



Tatenhill & Rangemore
Parish Council

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Contributions welcome, by email to clerk@tandrpc.org.uk

INTRODUCING A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR—MARK JONES

Tatenhill & Rangemore PC has seven Councillor positions. Having had a vacancy since the elections in May 2019 we are delighted to introduce a new councillor co-opted in March.

Cllr Mark Jones has lived in the parish for 23 years, 17 years in Rangemore and 6 years in Tatenhill. Mark has previous experience of Council having been a Councillor before.

He lives on Main Street with his wife. Their two grown up children attended the local schools.

Mark loves his garden, is a keen and enthusiastic golfer and enjoys singing in the chamber choir 'Friday Voices'.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SID)

Having trialled these devices around the parish, Council reviewed the statistics collected. These confirm that drivers do indeed slow down when they see the unit.

The parish council has now purchased two devices. Locations have been identified, some are currently active and plans are in place to introduce some additional posts around the parish so that additional SID presence will act as a deterrent for drivers to 'think' before 'speeding'.



As mentioned in the last newsletter, Council intends to submit our data regularly to the Community Speed Watch co-ordinator; we understand that this will help when scheduling the Safety Camera vehicle visits.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Council would like to thank our "Good Neighbours" for their work through the last 12 months. Examples that we know of include evacuating the Almshouse residents from their flooded homes at midnight in Feb 2020, distributing food parcels in March 2020, routinely checking on those individuals living alone. Recently some sterling litter picking was undertaken. All are to be applauded.

Staffordshire is under-represented in the National Honours. If you want to nominate someone, the Parish Council can help.

DEFIBRILLATORS

There are 3 defibrillators in the parish, 2 in Rangemore and 1 in Tatenhill. The parish council funds the batteries and replacement pads after use.

Being registered on a national database enables a call handler to direct you and provide access to the nearest unit. To keep these "active" on the database they need checking regularly. If you could assist with the routine checking please contact the Clerk

ACTION REQUIRED?

As "normality" returns the Council is looking forward to being able to meet parishioners again. Council has been working on the flooding issues, pushing for actions on the road drains and the routine matters like planning consultations have continued.

The Council is now looking for your input into its work. How can we retain the Community Spirit generated during the pandemic? What is great about the parish, what is not so good and ideas on how to change things. Look at our area differently and be prepared to share your thoughts.

No promises but unless we know, nothing can be changed. When we can, we will be actively seeking your thoughts on matters. In the meantime comments can be sent to any parish councillor or the clerk. We look forward to hearing from you.

RANGEMORE PLAYING FIELDS: Rangemore Playing Fields will be creating a community garden where the bowling green once was. There will be flower planting & vegetable plots available. Anybody that would be interested in helping and having a plot please email rangemoreplayingfields@gmail.com

The school were delighted to welcome all of the children back to school. We are so proud of the children and families with 40% of children attending school and the rest were remote learning joining in with live lessons and online work, They all learned extremely well and have transitioned back to school brilliantly. Prior to their return the school engaged in a wonderful World book day which was linked with JTMAT (John Taylor Multi academy trust), work centred around the text, Uno's Garden as well as other, wonderful books and linked to the theme of global responsibility and our environmental impact. The following links take you to World Book Day activities including staff stories, pictures and activities:

<https://jtmatlovesreading.co.uk> All schools stories and work!

<http://jtmatlovesreading.co.uk/category/school/all-saints-rangemore> - staff stories <http://jtmatlovesreading.co.uk/category/school/needwood-primary-school> - staff stories

The children's return coincided with National Science week and was very successful. This was launched using the text, The Crayon Man and was a spring-board our ideas for lessons too, there was so much science linked learning. Children settled brilliantly and it has been special to feel our school so vibrant and full.



The children hosted Virtual Mothering Sunday services which were wonderful. We thank Father

Graham Bott for leading in sermon and it was so great to see all children involved as each class delivered their part. It was beautiful to have some recorded singing, readings, prayers, poems and art work to share, how wonderful.



March also saw International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. As a primary school, our role is to ensure all children believe in themselves and the power that they have to be and achieve whatever they choose. This day (and others through our curriculum) enables us to recognise influential women and provides a reminder of the powerful advocacy and influence of young woman like Malala Yousafzai and Greta Thunberg who are quite literally changing attitudes about our world.

Our language of the half term is Polish so if anyone out there is fluent, and you are happy to zoom with us and teach us some phrases or share some children's books, do get in touch if you can help. We have some Polish children and they are the lead experts this half term – last half term was Swahili and we continue to enjoy our links with our schools in Uganda.

We are grateful also to our local community for their support in our successful planning permission bid to secure a piece of grassed land for our children. We are very excited and hope to be on the field by the summer!

TATENHILL VILLAGE HALL

- which is officially 70 years old in October—has been closed for most of the last year. We have been receiving government grants through support for small rate paying businesses and we are looking to invest that money in upgrading the heating to make the hall even more welcoming. The hall is regularly used for exercise classes, local meetings and private parties. We hope to be able to reopen soon and we are taking bookings for July onwards. You can make an enquiry through the Parish Council Website:

<https://www.tandrpc.org.uk/about-the-area/tatenhill-village-hall/>



BROOKSIDE COTTAGE HOMES

Almshouse Accommodation

To Rent—Tatenhill

The Trustees of this registered Almshouse Charity have a one bedroom cottage to rent in Main Street, Tatenhill.

Persons qualifying will be not less than 60 years of age, or in need of assistance, and have resided in the Parishes of Tatenhill and Rangemore, Branston, Anslow or Dunstall for a period of no less than 5 years, or have a family who have lived

in the catchment area for a minimum of 5 years and wish their relative (s) to move into the catchment area.

Rent will be the equivalent of Housing Benefit, along with all associated bills falling to the property.

For further information contact: Clerk to the Trustees, David Pointer, on 01283 713354.

CAROLS BY TRACTOR-LIGHT

RANGEMORE ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Santa Claus in his sleigh, ably assisted by a few 'elves' and one reindeer, (sadly we do not have confirmation that it was actually Rudolph) were steered around Rangemore by a local farmer on his festive tractor and trailer on the evening of December 18th. Rangemore All Saints Church organised a mixture of popular Christmas music and carols that were played through a sound system and together this was enough to lure families out onto the streets in spite of a fine drizzle. It was quite a magical evening for everyone particularly the children and seemed to raise everybody's spirits ahead of what promised to be a rather sad Covid Christmas. Generous donations were made to the church totalling over £300 and such was the feeling of 'Good will to all men' in the community that it is planned to repeat the event for Christmas 2021. Look for the Video in www.rangemorechurch.co.uk web site



NEW VICAR FOR ST MICHAELS



Revd Andy Simpson was licenced as the new Church of England Vicar of St Michael's Tatenhill together with the churches in Dunstall and Barton Under Needwood in December last year. Prior to his move, Andy was vicar

to 8 churches in the East Riding of Yorkshire where he had lived all his life. Andy had a career in Financial Services before his ordination 12 years ago and served as an Officer with the Air Training Corps. He has two grown up children and two grandchildren. He played Rugby Union for his local club and has a keen interest in classic Italian Vespa & Lambrettas!

Since Christmas, it has been legal but quite difficult for churches to hold services with a congregation. Social distancing and other challenges – including not being able to sing together – have got in the way. In the face of this, Rev Andy has taken to social media. He is live streaming services from each of the three churches in turn and is broadcasting a short Wednesday evening prayer from his home in Barton. Details can be found on St Michael's Facebook page [@stmtatenhill](https://www.facebook.com/stmtatenhill) or Andy's own page [Rev Andy - Thinking Out Loud](https://www.facebook.com/RevAndyThinkingOutLoud) We are hoping that – if the guidance stays as it is – we will be open for services by Easter. Our first planned service is a special Maundy Thursday communion service at 7:30pm followed by Holy Communion at 9am on Easter Sunday. It will be a great opportunity for us all to remember those that passed away in the last year, including those who succumbed to Covid, and to say thanks for all those that have worked so hard to bring us through the last 12 months. The Easter Sunday service will be led by our own Matt Edwards.

Do you **KNOW** **YER ONIONS?**



In these COVID times what we need is an event to cheer us up.

What better way than to
GROW ONIONS
for a fun competition!

£1 will get you 20 Exhibition Onion seeds, as well as compost and full instructions how to grow them.

A February start is advised to have your onions ready for the competition on September 18th 2021 in Rangemore.

There will be classes, some jokey, for both adults and children, and classes for home cooked onion based foods.

A prize will be awarded to the winner of each category.

Proceeds from the competition will be shared by Rangemore Church and a selected local charity.

The competition will be part of a village fete style event with tea and cakes, beer and sales of local crafts and produce!

Now is the time to get those green fingers in action!

For further information and entry forms please contact:

David Pointer (01283 713354) or Dorothy Walford (01283 711602).



This beautiful photo was taken by Gene, our Parish Ranger, in fields on Tatenhill

Common. **Do you have any photographs**

taken in the parish to share? Please

contact the parish clerk; we would love to share on our website, social media and in the Newsletter.

THE HENRY WARFORD CHARITY—ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A TRUSTEE?

Back in 1902 a charitable scheme was established in the townships of Barton under Needwood, Tatenhill and Dunstall under the name of the Henry Warford Estate Charity. The income from this Charity is divided between the three parishes to be used for the alleviation of poverty. 40% (after expenses) goes to the Eleemosynary Charities in Barton, 23% goes to Dunstall and the remaining 37% comes to Tatenhill and Rangemore Parish.

The Trustees of the Tatenhill & Rangemore Henry Warford Charity are currently 6 of the Parish Councillors, two of which also serve as Trustees of the main Estate Charity. The Estate Charity Instrument set out that the income is to be used to “benefit the deserving and necessitous persons” in one of the following ways:

Distribution of Boots and Shoes in accordance with existing Trusts (e.g. the now closed Priscilla Allen Trust) other aid in sickness, food or other articles in kind. Temporary relief in money by way of a loan or otherwise in cases of unexpected loss or sudden destitution.

Over time, the nature of the Estate has changed from the tenanted land it once was to not insubstantial investment holdings acquired with the proceeds of the sale of the land. It is from these investment earnings that a small amount is withdrawn annually and distributed as detailed above. Traditionally a distribution is made annually by the Tatenhill and Rangemore Trustees to pensioners in the Parish. However, if a Parishioner is aware of an individual who has an urgent need for some support falling into the one of the above categories please make a Trustee aware and we may be able to help in some way.

The Henry Warford Tatenhill Charity allows for up to 9 Trustees, so if **you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please contact either the Parish Clerk, or any one of the other 6 Trustees.** We only have 1 or 2 meetings each year so it does not take up a huge amount of time.

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UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

6th April 2021 7.30 p.m.

4th May 2021 7.30 p.m.

1st June 2021 7.30 p.m.

Please check website for
venues