



Parish Election, Councillors & Vacant seat

A local election was called for 2nd May for District and Parish Councillors, with nominations to be submitted to the Returning Officer by the deadline of 4.00pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019. By that deadline, to fill the 7 seats on this Parish Council, only 6 nomination forms were submitted and so those six councillors will be automatically elected (uncontested) and take up their seats for the next 4 years, from 7th May, without the need for a poll. The Parish Council is now seeking to co-opt a further person to fill the remaining vacant seat, to complete the council number to 7 councillors. To this end, we are now advertising the vacant seat, (please see notices on the noticeboards and on the website—www.kfpc.org.uk) with application forms for those interested being available on the website, from one of the Parish Councillors, or from the Parish Clerk. The existing 6 councillors encourage people to apply and will consider each application submitted by the deadline of 10th May, and take a vote on who they feel would be best placed to take the vacant seat, in order to best serve the parish and community for the forthcoming 4-year term.

Local "What's on"

Did you know that everyone can check bookings at **Trimpley Village Hall** now on their website? Take a look at www.trimpleyvillagehall.org to check availability and see the variety of events booked.

Report from Trimpley WI—With approx. 30 members, meetings are on the **third Wednesday of each month** in Trimpley Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

The polymer clay demonstration we had in **January** inspired many of us to go and buy clay and start making buttons, broaches, earrings and fridge magnets. **February** meeting was very informative re the environment and recycling. **March** we had a cookery demo and she talked to us about how various herbs and spices could be added to our recipes giving beneficial effects for our health. In **April**, Vicki will be showing us some lovely ideas for hand made cards.

May—we will be away from the hall as we have a special evening arranged to celebrate our tenth anniversary.

Then we will be back in the hall in **June** when Mark Wrench will be teaching us the benefits of Tai Chi. We also have two evening walks arranged for **June and July** plus we have our final darts evening until next winter, at the end of this month. We also have an Art Group that meets in the afternoon at the end of each month.

Everyone is welcome to come along. Contact: Alison on 0797 112 7857.

Other Local Event Dates for your Diary

District Council Skills & Volunteer Fair—Thursday 16th May at Kidderminster Town Hall

Trimpley Heavy Horse Show—Sunday 28th July

Trimpley Auction and Vintage Rally—Sat 3rd/Sun 4th August

TRY SAILING IN MAY



Want to get back out on the water?

Looking to try sailing or windsurfing?

Fancy trying something new with your family?

Come and join us! RYA Push The Boat Out is a fantastic opportunity for you to experience sailing and windsurfing.

RYA clubs and centres across the country are offering a range of 'have a go' and taster sessions throughout May so getting involved could not be easier!

Find your nearest PTBO venue and more information at:

rya.org.uk/PTBO



Trimpley Sailing Club

Saturday 18th May 2019
2.30pm – 5.00pm

Email:

info@trimpleysailingclub.co.uk

Website:

www.trimpleysailingclub.co.uk

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/trimpleysc

Parish Charity

The Clare Witnell Blount Charity operates within this parish, and owns and manages 12 almshouse properties off Wilton Avenue, Franche. Sally Merritt-Collins is the Parish Council's nominative trustee on the board. She tells us that, due to some recent retirements, the charity is now looking for some new trustees. This interesting volunteer role does not take a lot of time to fulfil, there are usually four meetings a year to attend and possibly a few administrative type jobs that get shared amongst the trustees as necessary to ensure the properties are kept in good order. The Clerk to this charity is also looking to retire from their position in the next three months and they are therefore also looking for someone who may like to take on this role, for which an honorarium is paid. If you are interested in learning more about these roles please contact Sally on 07866 363457.

Holy Trinity Church, Trimpley

The church have said a sad "goodbye" to Reverend Alex and a happy "hello" to Reverend Simon and his wife Jane and are very pleased to welcome him to the Kidderminster Ismere Team. With his support and guidance, Holy Trinity continues to extend a warm welcome to everyone and usually has **Services on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month**. To know "what's on", please check noticeboards in Trimpley and Low Habberley or follow on Facebook @HolyTrinityChurchTrimpley

Parish Council Matters

Meetings

Don't forget, the public are welcome to come along to any Parish Council meeting and speak and/or discuss matters with councillors and usually local police in the Open Forum at the start of each meeting. These are the dates of the next meetings, all held in Trimpley Village Hall @ **7.30p.m.** -

Monday 13th May—Parish Council Annual Meeting
(brought forward one week earlier than usual)
Monday 17th June, and **Monday 15th July**.

Your Current Parish Councillors are:

Mr. B. Phillips : (Chair) Tel 01299 861661

Mr. J. Gammond : Tel 01299 400750

Mr. C. Grainger : 01299 403231

Mrs. C. Gammond : 01299 402929

Mr. G. Yarranton : 01299 403835

Mrs. L. Green : Tel 01562 747180

Mr. C. Jordan : Tel 012909 861484

Please feel free to contact them (or the Clerk (see overleaf)) on any matters of concern re life in the Parish, or come along to the **Public Open Forum** at the start of every meeting.

Please keep abreast of meetings and matters in relation to the Parish Council on the website—www.kfpc.org.uk

Volunteer Litter Pick



Thanks to this happy band of volunteers, who gave freely of their time on Saturday 23rd March, ensuring an enormous amount of litter was collected from the parish roadsides.

We are constantly battling against litter which is dropped (or dumped) irresponsibly in the parish, and these kind volunteers came out to help keep the parish looking good.

However, even since we did this, we have had further quantities of litter and flytipping dumped in the parish. As said before, it is a constant battle, and we would ask everyone to be vigilant and report any fly-tipped rubbish they see. We regularly collect litter and hope we can all do a bit to keep the parish neat and tidy.

Environmental Works

In February the parish council employed Alan Braithwaite from Messrs. Norgrove to clean out the sediment trap that feeds Mount Pool. This has to be done periodically in order for the pool to retain a decent depth. If left the pool would silt up and the wildlife that thrive in that environment would suffer.



Congratulations Chris!

On April 1st, Chris Holden celebrated 60 years working at Holbeache Trimpley. He arrived as a 15yr old lad on his bicycle to work on the farm under Ben Corfield; the estate then was owned by the Carpenter Family. When Ben retired the farm was rented out and Chris accepted a job to work in the garden of the main house. When the whole estate was sold to John Corbo, Chris was kept on to continue his great work keeping everything immaculate. Loved by everyone at Holbeache we wish Chris well and hope he continues for many more years.



CPR and Defibrillator Training



Defibrillator installed at Trimpley Reservoir

Following the installation of the defibrillator at Trimpley Village Hall, a training session was arranged with parish resident, Ian Patterson, of Medi-K. Local people took the opportunity to attend and places were fully booked.

Ian gave a comprehensive talk and demonstration of both CPR and use of the defibrillator. Everyone present was given the chance to practice what had been learned, using the dummies provided. Any questions were answered and everyone went away feeling this had been a couple of hours well spent.

Hopefully the knowledge and confidence gained through this training session will enable us to help save a life, should the need arise. We are grateful to Ian for providing this training during which, whilst covering a very serious topic, he managed to include some humour along the way, making it both an informative and enjoyable evening.

With more and more defibrillators being installed throughout the country, we recommend that anyone who would like to arrange a similar training session should contact Ian at Medi-K on 01299 407097

The Parish now have three registered defibrillators—one in Crundalls Lane, one at Trimpley Village Hall, and one at Trimpley Reservoir. Although we hope they are never needed, we certainly feel that their provision has added to the safety of everyone in the Parish, whether resident or visitor.

Your Value-for-Money Parish Council

It is not often that I draw your attention to the very valuable work your Parish Councillors do, often behind the scenes, of which you may not be aware. Of all Wyre Forest Parishes, Kidderminster Foreign has the lowest tax levy (<50p per week per household) on its own parishioners (see table below). Parish Councillors give freely of their time, on a voluntary basis, and receive no payment. They try their very best to represent the views of people who live in the parish, within the powers they have to do so, at the lowest possible cost to those who live here. For 3 years, they have not increased the parish rate at all—charging the same amount to run the council. and continue with the work to represent yourselves. It surely has to be one of the services giving the best value for money that you receive

Wyre Forest District Council				
A reminder of the Wyre Forest Parish Precepts				
Parish & Town Councils	2018-19		2019-20	
	Precept £	Council Tax Band D (£)	Precept £	Council Tax Band D (£)
Kidderminster Town Council	528,488.00	31.00	620,676.00	36.00
Upper Arley Parish Council	16,381.28	45.13	16,381.28	45.00
Bewdley Town Council	142,263.00	39.43	161,309.00	44.44
Broome Parish Council	4,300.00	22.05	4,800.00	24.62
Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council	28,047.81	36.66	29,943.00	39.40
Churchill & Blakedown Parish Council	27,832.33	35.23	27,972.62	35.23
Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council	9,787.47	22.76	9,787.47	22.87
Ribbesford Parish	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rock Parish Council	40,420.00	32.73	48,220.00	38.61
Rushock Parish Council	2,750.00	35.71	3,025.00	39.80
Stone Parish Council	11,688.00	42.50	12,000.00	43.64
Stourport on Severn Town Council	202,046.00	29.50	217,100.00	31.40
Wolverley & Cookley Parish Council	47,018.87	27.95	52,143.52	30.75
TOTAL/AVERAGE	1,061,022.76	31.71	1,203,357.89	35.65