



As Doris stormed in, she certainly left her mark...



Large fallen tree blocks A442 at Birch Bank

Storm Doris battered our Parish on 22nd/23rd February with the strongest winds for over 12 months—with gusts of 90mph. Western Power Distribution were on high alert to attend to any breakdown in power supply, but our



Fallen tree knocks over roadsign at Trimpley

parish did not escape damage as the pictures above show. Many households had small amounts of individual damage to their properties, but Doris took the roofing off the Social Club adjoining Trimpley Village Hall. Although the village hall is still in use, the club unfortunately has had to relocate meetings whilst repairs are put in hand. In the meantime, members are meeting at 8.45p.m. at the Bellman's Cross, Shatterford on Monday evenings. New members always welcome. We are grateful to everyone who helped with the clear up of the aftermath of the devastation caused in our parish by Doris.

Keeping the Parish tidy, and highways safe and water free

Lengthsmen

Tidying up after 'Doris' is one thing, but week by week, we have our own litter busters and highway carers in the Archer Brothers, our contracted lengthsmen, and litter collectors. They also move the "VA" (velocity activated) sign to various locations in the parish as a timely reminder to speeding motorists that there are speed limits on many of our lanes. Comment has recently been made that parishioners did not know that we, at the Parish Council, employ our own contractors to undertake minor road maintenance and litter collection, and also other small highway related jobs. Wherever possible they try to keep drains, and the grips which feed into those drains, free from debris, so that water can drain off the road, preventing the ultimate breakdown in road surface and potholes, which then becomes a much more serious problem which has to be dealt with by the County Council.

Flytipping

We are also continuing the fight against flytipping in our parish. If you see rubbish being tipped, please take as many details that you can safely record, including pictures if possible, and then report the flytipping for attention (and if possible details of the perpetrators) on the Wyre Forest website <http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/streets-and-parking/street-care-and-cleaning/flytipping.aspx>; alternatively, advise any of the parish councillors below, or the clerk.

VA Sign

There are some interesting facts which have come to light since we have been deploying the VA sign in the parish. The sign is an advisory warning sign, informing approaching vehicles/drivers that they are exceeding the designated speed limit for the lane on which they are travelling. Although there is no other action usually taken, there is a useful counter within the sign which indicates how many times the sign has been activated by speeding vehicles. People may be interested to know :

- Whilst sited near Fountain Court for 16 days from mid February to 1st week of March, the sign was triggered 3159 times
- Whilst sited near Low Habberley Farm for a week in March, the sign was triggered 1110 times.

A lot of traffic is therefore undeniably travelling at speeds above the designated limit. Please be aware of the speed limits, and the speed at which you may be travelling, and abide by the law. Many thanks.

Trimpley Green Common

In response to a recent application to de-register part of the Common land which runs through Trimpley, the Parish Council have formally commented to the County Council that they wish to oppose any change in the area designated and registered as common land within the parish. The Parish Council were supported by a number of parishioners who agreed with this stance, and also by the Open Spaces Society, who also submitted comments opposing the application. The County Council, who are the determining authority, are currently considering the application along with the comments received, before issuing their decision.

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. - 8th May (AGM), 19th June, 17th July—check the website or noticeboards for agenda.**

Your Parish Councillors are:

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

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**

News from Holy Trinity Church

The morning of 4th March was luckily a dry and sunny one where people could enjoy a walk in Edward's Woodland Garden and then relax with coffee and cake. Holy Trinity Church, Trimpley is so grateful to all the visitors and helpers who supported the event and raised funds for the life and ministry of the church. If you missed out on the coffee, you are warmly invited to Holy Trinity, where we offer drinks and biscuits after each service. There are 9.30 a.m Services on the second (Holy Communion), third (All Age Worship) and fourth (Morning Prayer with hymns) Sundays of each month as well as Youth Alpha on the first Sunday. For more information, please see the notice boards in the parish or contact Jane at twigglet2@btinternet.com or check out our Facebook page @HolyTrinityChurchTrimpley

General Permitted Development

Due to local concern about new national Planning Regulations, and relaxation in planning laws, the Parish Council have invited John Baggott, Development Manager to the Annual General Meeting on 8th May to explain the intricacies of the General Permitted Development Order passed by the Government. As always, members of the public are welcome to attend, and ask questions via the chair, to learn more about this, so Councillors may be better informed when commenting on planning matters.

No Trumps? The Gents have it in Spades!

Trimpley Bridge Club soldiered on in the face of adversity on 6th March. As there was no heating in the Hall, and due to recent storm damage to the Social Club roof, they decided to decamp to the only source of warmth outside the Gents! What Diamonds!



Audit for the Parish Council

At the end of March, the Parish Council submits accounts for internal and external audit. Electors from the parish may submit formal questions about the parish's financial accounts, and notices to this effect and advising how to do this will shortly be posted on the parish noticeboards or check out our Webpage (as overleaf).

If you go down to the woods today... — would you like to help?

You may be aware of work being undertaken in **Wassell Wood** in the Parish. The Wyre Community Land Trust have asked us to post the following information :

"Wyre Community Land Trust, is a small not for profit conservation organisation based in the beautiful surroundings of St Georges Farm in the Wyre forest. We currently have around 40 dedicated volunteers who give their free time each week to help us carry out the important work of conserving the Wyre Forest, its wildflower meadows and traditional orchards. We are also teaming up with the Woodland Trust to help manage Wassell Wood and are looking to recruit a new team of volunteers to help with this exciting new partnership.

Wassell Wood is a beautiful semi-natural ancient woodland owned by the Woodland Trust. Situated in Trimpley, it sits on a steep hill over-looking Kidderminster, Bewdley and the Severn Valley. It has something for everyone with its network of paths and bridleways, a scheduled ancient monument and great hilltop views and its spring time bluebell display alone is well worth a visit.

We are looking for volunteers from the local community to help us. We will be working to thin an area of the woodland. This will provide the remaining trees with more space and allow more light to reach the woodland floor. This will help encourage the natural regeneration of trees and the development of woodland specialist ground flora species.

If you have any free time and would like to help make a difference by conserving your local natural environment, have a love for the outdoors, want to keep fit and active or simply wish to meet new people we would like to hear from you. To find out more please contact us by calling 01299 488083 or email volunteer@wyrectl.org.uk"

Clare Witnell & Blount Charities

As reported in the last Newsletter, the above charity operates within the parish, helping with the provision of local affordable housing for the elderly, or those with demonstrable need. Our appointed representative on the Charity Board—Mrs. Wendy Wright—has decided that she wishes to step down, after many years of service and representation, for which the Parish is most grateful.

Mrs. Sally Merritt-Collins has kindly volunteered to undertake the representation of the Parish Council on this board, and we would like to thank her and wish her well for the future in this role.

Flowers

We hope you enjoyed the spring bulbs we planted around the Parish. Watch out for plots of our wild flowers which are currently being planted to flower in the summer. Thanks to Cllr.



Chris Grainger for sourcing the seed, and we look forward to enjoying a blooming summer show.

Velo Birmingham



We have recently been made aware of this event, due to take place on **24th September**. The cycling event is expected to raise over £1 million for charities, including Cure Leukaemia, NSPCC, Alzheimer's Society, and the QE Hospital. However, parishioners should be aware that the event may involve closure of some roads local to this parish, and therefore block some routes out of Trimpley and Low Habberley. The timing of the probable race and subsequent road closure will be the majority of the morning on that date, and will affect the B4190 from Bewdley via the Habberley roundabout, through Franche and on to Wolverley. At the time of this newsletter, we understand that the road closures have not yet been finalised. However, we felt that parishioners should be aware of this planned event, and if this may affect you, or indeed if you yourself wish to take part in Velo Birmingham, or gain more information, you can visit the website on www.velobirmingham.com