

USEFUL CONTACTS

HIGHWAYS

Street lights, pot holes, standing water or highway matters - can be reported online:-

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportit

Highways web pages offer the ability to chat to the Customer Service team using a WebChat box. The team can provide updates and information and take details for new reports.

The email address below can be used to request update information or to provide further information about an existing report.

highways@staffordshire.gov.uk

The Customer Service Centre is responsible for logging new reports and providing advice and guidance.

0300 111 8000

BOROUGH COUNCIL

To report problems associated with grass cutting, play areas, fly tipping, street sweeping and name plates:

Street Scene - 01785 619401

Recycling collection - 01785 619402
email: info@staffordbc.gov.uk

Dogs - dog fouling and stray dogs -
01785 619000

Email: dogs@staffordbc.gov.uk

REFUSE LORRY

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

January 27th, 2018

March 31st, 2018

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 17th, 2018 - Community Centre

February 21st, 2018 - Community Centre

March 21st, 2018 - Community Centre

April 18th, 2018 - Broughton Parish Rooms

April 25th, 2018 - Annual Parish Meeting
Eccleshall Community Centre

May 16th, 2018 - Community Centre

June 20th, 2018 - Offley Hay Village Hall

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.

FLOOD REPORTING

To report flooding, contact the Customer Operations Service Centre on 0800 783 4444 or the Severn Trent Website:-

“Report a Problem” Page where customers can complete the form to notify the issue – photos of the incident can be attached using smart phones etc.

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-supplies/report-a-problem/?text-only=show>

SUSPECT A CRIME?

This is a general reminder to everyone to report any suspicious activity you witness to the **police on 101** at the time of the incident. Please obtain as much information as you can, i.e. description of person involved, vehicle registration make and model. If these incidents are not reported immediately, the police can take no action.

ECCLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN/ WINTER 2017

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Staffordshire County Council Updates

Staffordshire Libraries Consultation— have your say!

Staffordshire County Council currently manage 20 libraries, including those based in Eccleshall, Stone and Stafford. They also provide the Mobile and Travelling Library Service. The Council have identified the need to save £430,000 a year within this area, over the next 3 years. A County Council Select Committee met on the 12th September to consider options that included the potential for self-service at County Council managed libraries; and converting more County Council libraries into community managed and delivered services. They are also hoping to review the Mobile and Travelling Library Service, to ensure the service continues to reach areas of greatest need.

A Public Consultation is planned for the New Year - please do ensure that you take the opportunity to participate in this consultation.

County Council Service Reductions

This year, Staffordshire County Council increased the precept in order to support the increased cost of social care for the Elderly and Child services.

Parish Councils have been advised that the County Council no longer has the resources to maintain the levels of local service provision that they have formerly received. This includes the cancellation of the Neighbourhood Highways Team, which was available to the Parish for 5 days each year, and undertook work that included footpath siding out (clearing encroaching vegetation), weeding, clearing road signs of vegetation and clearing of grids in the High Street etc.

The County Council still have a statutory duty for Highways maintenance to ensure they are safe, but whereas before hedges may have been cut at more regular intervals, they will in the future only be cut when identified as safety hazard.

The Parish Council currently undertakes some grass and hedge cutting in areas that includes Bishops Court, Croxton Play Area, Copmere picnic area, Washpits and Eyeswells.

The County Council has yet to clarify the extent and impact that the withdrawal of services will have on the local area. The Parish Council continues to be responsive to any consultations and will continue to do so in the best interest of the residents. As further information becomes available, the Parish Council will respond as appropriate to limit the effects on the Eccleshall community.

County Council Bus Consultation

The Parish Council responded to the recent Bus Consultation on behalf of Eccleshall residents, expressing their strong concerns at the planned removal of subsidies to key bus routes such as the 13A and 15 bus services, as well as the Border Car Service. The Parish Council highlighted the importance of the services that were not only valuable commuter services for workers, school and college children, but also how essential they were to maintain social connections, allow residents to access healthcare and social networks. Removal of the subsidy could result in cancellation of these services, and have a severe impact on the mobility, health and welfare of residents within our community. The Parish Council awaits a response to its concerns, and will also be writing to Bill Cash MP, to flag up the impact this will have on the community.

CASS, The Carers' Cafe

CASS The Carers' Association (a local charity) launched its latest group for Carers and those they care for at Eccleshall Community Centre in September.

CASS reported it was lovely to welcome people to this group, who meet on the last Thursday of the month between 10.30 and 12.30 for a coffee and a chat. The first meeting was held on the 28th September, where the below photo was taken.

Each month has a different theme relating to Caring and general health and wellbeing , designed to support people to live safely in the community being active and involved.



Sharing coping strategies and gaining information is delivered alongside music, quizzes and the opportunity to learn about community support.

It is a friendly group, aimed at increasing people's choice and control to live life to the full, despite disability or a long term illness.

For more details phone CASS on 01785 222365 , or email at:

www.carersinformation.org.uk

Come along – what have you got to lose?



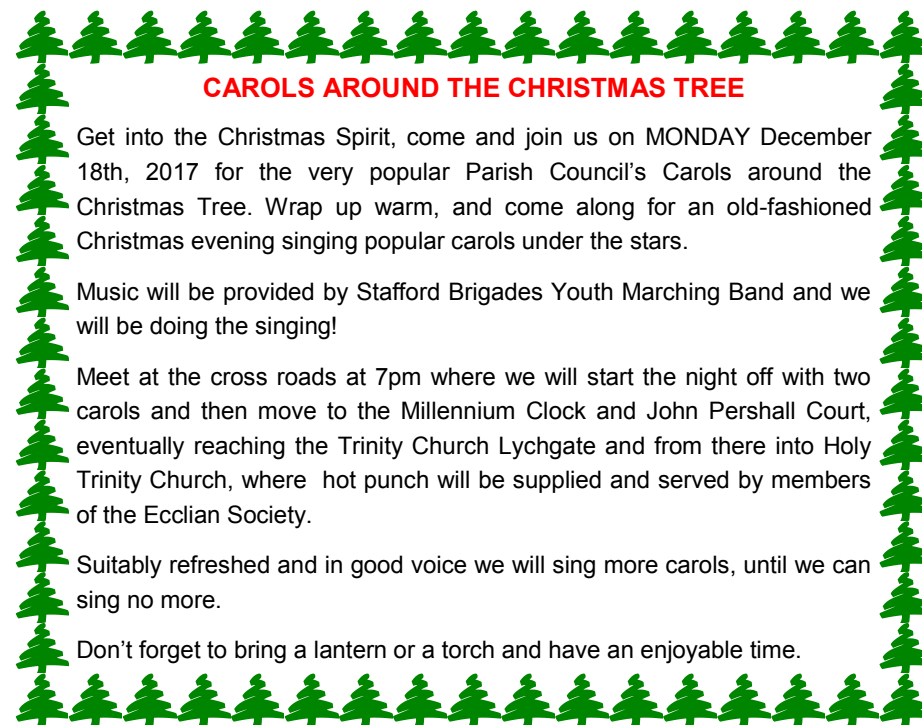
War Memorial Update

We are delighted to announce, with thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council, County Councillor Jeremy Pert, the voluntary organisations within Eccleshall and many individuals, the Eccleshall Historical Society has received sufficient pledges to cover the cost of replacing the missing mortar to prevent ingress of water, cleaning, and adding the names of the 17 Eccleshall men who are missing from the Memorial.

We are awaiting the granting of a Faculty from the Diocese, which will enable the work to commence. An appropriate firm of craftsmen are being considered for the work. We are aiming for the reconsecration of the memorial on Sunday 24th June 2018, at the end of the Eccleshall Festival. The Bishop of Lichfield has kindly agreed to conduct the service.

We are also planning a concert with Duncan Honeybourne, a well-known pianist and organist, on the Armistice Weekend of 2018,.

Peter Chamberlain Treasurer: Eccleshall Historical Society)



CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Get into the Christmas Spirit, come and join us on MONDAY December 18th, 2017 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.

Music will be provided by Stafford Brigades Youth Marching Band and we will be doing the singing!

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 Ecclesian 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.

ECCLESHALL FOLK HELPING ECCLESHALL FOLK

The recently started Community Transport scheme in Eccleshall aims to help with the transport needs of Eccleshall people who are unable to use the bus and have no access to a car, or can no longer drive.

The scheme hopes to provide transport to hospital, doctor's surgery, social, and even shopping visits dependant on the availability of drivers. No journey will be too short but a limit on distance would be in place.

Voluntary drivers will receive a mileage allowance and passengers would pay a set fee based on the mileage.

A committee has been set up with Peter Jones as chairman, Jan Watson as Secretary and Joy Jones as treasurer, with Eileen Amos, Rosmund Smith and Martin Watson as committee members.

If readers think they may be able to help as a voluntary driver or may need the service of the scheme as a passenger or know someone who may do please contact Peter on 01785 851381 / 07815 419166 or email peterwjones@btinternet.com or any other committee member.

CHRISTMAS IN ECCLESHALL

As usual the town will be decorated by Christmas trees and lights throughout December. The trees and lights will be erected by Ecclian Society members on Sunday, 3rd December. Preparations have already begun with checks on the brackets. If you are able to help erect the trees you will be made very welcome. Meet at 10am at Church Lodge, 72 High Street.

The lights on the Parish Council Christmas Tree have usually been switched on at 5pm on a Monday. This year the lights will be switched on at 5.00pm on Sunday, 3rd December after the Christingle service. The service will be held in Holy Trinity church starting at 4pm. As usual, Santa and his sleigh, courtesy of The Rotary Club of Eccleshall Mercia, will arrive at the lych gate at 4.30pm for the younger children to tell him what they would like for Christmas. He will stay after the switch-on to make sure that those children attending the Christingle service are able to talk to him.

The sad part of the season will come on Sunday, 7th January, 2018, when the trees and lights will be removed.

Are you able to help us with the tidy up? There are a range of jobs in which everyone can participate and if you can help the committee would be very grateful. Again, please meet at 10am at Church Lodge.



CHRISTMAS TREES - Thanks are extended to the Ecclian Society who will be erecting the 68 Christmas Trees in the town and checking 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.



Eccleshall Parish Council is now on Facebook!

For updates on meetings, community events, Parish projects, refuse lorry collection dates, upcoming consultations, and much much more, join us at:

www.facebook.com/EccleshallPC



ECCLESHALL FIRST RESPONDERS RECEIVE THE QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Eccleshall CFRs were recently presented with their Queen's Award For Voluntary Service by HM Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Mr Ian Dudson CBE KStJ

Also in attendance were the the High Sheriff of Staffordshire, Deputy Mayor of Stafford Borough and local MP Sir Bill Cash.

As well as the dignitaries around 60 local supporters and "service users" were also in attendance.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the accession of The Queen to the throne. It is the MBE for volunteer groups.



Any group doing volunteer work that provides a social, economic or environmental service to the local community can be nominated for the award. Each group is assessed on the benefit it brings to the local community and its standing within that community.

In the citation Eccleshall CFRs were recognised for their "Provision of emergency medical aid, free training and lifesaving equipment to all those living and working in the community".

Picture shows HM Lord Lieutenant Mr Ian Dudson presenting the certificate, signed by the Queen, to Group Coordinator Martin Watson and Responders Sue Edge and Steve Harris receiving the QAVS Crystal. Both the certificate and the crystal are on public display along with the Eagle Fire Engine at the Eccleshall Co-op store.

STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL CLERKS' FORUM

Each year, the Stafford Borough Council invites members of the Parish Councils within the Borough to a presentation and Q&A session at the Civic Centre.

This year it was attended by the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Graham Garner, Councillor Joy Jones, and Parish Clerk Stacey Worden, pictured here with Chief Executive Tim Clegg. Also in attendance was Parish and Borough Councillor Peter Jones.



It is an opportunity for Parish Councillors to meet in person the officers in the Borough Council that they usually only contact by phone or email.