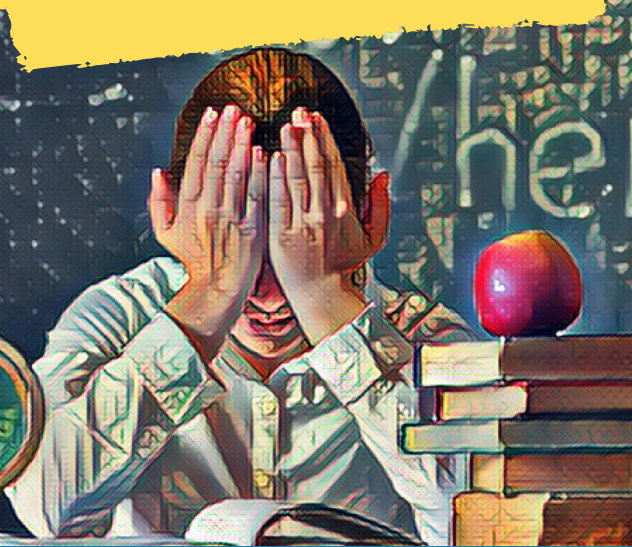
**Thank you for  
your donations.  
We raised an  
amazing  
£281.79**

Our most recent awareness day focused on dyslexia.

All students had an assembly on the topic in the weeks running up to the day. This covered many of the key points around dyslexia and encouraged our students to feel that they can be open about dyslexia within an understanding and accepting school community.

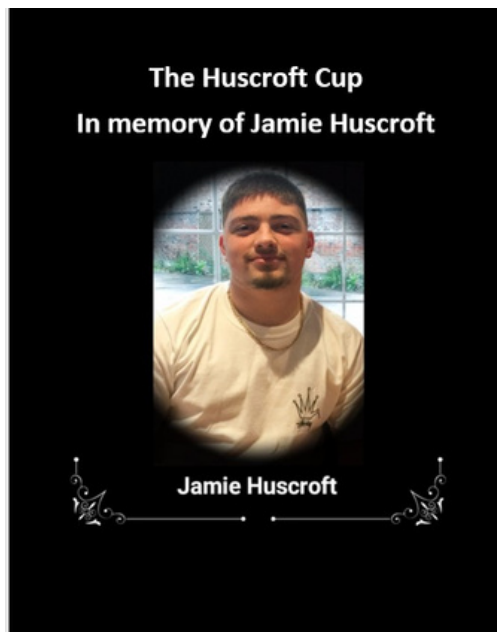
"Wear a Hood for the Greater Good" was on Friday 20th May. All students were asked to wear a hoodie in replacement of their blazer and make a small donation. All proceeds will be sent to The Dyslexia Association, a Nottingham based charity.

There was an activity during tutor time highlighting ways that students can support each other.



# Jamie Huscroft Memorial Sports Competition

By Mr Levack and Mrs Capewell



Last week the PE Department and Sixth Form teamed up to launch a memorial sports competition in honour of ex-student Jamie Huscroft, who tragically passed away last year.

Jamie was an avid sports fan, a talented cricketer and a huge Nottingham Forest supporter so we believe that he would have been a fan of a Sixth Form Sports Competition in his honour!

Sixth Form five aside football teams battled it out every lunchtime throughout the week for the inaugural Huscroft Cup with the hotly anticipated final played on the AstroTurf on Friday lunchtime, between a Year 12 and a Year 13 team.

The final got off to a lively start with three quick fire goals from the Year 13 team putting them 3-0 ahead at half time. The Year 12 side seemed shell shocked with the half time break coming at the right time for them.

The year 12 side then came flying out of the blocks after the interval, scoring two within five minutes and then adding a third in injury time to take the tournament to a penalty shootout.

A collection of misplaced penalties meant the scores were tied at 1-1 after five rounds, with the pressure of the occasion and the lively crowd clearly affecting both sets of players. The Year 13 penalty taker stepped up for the sudden death kick and missed, with the Year 12 representative taking his opportunity to win the Cup by calmly slotting his penalty into the bottom corner to win the Inaugural Huscroft Cup for his side.

All of the players involved donated £5 in order to play, with all proceeds going to the Matt Hampson Foundation at the request of Jamie's family.

Finally a big thank you to Burleys Hardware Store in Radcliffe on Trent who kindly donated and engraved the trophy pictured for this event.

Well done and thank you to all involved!  
Mr Levack & Mrs Capewell





# UCAS Discovery Fair

By Mrs Capewell

On the 29th of March the year 12 students went to Derby Arena to visit the UCAS Discovery Fair. This is an exciting event and marks the start of their university application journey. Every one of the 165 or so universities attended as well as some major UK employers. Students are encouraged to pick up prospectuses, talk to advisers and get expert advice about applying to degree level courses and apprenticeships.

The students were also able to pick up lots and lots of freebies,

including cotton reusable bags (one student got 17!), fancy pens, post-its and sweets.

Everyone was happy! This event always gets students enthused and excited about their post 18 options and kick-starts their research and preparations. The next step on their journey is Futures week in June where they will visit Nottingham Trent University for some support with applications and personal statements, have a mock interview, learn about how to secure an apprenticeship and attend workshops to help them enhance their employability skills. They are going to be very busy!



## GB Women's Senior Ice Hockey Team

My name is Chamonix Jackson and I play ice hockey for the Great Britain Senior Women's Team.

In April I went to Jaca in Spain to compete in the World Championships. We played 4 games and came home victorious with a gold medal. Because of this we are now promoted into Division 1 and will get the opportunity to play all over the UK and internationally too.

After my A levels I am going to Turkey for another World Championship competition, this time as part of the u18s Great Britain Team. Currently I am the captain, and I am extremely proud and excited for this opportunity to lead the team.

Next year I am hoping to move to Sweden to join a team where I can develop as a player so that I am able to apply to a university in the US or Canada on an Athletic Scholarship. I am proud of what I have achieved and am pleased to see that women's ice hockey is finally being recognised.





# Flying High



Hi, I'm Kade

My number one love is planes! When I was younger, I watched a lot of YouTube videos of model aircraft, particularly a huge Easy Jet Airbus model. I asked mum and dad if I could have one for Christmas, obviously this didn't happen as they cost thousands!

A week after my 7th birthday I met the Langar Model Aircraft Club, part of the BMFA (British Model Flying Association) at the Wollaton Hall Science Fair. They had a simulator set up with a control and here I stayed! They were surprised I had just turned 7 saying I was a natural. I was invited to Langar to get involved, I went along the following week and have been part of the club since.

Last year between lockdowns I managed to pass my "A test" being tested on my flying and knowledge. This means I am legally allowed to fly solo.

This year is the BMFA's 100th year anniversary. To mark and celebrate this, the club have attempted a World Record of the most aircraft in the sky at the same time. Three hundred of our clubs nationwide took part at 12 noon on Sunday 15th May. At Langar I was first to take off and first to land, my Mum said she held her breath throughout, but all went smoothly! With everyone's hard work & passion for the sport, fingers crossed we have done it.

The world governing body were present to make sure all criteria was met and we wait to see if Guinness will ratify it so we can officially be Guinness World Record Holders!

I am very proud and chuffed with myself and hoping my dream of becoming a real pilot one day is on course.

Kade 7R



## Stories from the Reading Group

By Miss Welch

Last week was an exciting time for the reading group. For the first time, students created their own stories to be entered into a reading competition. They took 3 weeks to plan and prepare their stories, which lead to some outstanding results. The group came together for a presentation by guest speakers who narrated each story, accompanied by music and pictures. Each student cast a vote for their peers.

The reading group have recently enjoyed reading Treasure Island, The Matt Merton Mysteries and Castaway, however this was the first time they attempted to write their own stories. Refreshments were served during half time and a prize was given to the winner of the competition. Although it was a close call, the group chose a clear winner. The effort put in by the group was outstanding and you could hear a pin drop as the stories were read.

The event was such a success that the group have requested to write another story before the end of term. A big thank you to all involved in such an uplifting event!

Here's an extract of Ollie's winning story



Five very beautiful invitations fell to the floor. The invites said, 'Congratulations, you have won five invites to a very special hotel!' I knew that money had been tight lately due to the increase in fuel costs and food so my dad jumped at the thought of us all going on holiday to a luxury hotel.

We were all very excited and happy to be going on holiday, however when we neared our destination, Creep Wood there were no signs and the local villagers said that there was no such place.

It was only by chance when my dad got lost up a country lane that we arrived at an opening with tall black iron gates with a sign that read 'Creep Wood.' The gateway and driveway were spectacular, tree lined and pathed all the way to the hotel.

This was going to be a holiday of a lifetime. I could not have been more wrong.

# Year 7 Poetry Writing

By Team English

Year 7 are poets and we know it! Our year 7 students have been embracing their inner Wordsworths by writing poetry in their English lessons recently.

As part of a wider unit of study, students have been using style models by a range of modern poets to explore how to effectively draw upon their own experiences, experiment with various structures, use figurative language and phonological devices.

We have been so impressed with the results and wanted to share a few examples of student work for you to enjoy here.



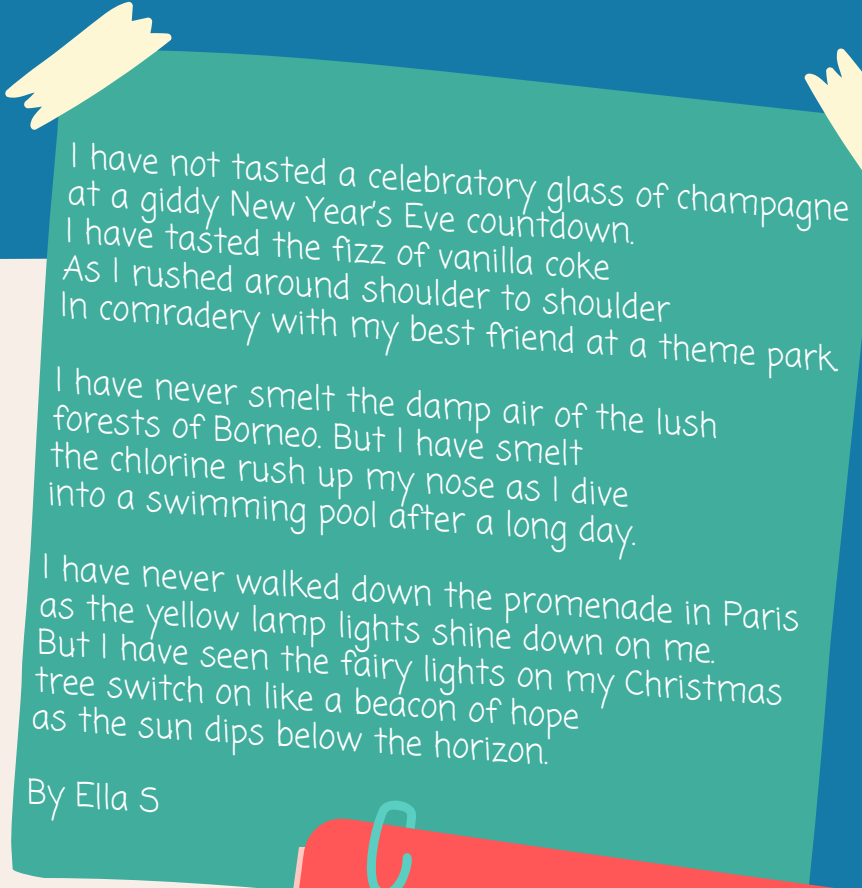
## The Desk

A child filled with joy and the gladness of living,  
Put their bag on the desk.  
She put her textbooks on the desk,  
Put her phone on her desk,  
She reached to the bottom of,  
her bag and placed her notebook there.

Sounds of voices and compliments,  
She put them on her desk too.  
The smells of food and petrol fumes,  
She put them on the desk.

Hope and happiness  
the girl placed it on her desk.  
She placed a wish on her desk,  
Her family hugs were placed gently on her desk.  
She then made room for some flowers and placed them in a glass bowl.  
The list was endless.  
Now that's what I call a desk.  
It didn't complain about the load,  
It wobbled once or twice,  
But then stood proud.

By Madeleine S

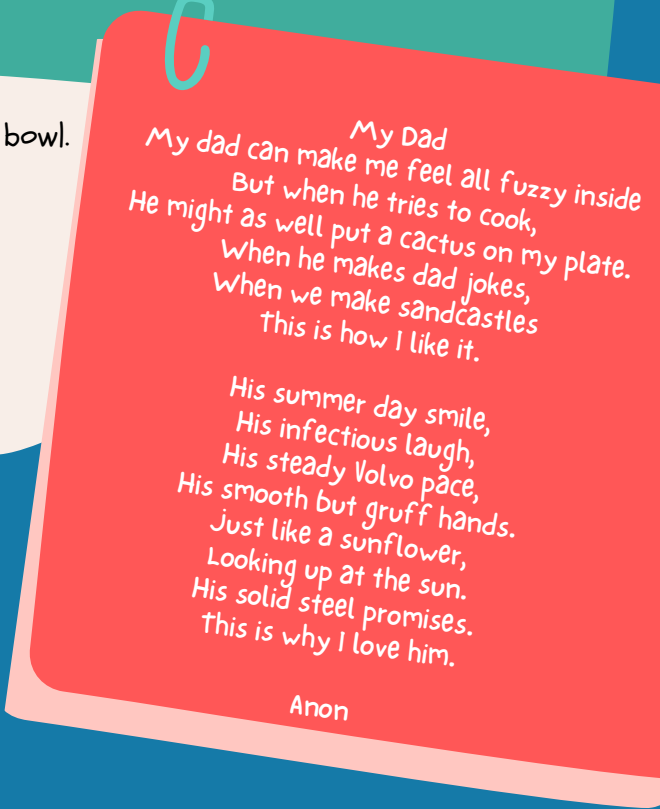


I have not tasted a celebratory glass of champagne  
at a giddy New Year's Eve countdown.  
I have tasted the fizz of vanilla coke  
As I rushed around shoulder to shoulder  
In comradery with my best friend at a theme park.

I have never smelt the damp air of the lush  
forests of Borneo. But I have smelt  
the chlorine rush up my nose as I dive  
into a swimming pool after a long day.

I have never walked down the promenade in Paris  
as the yellow lamp lights shine down on me.  
But I have seen the fairy lights on my Christmas  
tree switch on like a beacon of hope  
as the sun dips below the horizon.

By Ella S



My Dad  
My dad can make me feel all fuzzy inside  
But when he tries to cook,  
He might as well put a cactus on my plate.  
When he makes dad jokes,  
When we make sandcastles  
This is how I like it.

His summer day smile,  
His infectious laugh,  
His steady Volvo pace,  
His smooth but gruff hands.  
Just like a sunflower,  
Looking up at the sun.  
His solid steel promises.  
This is why I love him.

Anon

# Keyworth and District Community Concern

KDCC operate two 17 seat Minibuses which you may have seen around the village. They are used to transport local residents to weekly social/care events, and also to provide local Groups and Societies with the opportunity to make trips and visits to places of interest.



We have a small group of volunteer drivers but our numbers are reducing. We fit our availability for driving around our social, family, and holiday commitments; this usually means driving on just one or two days a month.

We would like to hear from you if you would be willing to join our team of volunteer drivers. If you are below the age of 70 your current car driving licence should allow you to drive our buses. If you are over 70 please discuss DVLA licence requirements with us. New drivers will receive training and support from us.

## We also need additional Volunteer Assistants



On our local bus journeys we have volunteers who assist the passengers from their home, on and off the bus. On our Thursday morning local shopping run they also help passengers in the shops. Assistants are required for about 2 hours per day once every 4 weeks

Our Bus Manager Eddie Pettipher who would be happy to hear from you and give more details.  
kdcc.minibus@gmail.com 07881 836 221

## The services we offer

Our Charity runs a Day Centre every Tuesday, from 9.30 to 2.30 for the elderly and less abled, staffed by volunteers in the Centenary Lounge providing a hot lunch, refreshments, a chat, and companionship (all for £6.00). Many of the members are collected in the morning from their homes in our Community Bus and then taken back home in the afternoon.

We also host a coffee morning on Thursdays, 1st and 3rd of the month, again in the Centenary Lounge between 10-12pm for those able to travel independently.

Every Thursday our volunteer drivers and assistants on our Community Bus collect elderly Keyworth residents from their homes and take them to local shops. After completing their shopping, they are taken back home with help to carry their purchases.

Contact: Day Centre 0115 9374429 (Doreen)  
Bus use: 07881 836 221 (Eddie)

Or to find out more about us, email [ian@machan.co.uk](mailto:ian@machan.co.uk)

