



Heralding the Festive Season

Carol Singers



Thanks to the efforts of this happy group and the kind generosity of the people in Halls Farm Lane and Hoarstone Lane, £103 was raised towards the "Relief Fund" (see below) at Trimpley Church. Your Parish Council hope you all had a really good festive season and wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Other Church News—"2017 was quite a year for all at Holy Trinity Church, Trimpley. We launched the "Relief Fund" - which aims to raise funds to install a small kitchen area and an accessible toilet; welcomed Reverend Alex Vaccaro who now has pastoral care of our church and started off our fundraising with a lovely Coffee Morning which made £733.66. The wider community came together to celebrate Christmas with "Carols by Candlelight", a "Crib Service" and "Family Communion" on Christmas Day. In 2018, we plan more fundraising activities, including a **Summer Fête on June 30th from 12-4pm at "The Guildings", Trimpley.** Please make that a date for your diary and do get in touch via Facebook, Jane at twigglet2@btinternet.com or Elaine Halford-Bishop if you would like to volunteer help or have Tombola items to donate. Holy Trinity Church offers a variety of Services: Youth Alpha on the first Sunday of the month, Holy Communion on the second, All Age Worship on the third and Morning Prayer with hymns on the fourth, all services beginning at 9.30a.m - everyone is welcome and there is always time for refreshments and chat for those who would like it. We also offer occasional Evening Services."



Defibrillator Provision



Our thanks also go to Councillor I. Hardiman for his promise of £600 towards this scheme split across three locations within our parish. This is to be added to the grant already received from Councillor G. Yarranton for the same amount. Your Parish Council have in mind provision of defibrillators at Trimpley Village Hall, at the Reservoir site, and near to Crundalls Lane.

Proposed Closure of Lay-by

Due to incidents of flytipping and vandalism, and previous illegal travellers camping, the Parish Council have been investigating the closure of the layby in Eymore Lane at Mary Moors. This would close off the majority of the layby, but still allow field access to Mary Moors, and the ST Reservoir. The Parish Council are now ready to proceed with this, but would ask that anyone who has any strong feelings about this should make these known in the Public Forum at a meeting, or talk to a parish councillor.

Wintry Weather

We have already had one very wintry blast of weather, just prior to Christmas, and I have a feeling that we could experience another wintry spell before the onset of spring. Once again, and I make no apology for this, we would ask all owners of roadside frontages to check their trees bordering the roadside. Dead trees and branches cause a lot of trouble in windy and wintry weather, and are dangerous to road users. High winds cause many problems and the recent heavy snow brought down a lot of trees and branches.



Could landowners please check out roadside trees and hedges, and deal with any dead or diseased timber and we would like to thank Neil Halford-Bishop for his prompt action in opening up the Habberley Road, by clearing fallen trees in the snowy weather. Other parishioners also gave voluntary help in clearing roads. Without such community spirit, things could have been much worse for local motorists. Meantime, Parishioners can report any dangerous trees to the Parish Council for action.

Parish Council Meetings

Don't forget, the public are welcome to come along to any Parish Council meeting and speak and/or discuss matters with councillors and usually local police in the Open Forum at the start of each meeting. These are the dates of the next meetings, all held in Trimpley Village Hall @ **7.30p.m. - 19th February, 19th March, 16th April** — check the **website or noticeboards for agenda.**

Your Parish Councillors are:

Mr. J. Gammond (Chair) : Tel 01299 400750
Mr. C. Grainger : 01299 403231
Mr. B. Phillips : Tel 01299 861419
Mr. R. Jennings : Tel 01562 751956
Mrs. C. Gammond : 01299 402929
Mr. G. Yarranton : 01299 403835
Mrs. L. Green : Tel 01562 747180

Please feel free to contact them (or the Clerk (see overleaf)) on any matters of concern re life in the Parish, or come along to the **Public Open Forum**

Know your bits from your bytes?

The Parish Council have been made aware of availability on the Enterprise and Learning Bus, which they may be able to arrange (if demand is sufficient) to deliver ICT courses to adults, some of which may be free of charge. If interested, please advise a Parish Councillor, or contact the Parish Council, or come along to the Public Forum at the start of a meeting.

Fighting Crime

We recently arranged for every household in the Parish to be supplied with a SmartWater kit, for marking valuables so that they could be reunited if recovered with rightful owners in case of loss or theft. If you missed out and did not receive your kit, or if you are new to the Parish and would like a kit, then there are some still available. Phone 101 and ask for the local police so that arrangements can be made for a kit to be delivered. Let's make life difficult for thieves in our parish, by making a blanket SmartWater area!

Lengthsman—Icy Roads

We would like to record our thanks to our lengthsman who undertook a lot of extra work during the recent bad weather in spreading grit salt from the grit boxes on road inclines, and where ice was causing difficulties. This was undertaken despite a drop of 63% this year in our lengthsman's budget, due to the lack of grant assistance from our County representative. May we also take this opportunity to remind everyone that the yellow County Council grit boxes are placed at vulnerable points on the highway for use on the nearby road only and not for personal use or to be taken away by individuals for use on their own property. We work hard to keep supplies in these boxes for community use on the adjacent road. It has been witnessed this winter that some individuals are stealing the grit from the boxes and taking it away. Such selfish activity will be reported for prosecution.

Greener Living Fair

This will take place on **10th February 10.30—2.30** in Kidderminster Town Hall. There will be stalls and free advice on:

- Saving Water
- Foraging Food for free
- Information on Electric Cars
- Home insulation
- Sale of upcycled clothes and furniture in aid of Kemp Hospice
- Encouraging people to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Repair
- Repair Café for you to bring along broken items
- Volunteer opportunities to conserve local wildlife
- Vegan catering
- Recycling crafts for Kids

And there will be Free Fair Trade hot drinks for all! The Greener Living Fair is arranged and organised by the District Council.

Trimpley Social Club

New Memberships currently available at our newly refurbished Social Club. The Club is open each Monday from 8p.m., where new members are assured of a warm welcome. Contact James Gammond for further details on 07971191446.

Are you an Egghead?

If you feel that you have a good general knowledge, and would like to represent the Parish in a quiz night against other Wyre Forest Parishes, then please contact the Clerk below by mid February. The winning team will receive a cheque for £50 for their parish.

Village Hall Event

Sat. 28th April—Brian T. Williams—Comedian and Singer—Please phone Wendy on 01299 861376 to book tickets.

Old Marsh—Eymore Lane

Maintenance of the wetland areas on the Common often falls to the Parish Council to organise and undertake voluntarily where possible. One of the areas cleared in recent years was the Old Marsh, and we wish to express grateful thanks to Robert Green, the husband of Cllr. Louise Green for his recent voluntary work in clearing the Marsh of unwanted weeds to prevent it silting up and becoming clogged. The cleared area will attract a greater quantity and variety of wildlife in the Spring.

Power Cuts

It has seemed inevitable in bad weather that we get power cuts. However, Western Power Distribution (WPD) have recently installed new cables in Low Habberley and also new facilities in the Northwood Lane to Reservoir area, so that they can switch to alternative cables in the event of problems. WPD have also been felling trees underneath cables in Trimpley, which may have caused power cuts. With improved liaison from WPD, we hope to minimise the number and length of power cuts in the parish with such preventative maintenance

