

LOCAL BUS SERVICE INFORMATION

There are two sites on the Staffordshire Web from which to access bus route maps and timetables. The links are:
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/busmaps
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/bustimes
Please try them and let other people know. Any comments can be submitted to the following email address:
publictransport@staffordshire.gov.uk

Staffordshire County Council is conducting a review of Local Bus services, including the 490 service operated by Bennetts. Copies of the consultation document are available in Eccleshall Library or online at:- <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultationandfeedback/consultation-and-feedback.aspx>

Completed questionnaires should be submitted by December 31st, 2015 to:-
Kathryn Grattage, Transport Co-ordinator. Wedgwood Building, Block A, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 21st, 2015

Eccleshall Community Centre

February 18th, 2015

Broughton Parish Rooms

March 18th, 2015

Eccleshall Community Centre

Residents of Eccleshall parish are welcome to attend meetings and may address the members during the Public Participation session at the start of the meeting. All meetings commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Street lights, pot holes, standing water or highway matters - contact the Highways Hotline 0300 1118000 or email:-
highways@staffordshire.gov.uk

To report problems associated with **grass cutting, play areas, fly tipping, street sweeping and name plates** contact - Street Scene - 01785 619401
Complaints regarding **dog fouling and stray dogs** should be directed to the Borough Council's Contact Centre on 01785 619000 or
email:dogs@staffordbc.gov.uk

To report **illegal or inconsiderately parked vehicles** call Clear Streets 01785 619402 or email:
carparking@staffordbc.gov.uk

Recycling collection

01785 619402

email: info@staffordbc.gov.uk

REFUSE LORRY

The Civic Amenity Lorry will be on Stone Road opposite the Methodist Church from 9 - 11am.

January 17th, 2015

March 21st, 2015

SCOUTS' CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Scouts are holding a Christmas Fair at the Scout Hut on 6th December; 11am – 3pm.

Fun for all the family

* Raffle * Cakes * Tombola *

Christmas Trees for sale

Refreshments including:-

Mulled wine

Sausage and Bacon baps

ECCLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL



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SCOUTS - The Council meeting on September 17th, 2014, was attended by two Scouts, Alex Penniston and Tom Mason who gave an inspiring and interesting presentation, thanking the Council for a grant received towards the costs of hosting Scouts and leaders from Siberia.

The meeting heard of the activities that the visitors had been involved with and how the visit had strengthened links between the two groups. The Scouts are planning a return visit in December this year. Alex and Tom indicated how the opportunity to be involved in the visit had inspired them to stay on in the movement and inspire and teach others.

CHRISTMAS TREES - - The Christmas trees will be removed for re-cycling on Sunday, 4th January, 2015. There are many jobs that do not require heavy physical work and refreshments are provided. Any help would be much appreciated.

PLANNING

Two presentations have been given recently at Parish Council Meetings concerning development proposals and planning applications which J-Ross and Raleigh Hall Properties Ltd. intend to submit in due course. On October 15th, 2014 representatives from J-Ross presented a scheme for 48 new homes off Cross Butts and on November 5th, representatives from Raleigh Hall described proposals to improve access to and from Raleigh Hall Industrial Estate by a new road leading from the A519 with alterations to the junction with Brocton Lane and the provision of a 'ghost island'. It was explained that the purpose of these proposals was to enable traffic, particularly HGV's, to avoid the difficult junction of the A519 and Swynnerton Road at Byanna, where there have been two minor accidents in the last five years. This application would have no connection with any expansion of the Industrial Estate.

Parish Councillors have serious concerns regarding both of these schemes and residents and the Parish Council will have an opportunity to submit comments when formal planning applications are submitted to the Borough Council.

A Planning Application submitted recently by the Co-operative Society has received approval from the Borough Council. The plan is for two of the arches in front of the Co-op Supermarket on Stafford Street, to be glazed in to house the Fire Tender. An approach was made to the Co-op seeking assistance with a community project to display the Tender following a decision by the Fire Service that they no longer had room for the historic equipment. The Co-op intends to undertake the work early in the new year. The project is supported and part funded by the Parish Council and County Councillor F. Chapman

HIGHWAYS - Councillors are continuously expressing concerns regarding the deterioration of the surface of Stafford Street and Castle Street, particularly around the mini roundabouts. The problems are exacerbated by the volume of HGV's using the A519. Concerns have also been raised about the inadequacy of the sewers and additional pressure from proposed new housing developments.

Mr Mitchell (Community Highway Liaison Officer), reported that funding for Highway expenditure has been cut significantly and the resurfacing work is not expected to take place until 2015/16. The roads are subject to a monthly inspection and safety based risk assessment. Mr Mitchell indicated that Development Control is aware of concerns regarding drainage issues and regular meetings are held with statutory undertakers and works programmers to co-ordinate carriageway repairs. With regard to potential housing developments, Severn Trent will require a developer to fund improvements if deemed necessary.

Several letters have been sent to Severn Trent who have indicated that the system in Eccleshall is capable of taking most rainstorms, although not of very high rainfall or of a long duration. Referring to the proposed development at the rear of Eccleshall Community Centre Severn Trent has stated that the actual discharge from the development would be relatively low. Severn Trent records, which relate only to network failures and rectification work, show that the last flooding incident in Eccleshall occurred in 2002.

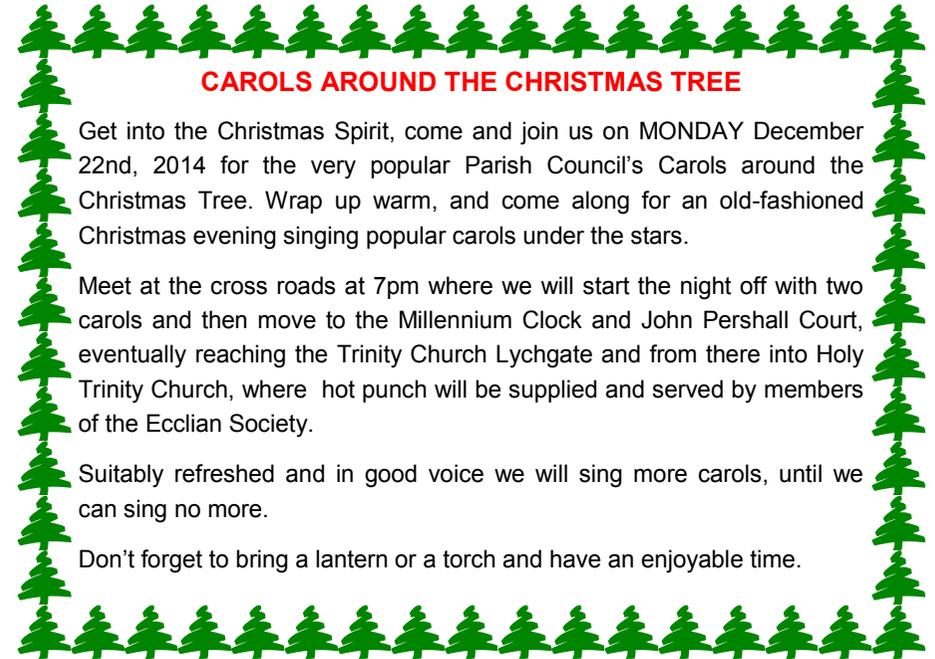
ECCLESHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan which the Parish Council has produced with assistance from a Steering Group of interested local residents and help from the Borough Council and other agencies will be delivered to every home in the Parish in early January 2105. It is important that residents read and comment on the Plan - it is an important document that once adopted, will be instrumental in determining how Eccleshall develops in the future and strengthen the case to oppose additional speculative developments.

The Preparation, Vision and Aspirations document together with the survey analysis of all the sites surrounding the town will be available on the Parish Council website - www.eccleshallparishcouncil.org and also in Eccleshall library.

A public meeting is planned on Wednesday January 28th, 2015 to allow for questions on the Plan and following the responses to the consultation, the Plan will be amended as appropriate to meet these concerns. Please take the time to make your concerns known by responding and forwarding your comments to the Parish Clerk.

All comments should be received by February 28th, 2015.



CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Get into the Christmas Spirit, come and join us on MONDAY December 22nd, 2014 for the very popular Parish Council's Carols around the Christmas Tree. Wrap up warm, and come along for an old-fashioned Christmas evening singing popular carols under the stars.

Meet at the cross roads at 7pm where we will start the night off with two carols and then move to the Millennium Clock and John Pershall Court, eventually reaching the Trinity Church Lychgate and from there into Holy Trinity Church, where hot punch will be supplied and served by members of the Ecclian Society.

Suitably refreshed and in good voice we will sing more carols, until we can sing no more.

Don't forget to bring a lantern or a torch and have an enjoyable time.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

The Christmas trees will be erected on Sunday, November 30th, by members of the Ecclian Society and other volunteers.

Santa comes to Eccleshall on Monday, 1st of December arriving at the lych gate by Holy Trinity Church at 4pm so that the children can talk to him about what they would like for Christmas.



Children from the school and nurseries will be invited to meet Santa from 4pm onwards. At 4.50pm the Bishop Lonsdale School choir will perform a new carol and at 5pm Santa and Gordon Dale, Chairman of Eccleshall Parish Council will switch on the lights. Are you able to help prepare for the festivities? There is a range of jobs in which everyone can participate and if you can help the committee would be very grateful.

Late Night Shopping - December 1st, 2014

New Councillor Mrs Ros Langford

At the Parish Council meeting held on September 17th, 2014, Ros Langford was co-opted onto the Council to represent the Croxton Ward, filling the vacancy left by Barry Apps, who had moved out of the area. Ros has submitted the following article to introduce herself:-



Ros grew up in Yorkshire and graduated from Liverpool University with a degree in Physical Education and Biology. She moved down to Staffordshire in 1973, where husband Ken, (a British Canoe Slalom Champion, and National and Olympic Canoe Slalom Coach) set up the Stafford and Stone Canoe Club whilst a lecturer at Stafford College.

Ros retired from teaching in 2008, having taught for 35 years in Staffordshire schools. Ros and Ken have two children, - a son who is a Lt. Commander in the Royal Navy, and a daughter who has followed her parents into the teaching profession.

In 2007, they moved to live in Woodwall Green, Croxton, in the beautiful and historic part of Eccleshall Parish known as the 'Woodland Quarter' where they are both actively involved in the many thriving community groups in the area. In 2013 Ros became a member of the Board of Trustees for the Staffordshire Federation WI, and is a member of the Eccles Society and the co-ordinator of the Croxton Well Dressing Festival.

Ros is very proud of, and cares deeply about, the area in which she lives. She hopes to make a positive contribution in helping to shape the long-term development policy for the Parish and improve the quality of life and environment in the local area whilst celebrating the traditions and heritage we all enjoy.



Elections - May 7th, 2015

The next Parish Council elections will be held on May 7th, 2015. when all 15 seats on the Council will become vacant. If you would like to represent your community and are interested in serving as a Parish Councillor please contact Mrs Heelis or attend a Council Meeting to see the wide variety of matters the Council is involved with and how you can make a difference in your community.

Detailed information for anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor can be found on the Electoral Commission's Website www.electoralcommission.org.uk and regular updates will be available on the Parish Council website - www.eccleshallparishcouncil.org.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Thanks are extended to the Eccles Society for erecting the 62 Christmas Trees in the town and testing lights and brackets, Woods Christmas Tree Farm at Solihull for supplying and delivering the Trees, A.S. Electrical Services for installing the lights on the tree by the lych gate and Traction Equipment for the loan of a cherry picker.

Civic Service - St. Paul's Church, Croxton - October 26th, 2014

Parish Council Chairman Gordon Dale welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress of Stafford Borough Councillor Ray and Mrs Frances Sutherland, and the Deputy Mayor and Consort of Stone, Councillors Mrs Sue and Mike Shaw to the Civic Service at St. Paul's Church, Croxton on October 26th, 2014.

The service was well attended by Borough and Parish Councillors together with members of the congregation and guests from various organisations in the Parish.

The lessons were read by Councillors Gordon Dale and David Pimble and the service led by the Reverend Jonathan Eades. Thanks are extended to all those who contributed to the Service, especially the ladies who made and served very enjoyable refreshments.



The annual service moves around the churches of the parish allowing the communities in each area to attend the service in their own local church. The venue for the service in 2015 is yet to be announced.

Eccleshall First Responders - A new Public Access Defibrillator for Eccleshall has been installed outside the Parish rooms. The equipment has been donated to the community by the Eccleshall Mercia Rotarians and is being managed by the Community First Responders whilst the Parish rooms have kindly offered to host the equipment. There will be a training and awareness session run at the Parish Rooms on the evening Thursday December 4th, 2014 from 7:00pm until 9:00pm.

Anyone interested in learning how to access and use the defibrillator is welcome to attend the session. Permission has also been obtained to install a defibrillator outside the Community Centre

The Eccleshall Great War Project (www.eccleshallguide.com/egwp) was established to research the names on the War Memorial in Holy Trinity Churchyard. Having completed this task, it is now extending the research to include all other casualties for the Parish of Eccleshall. The project is open to all who would like to be involved, please see the web site for details.

