

CROXTON WELL DRESSING - Saturday 4TH July 2015

Final arrangements for the 2015 Well Dressing are currently in progress. The festival will be officially opened at 11.45pm at Boughey's well by the B5026 in the centre of Croxton village, (4 miles west of Eccleshall) and all are welcome.

There will be five beautiful well dressings to view around the Croxton Wells Trail, and this year's theme of the main well dressing will celebrate the history of the nearby Langot Valley. There will be a traditional blessing of the well at midday, with folk music, Morris dancing, countryside crafts, BBQ and competitions in the Millennium Wood from 11.30am -1pm. Followed by a music and poetry concert and refreshments in St Paul's Church, Croxton from 2 – 4pm.

It is a fun day-out for all the community and the festival showcases our local history, traditions and environment as well as local businesses and community activities. Free parking will be available.

If you would like further information please contact

Ros Langford on 01630 620545, or visit the web-site
croxtonwelldressing.weebly.com



USEFUL CONTACTS

Street lights, pot holes, standing water or highway matters - contact the Highways Hotline 0300 1118000
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
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.

March 21st, 2015

DOG FOULING

Problems with dog fouling around Eccleshall have increased significantly lately. If you any information that may help to identify the culprits please contact the Borough Council's Contact Centre .

Complaints and information regarding **dog fouling and stray dogs** should be directed to the contact centre on 01785 619000 or
email: dogs@staffordbc.gov.uk

Further information is available on the Borough Council website
www.staffordbc.gov.uk/dogs

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MARCH 2015**

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Photo - Front cover, bottom left - L - R
Retired retained firefighters - Stan Hall, John
Johnson, Les Griffin, Steve Whitcut

If you want to do something positive for your community, spend your spare time productively and you can think, listen and act locally then why not consider being a Parish Councillor?

You must fulfil the following requirements to be eligible to stand as a Councillor .

- Be a British Subject or citizen of Northern Ireland or another Euronational
 - Be over 21
 - Be an elector in the Area
- or**
- Live in the Parish or within 3 miles of it
 - Own or lease land or property in the Parish
 - Have your principal place of work there

You must not

- ◆ Hold a paid office on the Council or any company contracted by it
- ◆ Be an undischarged bankrupt
- ◆ Be disqualified by the courts or have been convicted and sentenced to not less than three months imprisonment within five years.

If you would like further information please contact the Clerk or any parish councillor, or attend a council meeting to see what is involved.

VILLAGE SIGN



The Village sign is now 10 years old and has been removed and sent to the manufacturers in Norfolk to be refurbished and re-enamelled. Whilst the sign is being returned to its former glory the wooden post and metal work will also be treated.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 18th, 2015

Eccleshall Community Centre

April 15th, 2015

Broughton Parish Rooms

April 29th, 2015

Annual Parish Meeting
Eccleshall Community Centre

May 20th, 2015

AGM - 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.

ELECTIONS - MAY 7TH, 2015

On May 7th, there will be a UK General Election, Borough Council Elections and Parish Council Elections (if seats are contested). Please check that your name appears on the Register of Electors to be able to use your votes and make them count. If you wish to apply for a postal vote the last date for receipt of applications by the Borough Council is Thursday April 21st, 2015.

Anyone interested in standing as a Parish Councillor for the Town Ward, Croxton, Slindon or Horsley will need to obtain a nomination paper and accompanying guidance from Stafford Borough Council Elections Office. Candidates should ensure they are on the Register of Electors.

Nomination packs will be available from March 9th, 2015. Completed applications can be returned to the Borough Council between March 23rd, 2015 and 4pm on Thursday April 9th. Nomination papers MUST be handed in to Stafford Borough Council the forms cannot be posted. Candidates will require a proposer and seconder who reside in the Ward for which they wish to stand and the full electoral register number.s.

There are 15 seats on Eccleshall Parish Council in total. 8 on the Town Ward, 1 at Slindon, 3 at Croxton and 3 on Horsley Ward.

Eccleshall Parish Council owns the Community Centre and the Allotments Site, maintains various areas of open space and manages the grass cutting contract for areas including Badgers Croft, Bishops Court, The Washpits, The Eyeswells Footpath, Croxton Playing Field and Play Area, Picnic Site and Elford Common. It owns and maintains 4 bus shelters, numerous seats throughout the Parish, the Village Sign on Stafford Road, the Pillar Clock, lecterns on The Washpits, the Eyeswells Footpath and Elford Common and the seat at the Stone Road/Stafford Road crossroads. The Parish Council arranges the watering contract for the baskets / mangers and purchases the Christmas Trees.

The Parish Council is committed to improving community facilities and maintaining public services and has recently liaised with the Co-op, Fire Service and County Councillor Chapman to ensure that the Fire Tender remains in Eccleshall. Members of the Parish Council liaise with various groups in the Parish and also meet regularly with Officers from County and Borough Councils and other bodies. Ideas for innovative projects are always welcome and the public are encouraged to attend Council Meetings and raise matters during the Public Participation sessions.

Eccleshall Parish Council is pro-active and it is likely that in the future Parish Councils may be required to absorb more works, which can no longer be undertaken by the Principal Authorities.

For further information visit www.electoralcommission.org.uk

Vintage Horse Drawn Fire Engine "The Eagle"

In February 2013 Eccleshall Parish Council was contacted by the Station Manager of Eccleshall Fire Station. Mr Steele explained that additional space was required at the Fire Station to train cadets and they would like to move the 'The Eagle', possibly to a museum in Burton on Trent.

The members of the Parish Council were concerned at the prospect of The Eagle being removed from Eccleshall as it is part of the history and important to the Community. The Eagle served Eccleshall in the early 1900's, until it was decommissioned. In 1984 in line with the opening of the new fire station, The Eagle was returned to Eccleshall and renovated by Sub Officer Johnson and his dedicated team of retained fire fighters and was placed in the purpose built display area at the new Fire Station on the Newport Road where it has been in residence for 30 years.

After considering various locations which may be suitable to house the 'Eagle' Pump it was agreed to approach the Central England Co-operative to see whether it would be feasible to house The Eagle at the front of the Co-op Store under the arches on Stafford Street. Discussions followed regarding the achievability of the scheme and funding options.

The project has been a joint initiative between the Parish Council, County Councillor F. Chapman, the Fire Service and the Central England Co-operative Ltd. The Co-op has been very supportive of the proposals and whilst refurbishing their store additional works have been incorporated to create a suitable display area for the equipment. The Parish Council and the Fire Service have contributed towards the costs involved and a grant was received through County Councillor Chapman from the Local Community Fund.



Photo: Taken by Mr D. Sandham

The Co-op managed to incorporate the creation of a suitable space for the Fire Tender with refurbishment works to the store. Temporary wheels were fitted to the tender to assist the move and on Sunday January 25th, 2015 the Fire Tender was carefully moved to its new housing on Stafford Street.

Thanks go to all those involved, including Mr R. Nicholls for providing the transportation, Mr P. Cartwright who manufactured the frame for the Bell, the volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure that the move went as smoothly as possible and have spent many hours polishing and cleaning the tender and to the Co-op for their support and assistance. It is hoped that the new location will provide a more focal point for this community asset, which is so pivotal to the history of Eccleshall.

On Friday February 6th, 2015 the newly refurbished Co-op store was officially launched and the Fire Tender unveiled. The Eagle is already attracting a great deal of interest, especially amongst the younger members of the community and a suitable display and short history of the equipment is being created.



Photo - L - R - Mr. David Steele, Manager, Eccleshall Fire Station, Mr Gordon Dale, Parish Council Chairman, Mr John Johnson, retired retained firefighter, Mr Frank Chapman, County Councillor, Mr John James, Manager of the Eccleshall Co-op store.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the distribution of copies of the draft Plan to all households on the Parish by Royal Mail a public meeting to discuss the Plan was held on January 28th, 2015. The meeting was attended by approximately 95 residents. Those present seemed to be generally in favour of the draft plan and the main questions raised concerned traffic and the proposed expansion of Raleigh Hall. Although aspirations for additional car parking provision and a possible bypass have been included in the Plan, at present there are no funds, means or method of achieving these aspirations.

The six week consultation period ended on February 28th, 2015. All comments received have been recorded and will be analysed by the group along with any proposed actions. The document with any amendments / additions arising from the consultation, will be sent to the Borough Council for a further period of consultation. The Inspector is then required to check the Plan for complicity with the Plan for Stafford Borough and the National Planning Policy Framework before it can proceed to a referendum. If the Plan is rejected there will be serious implications as the Borough Council will determine the Settlement Boundary and the extent of development.

Copies of the Plan and supporting documentation are available in Eccleshall Library and on the Parish Council website:-
www.eccleshallparishcouncil.org

HIGHWAYS

On January 20th, 2015 representatives of the Traffic Management Committee met with Mr C. Mitchell, Community Highway Liaison Manager with County Highways.

Mr Mitchell reported that reconstruction of the carriageway and resurfacing of Stafford Street and around the two mini roundabouts is programmed to be undertaken during 2015 - 16. It is hoped to keep disruption to a minimum by keeping one lane of the carriageway open where possible and undertaking evening and weekend working.

Although a review of the Highways drainage system will be carried out Severn Trent has advised that there are no improvements or upgrade works planned in the vicinity.

Mr Mitchell stressed the importance of individuals contacting the Highways Hotline directly, to report any highway issues. Feedback will then be issued to enable the complainant to monitor the situation. The Call Centre is manned 24/7.

**Telephone 0300 111 8000 or email:
highways.staffordshire.gov.uk**

Notice has been received that gas main replacement works are scheduled to commence on Small Lane on March 2nd, 2015. Pedestrian access will be maintained and the One Way Order will be suspended to enable access to the properties and businesses.