



### Happy New Year!

The Parish Council wishes all our parish friends and neighbours a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. **January**—dedicated to Janus, the Roman God of Doorways—where we can look both backwards and forwards. 2020 sees the celebration of the **75th anniversary of VE day**, and indeed, the early May Bank Holiday has been moved from a Monday to Friday 8th May to mark this occasion. Some, though sadly not many now, can remember VE Day, and it is certainly something that was a great relief to the whole country. This year, we are told, will see another 'leaving' from Europe—the outcome of which is yet to be ascertained. Whatever Brexit may bring, we hope for a brighter future for our country, and certainly, closer to home, our parishioners. Looking back, and looking forwards, we will do all we can to make 2020 a good year for you all.



### Another Anniversary



It is 25 years since Paul and Wendy Wright took on the reins of organising the running of Trimpey Social Club, and during that time, it has been a welcome focal point in the village, with many social events being organised alongside the Village Hall, besides just the regular Monday Club Night. On 23rd December, 2019 at the Ladies evening, Paul and Wendy received a well-earned presentation to mark their years of dedication in this respect. They are now planning to take somewhat of a step back from these roles, and we wish them well for the future. We will long hold memories of their efficient, selfless and inclusive approach to all local people and parishioners, and thank them both for keeping this heart of the village thriving and for the personal time and effort spent in years gone by.

### This Parish Council reduces Precept for the coming Year + Future Projects

The Parish Council income comes in the form of a precept, which is the Parish Rate shown on your Council Tax Bill each year. For 3 years now, the Parish Council has not increased this Rate on our parishioners, and indeed, this year, we have actually **reduced** the Parish Rate, the part we are responsible for, **by 6.5%**, for a Band D property. The Parish Council has a healthy balance, and this has been achieved by frugal spending, and successful applications for grants on your behalf. Despite increased costs, the Parish Council this year has spent on two solar-powered VA Signs (awaiting erection), carried out maintenance on the benches and noticeboards owned by the Council, planted spring bulbs, and given a grant to Upper Arley School for the benefit of local pupils. We are constantly looking for grant opportunities, and are currently looking at applying for a grant from Severn Trent and would ask parishioners to come forward with ideas, which fit the criteria. **Severn Trent** want ideas for "Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills; Projects that help to create better places to live in and use; and Projects that will help look after our natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water; and in particular, projects that have a connection to the water cycle - by perhaps creating sustainable drainage, installing grey water recycling or creating water efficient green spaces" Do you have any ideas? Contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk to see if we can make this work in our parish.

### A Cautionary Note for 2020

Throughout this year, do not write, accept, or date any legal documents or cheques in the format of dd/mm/20. Always ensure that the year is shown with the **full 4 digits**. This is because the year could be altered or falsified by adding whatever last two digits would be of benefit to the unscrupulous recipient. In other words, do not write any date in this format : e.g. 4th March 20 or 04/03/20 as this could easily be altered. So instead of it being what you intend, i.e. 4th March 2020, it could become 4th March 2026, or 04/03/2026, or even postdating to 4th March 2017. Let's not make it easy for the fraudsters!!

### Parish Council Matters

[www.kfpc.org.uk](http://www.kfpc.org.uk)

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 Trimpey Village Hall @ 7.30p.m. -

**Monday 17th February, Monday 16th March, and Monday 20th April.**

#### Your Current Parish Councillors are:

Mrs. C. Gammond : (Chair) Tel: 01299 402929  
Mr. J. Gammond : Tel 01299 400750  
Mr. C. Grainger : 01299 403231  
Mrs. L. Green : Tel 01562 747180  
Mr. C. Jordan : Tel 01299 861484  
Mr. B. Phillips : Tel 01299 861661  
Mr. G. Yarranton : Tel: 01299 403835

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.



## Christmas Trees for Charity LAM Action

Sally and Ron Collins recently used their Christmas trees to raise funds for charity. People were invited to choose and cut their own trees from their Hollies Lane site, in return for a donation to LAM Action. Sally is involved with this charity as a trustee and as a LAM patient, having previously experienced first hand the good work the charity does by supporting women diagnosed with this rare disease. The event was widely shared on Facebook and attracted many families who had a great time finding and removing their perfect tree. Donations totalled £2560 for LAM Action and as almost everyone was eligible to sign the Gift Aid form the total is worth around £3200 to the charity. Sally and Ron would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and hope you all enjoyed your trees. The Parish Council would like to add their congratulations to Sally and Ron for this very commendable effort for a worthy cause.

*Note : LAM stands for Lymphangioma*



### Mount Pool Work Party

So much work is done in the Parish by a few willing volunteers. We strive to make the parish a pleasant environment in which to live. In March we had a wonderful response to a voluntary litter picking event, which gave a good tidy up to the local area. Spurred on by this, we organised a further volunteer work party in October to bring more light in to Mount Pool to improve the water as this had become brackish.



The work was achieved, mainly by parish councillors, but there was a very poor response from local people to help with the very necessary up-keep of our local common.

### Winter Reminders

The Parish Council have checked all the roadside yellow grit bins to ensure a supply of road grit salt for the winter. This grit is for exclusive use on the Parish roads, and **not** to be taken away for use on private property. Local parishioners are welcome to hand-spread the grit on the roads adjacent to the bins; however, theft from these bins is anti-social, and illegal, and will be reported to the police. And, in periods of snow and inclement weather, please keep check on elderly neighbours to see if they need a helping hand, with fetching shopping, medications, etc.

### Flytipping

We continue to report the numerous incidents of flytipped rubbish that occur all too frequently in our parish, and can get these removed **only** if on County Council land, and not on private land, and we ask people to be vigilant in our efforts to help catch the perpetrators of this vile practice. However, we wonder if people are aware that, if rubbish found dumped can be linked back to an originating household, then it is the *householder* that will be held responsible, and can be prosecuted. It is therefore vitally important that householders ensure that they only employ **reputable waste carrying licence holders** to take their rubbish away. And we can only hope that those who fly-tip are fined with the stiffer penalties recently reported in the news.

### New 3 R's - Reuse/Recycle/Reduce

A timely post-Christmas reminder to please practice the new 3 Rs, as above! It is up to us all, in this throw-away society to take action as we can to help slow any possible move towards Climate Change. Please if possible reuse, or recycle responsibly whatever you can, and reduce waste as much as possible, and sensibly, reduce wasting of energy consumption, particularly of fossil fuels. With very little effort, this could not only help the planet, but also your own purse strings too!

### Keep Property & Vehicles Secure

**This time the police left this handprint, but could it have been a thief?**

**Is your vehicle secure?**

Have you left your bag, phone or any other property on display?

Police on patrol are checking that vehicles aren't an easy target for thieves.

**Protect your property**

Please make sure your windows are closed and the doors are locked whenever you leave your vehicle. Never leave any items on display.

Make sure you **do not** leave **valuables** in **vehicles** parked—even in your own driveway. Ensure property is not “on show”, and that windows and doors are locked whenever you leave your vehicle.

Register your property : [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) to improve your chances of it being returned in the event of a theft. Keep watching, report incidents and follow *trimpleywatch!*

### Trimpley Village Hall AGM

This will be held on Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 8p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.

### News from Holy Trinity Church

“It was wonderful to welcome folk to Services at Holy Trinity Church, Trimpley in December, with lots of children dressing up to help tell the Christmas story and many people enjoying the special atmosphere of “Carols by Candlelight”. You may have also been treated to some festive carol singing on your doorstep, as lovely Trimpley youngsters and their families raised funds to provide much needed toilet facilities. All year round, Holy Trinity aims to keep the love of God and our neighbours at its heart and provides a warm welcome and refreshments at each Service. Do come along for Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday of the month, All Age Worship on the 3rd and Morning Prayer with hymns on the 4th and follow @HolyTrinityChurchTrimpley on Facebook to keep up to date.” (Copy provided by Church)