

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 21st, 2017

March 25th, 2017

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 18th, 2017 - Community Centre
February 15th, 2017 - Community Centre
March 15th, 2017 - Community Centre
April 19th, 2017 - Broughton Parish Rooms
April 26th, 2017 - Annual Parish Meeting
Eccleshall Community Centre
May 17th, 2017 - Community Centre
June 21st, 2017 - Offley Hay Village Hall
All meetings commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

WANTED

Volunteers are needed to form a steering group to discuss and shape a future Community Transport scheme for the parish.

Volunteers are not necessarily required to operate any scheme that is formed, simply to decide the best format for such a scheme in Eccleshall.

Half a dozen folk are required and Martin Watson the First Responder and Parish Councillor Eileen Amos have already volunteered to work with myself, Borough Councillor Peter Jones.

If you would care to join this group please get in touch so that we may look at providing a scheme which will help those people who need transport locally for trips to hospital, doctors, shopping etc and have no means of their own to provide it.

The County Council has expressed support for such a scheme and we believe that we have most of the answers to questions people might ask .

Cllr P. Jones

ECCLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL



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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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To report flooding - 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](https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-supplies/report-a-problem/?text-only=show)

CROXTON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH



Making the roads safer and trying to reduce the number of drivers who pass through our village at excessive speeds are two of the reasons for the re-forming of Community Speed Watch in Croxton. The scheme is all about prevention rather than enforcement and whilst there are some misconceptions about Community Speed Watch, the aims are simple: to help local people address speeding problems in their area, to increase driver and public awareness of the dangers of speeding and to improve community safety – for us all!

The scheme will operate through a small number of volunteers who have received training with the backing of the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership and the Police. Driving speeds will be checked using a hand-held radar device and where excessive speeds are recorded these will be passed to the Police who will issue an advisory letter to drivers requesting they slow down and observe the speed limit. If the same vehicle is recorded again a follow-up letter is issued, with repeated offenders being visited by the Local Policing Team who will warn of the consequences of continued speeding.

On a personal note, after a career of over 30 years in the Fire and Rescue Service, I have unfortunately attended far too many incidents of death, injury and life changing accidents on our roads caused by excessive speed and dangerous driving. Victims range from babies and young children right through from adolescence to older people; the consequences are always devastating beyond comprehension to the extent that I am determined this doesn't happen here and am proud to be part of the local Community Speed Watch.

Please help us to make our roads safer for everyone. Firstly, please promote safe driving and encourage friends and families to slow down and observe the speed limits through our village; we know speed kills, so don't let it happen here. Secondly, if you see us out and about please come up and say hello; we care about the local area and want it to be safer, so any support or a friendly chat will be greatly appreciated. Thirdly, if you are interested and have a few hours a month that you could spare to help reduce the risk of death and injury on our roads your involvement in a more active way is always welcome.

If you would like to hear any more about the scheme or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Shaker, CSW Co-ordination, Staffordshire Police, Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership (01785 232702).

CHRISTMAS TREES - Thanks are extended to the Eccelian 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

TIME FOR CAKE!



A pioneering new Women's Institute was formed at HMP and YO1 Drake Hall near Eccleshall on 4 October 2016. It is only the third prison WI to be formed in the UK.

The new WI, called '**Time for Cake**', has 30 members and there is a waiting list! It has been the culmination of months of hard work by staff at Drake Hall, together with two WI Advisers from Staffordshire Federation's Member Support Committee - Helen Mancey and Margy Horton. The Deputy Governor, Mrs. Bronya Finnegan, has been the driving force at Drake Hall – as part of their 'enabling environment' programme.

'Time for Cake' has already planned an exciting programme for the coming year - including Crafts, Campaigning and visiting guest speakers. (In true WI tradition, Cake is also expected to feature at their monthly meetings!)

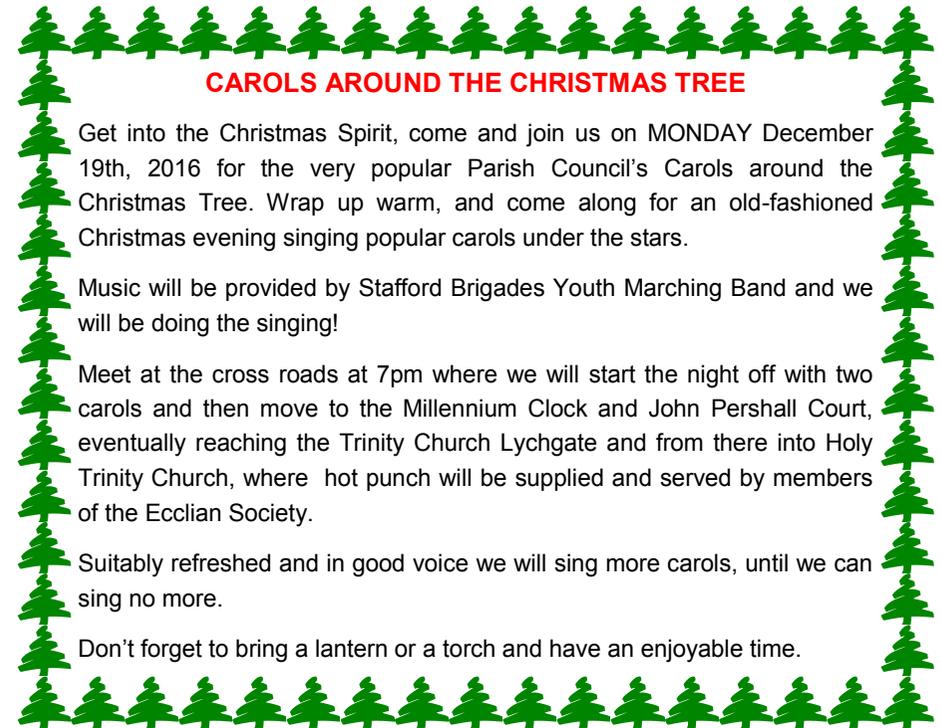
The official launch on 20th October was a very special and uplifting occasion, including a letter of congratulations from Her Majesty the Queen, who is herself a WI member.

There were three excellent speakers: **Angeline Gore**, who had set up the first prison WI at HMP Bronzefield in Surrey; **Joanne Croxford** (who credits the WI with assisting her recovery from drug addiction and established the first WI in an NHS setting – Peterborough's Rising Roses WI - and is now a leading WI campaigner and a member of seven WIs); **Marie-Clare O'Brien** (a previous inmate of Drake Hall who has now set up her own business, works to improve the lives of other ex-offenders and is studying for a degree at university). Their talks were all incredibly inspiring, spoken with honesty, emotion and integrity.

16 local WI's were represented and they have already offered their support for 'Time for Cake' in whatever ways they can - including donations of craft materials, a wide range of skills and experiences, fund-raising, attending meetings and providing speakers etc. The event concluded with the welcome tasting and judging of the 17 cakes that had been entered in the 'Great Drake Bake Off' competition and the reading of a poem written specially for the event by one of the members of 'Time for Cake' WI.

Margy Horton said "I felt very proud to be a WI member within our lovely WI family in Staffordshire and the singing of 'Jerusalem' in the beautifully decorated prison chapel - with so many women present - was really quite moving. As members of the 16 WI's left, we all reflected on a memorable evening where it had been difficult to tell between the non-residents – and those who would be staying the night!"

Everyone deserves a second chance in life and it is very clear to see how much this opportunity means for the women of Drake Hall. The Staffordshire Federation of WIs hopes this initiative can prove to be 'life-changing' for the women there and wishes the new 'Time for Cake' WI every success in the future



CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Get into the Christmas Spirit, come and join us on MONDAY December 19th, 2016 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 Eccles 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.

NEW COUNCILLORS

Following the resignations of Councillors Dave Dyer and Becky Davies, two new members were co-opted onto the Parish Council in July.

Tina Price - Eccleshall Ward



I have recently been co-opted onto the Parish Council after having an interest for some time and attending meetings to learn and to see if I had what it took to be a councillor.

I am a long-standing resident of Eccleshall as was my family before me and I am passionate about my hometown. As a councillor, I represent the interests of the whole community, understanding the needs of different groups and bringing a grounded approach to decisions made on behalf of Eccleshall as it evolves into a larger community.

In a short period I have joined the Traffic Management, Enhancements and Footpaths Committees, where I hope I can make a difference.

