

USEFUL CONTACTS HIGHWAYS

Street lights, pot holes, standing water, footpaths issues and many highway matters can be reported online:-

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportit

It is important that residents report issues so that it is logged with an enquiry number and assigned to an County Council officer for inspection and assessment.

General enquiries can be directed to:

highways@staffordshire.gov.uk

The Customer Service Centre can help with issues in 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.

November 17th, 2018

January 26th, 2019

March 30th, 2019

HIGH STREET NOTICE BOARD

If you have flyers for any community events that you wish to be posted up on the Parish Council noticeboard in High Street, there is a tray located in I.Tech where notices can be left.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 16th, 2019 - Community Centre

February 20th 2019 - Community Centre

March 20th 2019 - Community Centre

April 10th, 2019 - Annual **Public Parish**

Meeting - Eccleshall Community Centre

April 17th, 2019- Broughton Parish Rooms

May 15th, 2019 - Community Centre

June 19th, 2019 - 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.

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War Memorial ~ the work continues..

Enhancement of the area around the War Memorial

Thanks to the generosity of the donors, there has been sufficient funds available to expand the scope of the project and further works are planned to improve the landscaping directly around and access to the War Memorial.

Further Research

Help is sought for information relating to the following Eccleshall World War 2 casualties:

William J. Richardson ~ he could have been born around 1909, son of William Richardson and Lilian (Randles)

Roberts S. Roberts ~he was a captain in the merchant navy and went down in 1941.... his father, Charles died in 1947.... he was involved with Meaford Power station and had three daughters.

Bertie Oakley ~he did come from Staffordshire, although his brothers settled in Staffordshire.... one brother, Nicholas R Oakley, used to live in John Pershall Court. If anyone has any information, however small regarding these men or their families, please contact Dennis Joyner (denjoyner@hotmail.com) of Eccleshall Historical Society.

Flood Barriers successfully installed

The Flood Action group successfully completed the project to install ten flood barriers to doorways to business properties on Stafford Street and the end of High Street . This was completed on 1st August ,and on 20thSeptember they were put to the test and successfully kept flood water out of a number of properties. Residents are again asked to report flooding to the relevant authority to bring pressure to find long term solutions to the flooding issues in the town. *Chris Archer – Chairman of Eccleshall Flood Action Group.*

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Small Grants Fund

Eccleshall Parish Council is able to offer funding assistance for local community groups, to support initiatives that are beneficial to the residents of the Parish. The grants available are small amounts and are allocated to groups, not individuals.

For full information on the criteria for applications please see the grant application form, which is available on the Parish Website, at:

<https://www.eccleshallparishcouncil.co.uk/publications/>

Eccleshall Guide

The Eccleshall Guide now has a new website address, which is www.eccleshallguide.org

Eccleshall War Memorial

The re-dedication service for the war memorial was held on Sunday 24th June. The service was to honour the 17 Eccleshall men who lost their lives in the Great War, and whose names had just been added to the War Memorial. Work had been completed by Benson's Memorials Ltd to clean the memorial prior to the inscription, which was supported by Parish Council funds. However, cleaning work was limited to the base, as it was felt the cross was susceptible to erosion if cleaned.

The Service involved the Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Mr Ian Dudson, CBE KStJ and the Bishop of Stafford, the Rt. Rev'd Geoff Annas.

Also in attendance was the High Sheriff, Pippa Gee DL, and other dignitaries who were kind enough to take the time to attend the service to honour those who lost their lives in the Great War. Representatives from local groups were also in attendance, and the service was open to all.

Descendants of those added to the memorial were invited to lay wreaths.

The service was the culmination of a number of years of hard work to research the histories of local men and women who were involved in the Great War.

The project was funded by donations from a number of local groups and individuals, and special thanks are given to:

Holy Trinity Church; County Councillor Jeremy Pert (Staffordshire Local Community Fund); Royal British Legion; Creative Copy 'n' Colour Ltd; Bentons Memorials Ltd

Organisations within Eccleshall—Eccleshall Community Cinema; Eccleshall Historical Society; Eccleshall Show Society ; Eccleshall Wives; Eccleshall Women's Institute; Ecclian Society; Trinity Men's Fellowship

Residents of Eccleshall and local area—Derek Aldred; David Brass; Jan Baker; Gordon Davies; David Milner; Christopher Reynolds
David Sandham Christine Satongar; Lester Stuart

Relatives of The Fallen and Those who Served—Helen Cromarty; Angela Dunkerley; Patricia Flanagan; David Hitchens; Duncan Honeybourne; Rod Mossop.
Plus donors who wish to remain anonymous

The Research Team—Dennis Joyner; Julia French; Marg Ward (below photo, credit Thom Walker Photography, right, David Sandham)



CHRISTMAS IN ECCLESHALL

Christmas Trees

As usual the town will be decorated with Christmas trees and lights throughout December. The trees and lights will be erected by Ecclian Society members on Sunday, 2nd December and if you are able to help you will be made very welcome. Meet at 10am at Church Lodge, 72, High Street. The job usually takes just over two hours.

The lights will be switched on at 5pm on Sunday, 2nd December. As usual Santa and his sleigh, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Eccleshall Mercia, will arrive at the lych gate at 4pm for the younger children to tell him what they would like for Christmas.

With the support of the Parish Council the Ecclian Society has followed up the feelings expressed by many local residents and has proposed a plan to the Borough Council to install a large Christmas tree at the crossroads. Stafford Borough Council has now given permission in principle for the scheme to go ahead but this is subject to strict conditions regarding health and safety and insurance. This project will be fully funded by the Ecclian Society and it is hoped that permission will be granted so that the installation can be made this year.

The trees will be removed on Sunday, 6th January.



The Parish Council extends their thanks to the Ecclian Society who will be erecting the 68 small Christmas Trees in the town and checking brackets, Woods Christmas Tree Farm at Solihull for supplying and delivering all the trees, A.S. Electrical Services for installing the lights on the large trees and Traction Equipment for the loan of a cherry picker.

Local Traders' Christmas Weekend 7-9th Dec

Friday 7th Dec ~ late night shopping, Christmas choirs and pub entertainments
Saturday 8th Dec ~ Street Market 12-4pm, comedy night at The Oak (fundraiser for MIND)
Sunday 9th Dec ~ Street Market 12-4pm.
Throughout the event, shops will be offering certain discounts upon presentation of the 'Eccleshall Passport'. The passport is £1 and will be available in The Bell, The Artisan and Alleati. The passport will contain a full list of events and a town map. There will also be an 'Elf on the Shelf' hunt, to win a hamper for adults and a hamper for children.

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James Merrick. www.jamesmerrick.co.uk

Carols around the Christmas Tree

Get into the Christmas Spirit, come and join us on MONDAY December 17th 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 we will reach the Holy Trinity Church lychgate and from there into the church, where mulled wine 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 a lovely evening.



Eccleshall Library to become Community Managed

Groups with great ideas are being encouraged to apply to take on the day-to-day running and management of Eccleshall Library as a Community Managed Library. The community groups and organisations that manage them will have access to books, IT and information provided by the county council, but also use the rest of the library space to develop services they think are needed locally.

Management groups include local volunteer groups, a health trust, a church and even the Rotarians. One group, the Werrington Community Volunteer Group, recently received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – the equivalent of the MBE for voluntary groups.

Applications are being accepted until the 26th November 2018. For more information, visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/communitylibraries.

Eccleshall Parish Council is 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 Voluntary Car Scheme

Residents are being encouraged to sign up for membership of the Eccleshall Voluntary Car Scheme. It is aimed to support people who have no transport of their own or any access to transport.

Once registered the scheme can be used anytime, so is it best to sign up even if there is no immediate need. The scheme can then be easily accessed when required, rather than experiencing a delay due to the need to register.

The scheme is currently arranging a great deal of local 'within Eccleshall' trips such as to the Crown Surgery, dentists, acupuncturist etc. Although only short journeys, they help improve the quality of life of the person concerned. It is important to note it is not a taxi service and can only provide transport for eligible people. If readers are interested in becoming members of the scheme as passengers do please get in touch with Peter Jones at 01785 851381 or 07815 419166 or email at peterwjones@btinternet.com.

Volunteer drivers are also needed, who can spare the time to drive people on these trips. Once again if you might be interested do contact the scheme for an informal chat. More information is available on the website: www.eccleshallvoluntarycarscheme.org.uk

Parish Council Elections 2019



Parish Councillors are elected on a four year cycle. In May 2019 all of the Eccleshall Parish Council seats are up for election.

The election will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2019, and this will also be the date for the Borough Council elections.

Eccleshall Parish Council consists of four wards ~ Eccleshall, Croxton, Horsley and Slindon, and there are 15 seats in total. You can choose which ward you wish to represent (you do not have to live in that specific ward).

If you are interested in applying, nomination papers will be available from Stafford Borough Council, probably around March 2019.

For further information on eligibility to stand, information is available on the Borough Council website, at:

www.staffordbc.gov.uk/parish-and-town-council-standing-as-a-candidate