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Winter Walking

There is nothing better than a winter walk in crisp sunshine to enliven your senses, and to shake off the holiday excesses that we have all taken part in. It is a good time to try some of our local footpath network, and with this in mind there are three very good walks detailed on the home page of our website above.

However, it walking on local lanes, take some sensible precautions, as highlighted in the Highway Code General guidance rules Nos 1-6

If there is a pavement—use it.

If there is no pavement, keep to **the right-hand side** of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic, and they can see you, (i.e. **FACING** the Traffic) You should take extra care and it may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.

- be prepared to **walk in single file**, especially on narrow roads or in poor light
- keep **close to the side of the road**.
- **Wear bright or light colours**, with if possible fluorescent strips

Your Parish Council is doing all we can to combat speeding traffic in our local lanes, but some responsibility must fall also with pedestrians.

We wish to encourage people to walk within our beautiful countryside, keeping to official rights of way, and if you do need to walk along the lanes, please do so safely.

Have fun, wrap up warm, take a well-charged mobile phone, and wear sensible footwear, but please keep safe and take these precautions outlined.

Wyre Forest Local Plan Review

Central Government have legislated that our District Council must provide more new-build housing. Numbers originally given have had to be revised upwards considerably. To meet with this national legislation Wyre Forest sent out a “call for sites” last year, with a deadline for identified sites to be put forward (by anyone) by 31st December.

We understand sites proposed will now be considered, and if thought to be suitable, incorporated, after consultation, into a Review of the Local Plan, which will show where new housing will be sited. We hope to bring more information about this in our next newsletter, due out in April, to show where these sites may be, so will be watching this as it unfolds. Exact details as to the location of these sites are yet to be made public by the District Council, but we would ask parishioners to ensure they follow this matter to be fully informed.

Parish Council - Please visit our website : www.kidderminsterforeign-pc.gov.uk

The public are welcome to come along to any Parish Council meeting and speak and/or discuss matters with councillors in the Open Forum at the start of each meeting. Verbal contributions later in the meeting are at the discretion of the Chair.

Opposite are the dates of the next meetings, which are usually on the **3rd Monday of each calendar month**, (unless altered for special reasons) and are held in Trimpley Village Hall.

Please see agenda, posted before each meeting on the website or noticeboards, for details.

Sludge Pool Clearance—STW

Severn Trent have advised that they will be cleaning out the sludge pool at the Reservoir as essential works needed to carry on with water treatment at Trimpley, bringing us clean water. We have been informed that some letters about this were sent to nearby properties, but further details were requested by the Parish Council, who were advised as follows.

Most of the sludge pool content will be spread (after testing) onto 6 sites of local farmland, all within 15 miles of the Reservoir. The Parish Council have been assured that this provides a safe and efficient way to utilise the spoil from the sludge pool. We are currently getting further information on the matter which will be on-going for several weeks. We are led to believe that all necessary permissions have been obtained and tests passed to ensure public safety. However, we would ask everyone locally to be aware of increased local traffic with tankers bringing sludge out. Locally we pay a price to allow us all to have clean water, and we make the most of the beautiful reservoir and its surroundings in the midst of our parish.



Defibrillator for Low Habberley

Following a request for local access for a defibrillator in the Low Habberley area, the Parish Council Clerk applied for a grant-aided machine from the British Heart Foundation, and we are delighted to advise that our application was successful and that we are awaiting delivery of the machine.

These machines can be invaluable for local communities to access in case of emergency heart failures, and it will be included on the national register “The Circuit”, details of which are known to all the emergency services.

Installation is being arranged after all services and permissions are in place.

**Next Meetings (starting at 7.30pm) are: 16th February
16th March, and 20th April 2026**

Your Current Parish Councillors are :

Mr. B. Phillips : Tel: 07760450567 (Chair)

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Mr. C. Holford: Tel: 07836 333030

Mr. R. Roberts: Tel: 01299 401048

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Mrs. S. Thompson : Tel: 01562 752389

Mrs. Elise Nolan-Thompson

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.

Trimpley Reservoir - outline history

Some of my readers will, like me, remember the Reservoir being built in the early 1960's by the Birmingham Corporation to provide drinking water to the people of Birmingham. The scheme's projected cost was in the region of £4.5 Million, and local farmer of Eymore Farm had to leave his farm and farmhouse.



Eymore Farm farmhouse - lost to the Reservoir

Reservoir under construction



WAITING FOR THE FLOOD
Evening Mail Reporter

IN 10 days Mr. Ernest Evans will move out of the farm that has been his life for the past 12 years.

On his 80 acres in the Severn Valley, on the edge of Eymore Wood between Bewdley and Arley, he has fed sleek fat cattle that won him this year's award presented by Cleobury and Ludlow Farmers for the best rearing herd.

For the past two years he has taken second place in the Club's competition for the best managed farm.

His acres grew wheat and potatoes, barley and sugar beet; from the farm, 50 fat cattle a year and a dozen bacon pigs a week went off to market.

He kept a flock of 50 breeding ewes.

No., most of the farm is to disappear under water. The land Mr. Evans rents from the estate of Mr. E. N. G. Crane was picked for the site of Birmingham's newest reservoir.

Tiny in comparison with the great dams of the Elan Valley, but a vital link in the plan to meet the city's growing demand for water, the reservoir will provide another 30,000,000 gallons a day from the Severn when it is completed in 1967.

It will cover 29 acres of the farm, with treatment works on much of the rest.

Mr. Evans and his wife, Barbara, are moving with their four children, four cats, two dogs and a white rabbit

The Evans family relocated from Trimpley to farm near Claverley in Shropshire

Holy Trinity Church, Trimpley

November was a time of remembrance at HT Trimpley: on 2nd November we had a service remembering the people who had died this past year and those known to us from previous years. Their names were read out and candles lit for them. On Remembrance Sunday, An Act of Remembrance with 2 minutes silence followed Holy Communion.

Cafe Church also focused on remembering through an Agape meal...remembering Jesus love for everyone.

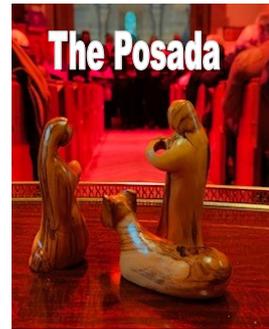
The Mary, Joseph and donkey nativity figures started their Posada journey around homes in Trimpley, Low Habberley and further afield on Advent Sunday at the end of November. They visited the Grace Notes Concert at the beginning of December, during which the choir sang a wonderful selection of Christmas songs and carols to a full church.

People from the village and congregation decorated the church for Christmas, trees were decorated, stables set up and lights strung along the path leading to the church. The hard work was rewarded with coffee, tea and cake.

The church was full of people of all ages for Carols by Candlelight on 21st. Favourite carols were sung and the Christmas story told through readings from the Bible.

The Posada had continued around the village with Mary, Joseph and the donkey staying the night at various homes. They arrived at the church on Christmas Eve in time for the Crib Service when members of the congregation dressed as the different characters from the Christmas story to recreate the scene...there was even a camel...as we celebrated the Good News of Great Joy...Jesus' birth. On Christmas Morning we continued to celebrate the birth of Jesus with Holy Communion...followed by Christmas Cake and a hot drink.

To find out more about what's happening at Holy Trinity, follow HolyTrinityChurchTrimpley on Facebook or keep an eye on the noticeboards.. You are very welcome at any or all of them. The Bulb Sale held 24th Jan raised a wonderful £256.



Trimpley Village Hall / Social Club

Pub nights at Trimpley village hall every last Friday of each month. Everyone is welcome!

30th January
27th February
27th March
24th April
29th May
26th June

Events for your diary

QUIZ NIGHT!
FISH & CHIP SUPPER!

10TH APRIL ENTRY £5 PER TABLE 6PM START!

21st FEBRUARY

FEBingo!

Bar Opens 7:30pm
Bingo 8pm

Winter Road Grit Salt



Our parish lengthsmen has checked all the roadside grit bins to ensure they are full, in readiness for the winter months. We do hope that it will not be needed, but we must emphasise that the grit in those bins is ONLY for use on the public highway and should not be taken away for use on private drives and roads. They are strategically sited where there may be the most need.

Troubled by Scam Texts and Emails?

Don't let these get you down! **REPORT THEM!**

For **Scam Texts**, forward them to **7726**

For **Spam/Scam Calls**—Send a Text to **7726**— Stating **CALL**, followed by the spam callers' telephone number. And don't forget to block the call number on your phone, although the latter seems to achieve very little.

For **Spam/Scam emails**, forward their email to report @phishing.gov.uk

And finally, a few notes about February

February is a strange month, perhaps perceived as cold, dark and colourless: the bitter end of a long winter, but it can also take you completely by surprise with Hazel catkins, Snowdrops and Sweet Violet. On a sunny day, early flowers may be visited by insects, especially queen bumble bees which spent the winter in hibernation after having mated. They will be feeding and searching for nest sites above or below ground in which to lay their eggs. And then there is **Imbolc**, celebrated at the start of February, meaning "in the belly", which is true of many in-lamb ewes, and a sign that Spring is about to commence, plus on 1st, in Christianity, it is the feast day of Saint Brigid, Ireland's patroness saint, and a celtic festival to mark the beginning of spring.