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Parish Council

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the summer edition of your local newsletter. In this edition I have included my annual report. I look forward to meeting you face to face at our community engagement event which is being hosted at Tatenhill Village Hall on 29th September commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Pop in to tell us your concerns or just come and say Hello.

Regards

Emma Coleman, Chair



## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Any residents, local organisations who may be interested in helping with activities such as distribution of the quarterly newsletter for the street that you live in or assisting with the relocation of the community SIDs please get in touch. Contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

## TATENHILL AND RANGEMORE PCSO

For those of you who have not met me, my name is Tim Leathers and I have been your local PCSO since mid-August 2020. I am a relatively local lad, having grown up in the Burton area and moved out to more rural climbs in 2010. I began working for Staffordshire Police in April 2020 and have learned a lot about the local area since becoming your local officer. Whilst I have not been able to engage with the community as much as I had hoped this year I am looking to work closely with the council, schools, and other community groups going forwards. I hope to see a lot more of you in this coming year. Stay safe.

PCSO 27951 Tim Leathers



## PENCIL IN THE DATES!



**Rangemore Onion Festival and Country Fayre, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021. 12 noon to 5p.m, Rangemore Church and Playing fields DE13 9RW**

Those of you who took up the challenge to grow onions from seed have until September 17<sup>th</sup> to enter them in the fun competition. There are other classes too for fledgling artists and flower arrangers. Details and entry forms can be obtained from David Pointer at [davidpointer@googlemail.com](mailto:davidpointer@googlemail.com)

## Annual Assembly—

**Wednesday 29 September  
3.30—5.30 p.m, at Tatenhill Village Hall -**



Tatenhill and Rangemore Parish Council are hosting their annual parish assembly slightly later this year due to the pandemic. Your Local Parish councillors and the local County Councillor Julia Jessel will be available to hear local resident concerns.

We will also have local groups such as Rangemore Playing Field Committee, Tatenhill Village Hall Committee, Tatenhill Bowls Group, our local PCSO, Tim Leathers. Our local speed watch

volunteers will also be on hand sharing with you the work they have been carrying out, along with other organisations who serve the community.

**Come in and say Hello,  
we would love to see you.**

## END OF YEAR RETURN 31ST MARCH 2021

The financial year of the parish council closed with a balance (including general reserves) of £56500

Key expenditure for the financial year was as follows:

### Community spend—£13792.60

- \* Information boards for Princes Wood
- \* Two Safety devices
- \* Quarterly Newsletters
- \* Christmas trees for festive season
- \* Grants— Rangemore Club, Rangemore Playing Fields, Tatenhill Village Hall

### Maintenance spend—£6457.95

- \* Grass cutting
- \* Additional signage installed

## Do you drive too fast? Beware Speed Watch is back



Many of you will recall the posting of an advert by the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership in the Summer 2020 Issue of this News letter calling for new volunteers to join the Speed Watch Group.

Four new members, bringing the Group to 7 in total, were rained by our partners Staffordshire Police in September 2020. (We would love more volunteers – please contact the Parish Clerk, Kay Lear, 01283 533011).

The first Roadside Session was carried out on 06 October 2020 outside Rangemore School. Following the introduction of traffic calming, the speeding problems in Rangemore are much reduced but nevertheless were still evident. The second Session a week later outside Rose Cottage on Main Street Tatenhill was a little more challenging. It had become very evident following construction of the new Free School on Branston Road that traffic volumes into the Village from Postern Road had built up considerably, as had the traffic speeds, with motorists failing to slow down after coming down the hill, despite the dangerous bends between Callingwood Lane and the Wishing Well.

The Session was timed for the School Run at 08.15 am and after an hour some 35 vehicles out of 200 travelled through the check point at speeds in excess of the speed limit, with half of them at speeds warranting Stage One Warning letters from the Police.

The Team followed this up with a further Watch the same week at Tatenhill Common, where despite signage signaling the reduction of the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph, motorists had continued to speed past the houses. A dozen or so drivers would have received Warning Letters following that Session.

Further Speed Watches were carried out in 2020 but Lockdown then hampered our intentions to carry out weekly speed checks. This goal has now been achieved by the Team in various locations throughout the Parish since May 2021.

The installation of the SIDS at Rangemore and outside the Village Hall on Main Street Tatenhill to target the speeding offenders, provides data on both the volume of traffic passing them and statistics on the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Results relating to the Rangemore SID have been posted on the Parish Council Facebook page. The SIDS are not in fixed locations and will be moved to other locations within the Parish, the investment to purchase these is certainly bringing benefits to our community.

We hope our continued visible presence will mean that drivers making their way through our villages are more mindful of their speed. As local residents we know that together we can keep urging drivers to watch their speed to save lives.

### ***Tatenhill & Rangemore Speed Watch Group***

#### **Introducing Rangemore's Village Hall ....**

The 'aisle' at Rangemore Church has had most of its pews removed with permission from the diocese. It now has a magnificent space that is available for use by people in the parish. The parish council has already held a meeting in the aisle.

Current plans include a child toddler group, a yoga class, use by Rangemore school, history group meetings, a plant swap event, an Onion Festival and more.

This part of the new dynamic approach taken by the All Saints Parochial Church Council. Last autumn they decided that the church did not look loved and decided to do something about it. The first manifestation was the Christmas lights on the yew trees either side of the entrance gates. The lighting in the church was upgraded and made more eco-friendly by the fitting of LED lighting. There is a regular cleaning party to keep the church looking nice and the churchyard is now being regularly mown. There are plans to replace the oak gates on a like

for like basis that were installed when the church was built but are now in a sad state of repair.

If you would like to use the newly available church village hall, please contact the churchwarden, John Fawn,

on 01283 716400 or email to [rangemore@btconnect.com](mailto:rangemore@btconnect.com).



<http://www.rangemorechurch.co.uk>

## Chairman's Report on 2020/2021

Looking back to mid-February 2020, the storms Ciara and Dennis appeared to be setting Council's focus for the first few months of 2020/2021. Council's response began in February 2020 but what was to follow slowed progress. The Covid19 pandemic and the spread of the Corona virus impacted Council's work for the year. Council had to change its way of working; on-line meetings were enabled in April and lasted twelve months. The Clerk had already tendered his resignation and left Council in May 2020. Our grateful thanks go to Michael Pettingale for his efforts throughout his employment, especially the initial three 3 months of the pandemic. We wish him well in his future career.



Recruiting during a pandemic was challenging and my thanks go to the Personnel Committee for their hard work in recruiting a new Clerk. Mrs Kay Lear was appointed Clerk in July. We welcome her aboard and thank her for her enthusiastic start, picking up the reins remotely would not have been easy.

Council life settled into its new "norm" and continued to respond to the Borough Council's planning applications. It was gratifying to have parishioners join the meetings and assist Council in this function. Decisions made by the Borough Council demonstrate that the comments received were "heard" and evidence the Neighbourhood Development Plan playing its role.

The flooding response was kick started and gradually third-party engagement grew. Council has been praised by the Environment Agency for how much has been achieved in a short period of time. Having addressed the water flow through the village the Environment Agency is now talking to landowners about management of the flow into the village. Thanks are due to the Barton Flood Management Group for their input. Council is grateful to the County Council and Environment Agency for their responses and continues the dialogues.

Council's thanks go to all who stepped up in the Community to deliver food, prescriptions and generally "look out for" their neighbours. Some are known to Council, many are not, but you and those you supported know who you are – Thank You

Our thanks are also due to the volunteers who have been supporting Council in its safety campaigns. Too many to mention by name but Council thanks every single one of you.

the volunteers who routinely ensure that our three defibrillators remain ready for use

the Speed watch volunteers who trained in Summer 2020 but could not work until May 2021

the current volunteers who move the two Speed Indicator Signs (acquired Spring 2021). Without the ability to move them around the designated sites their efficacy cannot be maximised. The next stage is to establish a regular programme of moving the devices. Please contact the Clerk if you can help spread the workload.

The planning for the Branston Locks development included some funding (to be released when 350 houses are occupied) for implementing a traffic management scheme in Tatenhill village. Council has commenced thinking about how to obtain best value from this. It is confident that residents will want their say too.

Appointed to the Office of Chairman in August 2021, my personal thanks go to Cllr Helena Pointer for her leadership as the pandemic commenced. I also wish to thank all the Councillors for their support and understanding as I picked up the reins. Meaningful Community Engagement during a pandemic is hard. The recent announcement to delay the final step of the Government's Road Map has provided parishioners with more thinking time. What are YOUR priorities?

Please watch for the Community Engagement events for your input into the Council's plans. The Annual Parish meeting was held to defer, until a future date, a meeting which can be attended by as many residents as possible. That will be an opportunity to air your views on life in the Parish and help Council to set its priorities for the future.

Finally, and with some personal sadness, Council has to join with the All-Saints Primary school community in saying a fond farewell to Charlene Gethin prepares to leave after over fourteen years as the now Executive Head Teacher. Her presence has been inspirational to a generation of children; her enthusiasm for education and Forest Family school is infectious and her generosity with her time has been appreciated by Council. We wish her well as she moves to her new role with the Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust and say one final "Thank You!"

**Cllr Emma Coleman**

## RANGEMORE PLAYING FIELDS

There have been a lot of changes to the playing fields since the last newsletter.

Big changes have been made to the old bowling green. The bowling green is now 3/4 community garden. There are 8 plots, not allotments, where local people will use it to grow flowers and vegetables. There is still a lot of work to do - most of it on the old bowling green hut.

The committee have had help from lots of people from the community but special mention must be given to Bruce Langley and Helena Pointer who have helped multiple times to make it what it is at the moment.

The rest of the playing fields are still looking fabulous with over 240 trees planted and a soon to be wild flower meadow at the bottom of the fields.

We have managed to get a cricket team to use the fields from now on but we are still trying to upgrade the football pitch to enable a team to play on it next season as long as the moles stay off!

Anybody that would like to help please get in touch via [rangemoreplayingfields@gmail.com](mailto:rangemoreplayingfields@gmail.com)

Please do come along and enjoy this open space, but if you are using the fields at all, please do take away your rubbish and help us to keep the area tidy for everyone to enjoy. Many thanks for your support,

**Rangemore Playing Fields Committee**

## ARE YOU A LOCAL GROUP NEEDING SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

The parish council this financial year has given grants to Burton Rugby Club, and Rangemore Playing fields.

If you have a project which the parish council may be able to support, please do get in touch. Details also on our new website.

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## NEW FINGER POSTS -

Following a small grant from SCC Rights of Way, the parish council have been successful in replacing some of the public rights of way and bridleway posts around the parish. Finger posts in need of repair and overgrown paths can be reported via SCC Rights of Way.



## ALL CHANGE ...

**The parish council have launched a new Website and also parish councillor email addresses.**

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**Upcoming parish council meetings—7.30 p.m**

5 October—Rangemore Village Hall

2 November—Tatenhill Village Hall

7 December—Rangemore Village Hall

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## LOCAL WALKS—TATENHILL AND RANGEMORE

Our local parish walks are one of our most precious assets, hidden in plain sight, and often taken for granted, they allow everyone to enjoy the countryside on our doorstep. Please let us know any local walks you have enjoyed which you would like to recommend to local residents. If you would like us to organise some evening walks, please do get in touch.

## LOCAL HISTORIAN NEEDED—Branston

Brownies who now meet at Tatenhill Village Hall, in the future are hoping to complete their local history badge, so if anyone has information on local history or historical buildings the girls would love to hear from you so please let us know by emailing us at [firstbranstonbrownies@hotmail.com](mailto:firstbranstonbrownies@hotmail.com) If anyone would like to find out more about Brownies they can look them up on Facebook or register their interest on the girl guiding website. They have a packed the program next term full of exciting activities including cheerleading, sports day, pride celebration.