

Welcome to the Winter edition of Tatenhill and Rangemore News. The newsletter can also be viewed on our website.

## TATENHILL AND RANGEMORE COMMUNITY GROUP

A meeting of the Community Group was held on the 13 September after a 5 year lack of activity.

Some 20 Residents attended with the Acting Chairman Jane Bristow welcoming the attendees to the Meeting and briefly identified the historic undertakings by the Community Group including preparations, in conjunction with The Parish Council, of The Village and Neighbourhood Plans and the provision of Broadband.

The Meeting moved on to discuss the history of the Broadband Initiative undertaken prior to 2018 by the Community Group with Covid having interrupted any further activity since that date. The provision of fibre optic by BT/Open Reach to Tatenhill, Tatenhill Common and Rangemore had solved the connectivity problem for the majority of residents in the Parish, but there still existed outliers where it was felt no alternative but Kijoma probably still existed and, therefore, there was still investigative work to be undertaken by the Group. The Secretary reported that he had been in touch with Gigafast Staffordshire and had been supplied with a Plan identifying the properties/areas of the Parish still requiring connectivity. Funding for solving the problem had been provided by the Boris Government £5bn plans to connect all rural properties, but it was currently on hold.

The next step would be for a Broadband sub group to be formed to carry out the investigative work required to establish which properties were still in need of assistance to obtain broadband.

Other Potential Projects and Parish wide problems were then discussed including Traffic, Speeding and Lorries, the blocking by farmers cropping of Footpaths and the deterioration of Stiles. Finally the two year closure of Rangemore Club was discussed at length with several residents agreeing to investigate the matter.

A further meeting to progress these matters was to take place, again at Tatenhill Village Hall, in November – date to be advertised on the Parish Notice Boards and internet.

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**TATENHILL  
CHRISTMAS TREE  
LIGHT SWITCH ON  
AND CHRISTMAS  
MARKET**

Tatenhill & Rangemore  
Parish Council

**SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER  
FROM 2PM – 6PM  
AT TATENHILL VILLAGE HALL**

FACE PAINTING, POPCORN, CANDYFLOSS AND SWEETS, CAKES AND BAKES,  
HANDCRAFTED WHIMSICAL GIFTS AND COLLECTIBLES, USBORNE BOOKS

## CHRISTMAS MARKET AND LIGHT SWITCH ON

Tatenhill and Rangemore Parish council are delighted to announce we are holding our Christmas tree light up and Christmas Market event. The event will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Tatenhill Village Hall starting at 2.00pm culminating with the big light up at 6.00pm.

Once again children will be able to colour in their own Christmas baubles and hang them on the tree before Santa arrives to turn the lights on at 6.00pm. There will be carollers round the tree and free refreshments from 4.00pm- 6.00pm.

We are delighted to welcome back the fabulous All Saints Rangemore School Choir who will entertain us from the new stage at the village hall. The event opens at 2.00 pm. There will be up to 10 craft stalls to purchase beautiful individual Christmas gifts and free face painting for children. Please come along and join us at this local Parish Council Sponsored Event. Everyone is welcome.

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH, SIDS AND TRAFFIC CALMING

The Tatenhill & Rangemore Community Speedwatch Team, comprising of 10 members from Tatenhill, Tatenhill Common, Rangemore and Postern Road have 14 locations to cover and are always looking for additional residents to join them. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

In the last issue we reported a new Site on Postern Road had been added and after several sessions we have tried to curtail speeds along the long straight run from Henhurst to the Adventure Farm. In the last session at the end of September 376 vehicles passed through between 8.00 – 9.00 with a high number exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. 11 were recorded at speeds over 36 mph with the highest 47 mph. Disappointingly several motorists picked their speed back up over the speed limit after passing through.

Our busiest location is Branston Road, Tatenhill just after Girl Guides Camp & Hillside Bungalow where on average 600-700 vehicles pass, with usually some 40 exceeding the speed threshold of 36 mph.

Figures released for the First Quarter 2023 by the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership, responsible for coordinating the CSW Programme, revealed some 70,589 vehicles observed; 2210 over the speed threshold; with 1554 offences over the 30 mph limit; 571 over 40; 74 over 50; 4 over 60. 12 mobile phone offences were actioned.

We again emphasize :-

- A pedestrian hit by a vehicle travelling at 30 mph has an 80% chance of survival
- A pedestrian hit by a vehicle travelling at 35 mph has a 50% chance of survival
- A pedestrian hit by a vehicle travelling at 40 mph has a 90% chance of dying

The Speed Indication Devices introduced by the Parish Council provide constant reminders to keep your speeds down. A fourth SID has been purchased and is now in place at Tatenhill Common and will be moved round the Parish every month.

Parishioners will recall that a Traffic Calming Scheme will be provided for Tatenhill Village, to be paid for by a £150,000 S.106 Contribution already handed over from the Branston Locks Development. We are still waiting for Staffs County Council to prepare/design a draft Scheme with £1500 paid over 12 months ago to enable design works to be commenced. Consultations will be carried out with Parishioners when the draft Design Scheme has been completed. We all need to pressure the Highways Department and our County Councillor, Julia Jessel, to get these works done.



## **RANGEMORE ONION FESTIVAL AND COUNTRY FAYRE, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

Fantastic teamwork from members of the Friends of Rangemore Church (FORC) and their helpers, some of whom are pictured below after the strenuous and mind boggling task of erecting the marquee on the playing field in which the fruit and vegetable classes were to be judged the following day, culminated in a very successful event. We were blessed with glorious weather which was a relief to all after the rain of previous days and our thanks go to Hairy Biker, Dave Myers for his enthusiasm, drawing in the crowds and opening the event. Classic cars, 25 artisan stalls, charity stands, a licensed bar and live entertainment were all there to be enjoyed, not to mention delicious Thai food provided by the Buddhist Temple in Kings Bromley. Onion Olympics and welly wanging were organized at a safe distance from these activities and were enthusiastically enjoyed by both adults and children, meanwhile things in Rangemore church were a little more sedate featuring an exhibition of art by members of the Burton Art Club.



## **WELCOME REV TERRY WILLIAMS—VICAR FOR RANGEMORE**

Terry Williams on 23<sup>rd</sup> November will be licensed as the new vicar for Hanbury, Draycott, Newborough and Rangemore. He is looking forward to meeting as many people as possible in the coming months.



He is a local man born and brought up in Burton on Trent, and before ordination worked down the road at Byrkley Garden Centre (23 yrs ago). He was ordained in 2005 and served curacy in Bolsover, Derbyshire then moved on to the Denby Group of parishes as Priest in Charge and Rural Dean. He later moved to Lichfield Diocese and was Rector at the Loggerheads Benefice, a group of rural churches in

Staffordshire. During his ministry he has also served as a fire service chaplain and president of the Childrens Society in Derbyshire, among other roles.

Terry has two adult sons. Terry lives with his partner Richard and dog Molly, who is a bouncy little Shih Tzu/Bichon Frise who keeps everyone on their toes. Richard is a Deputy Care Manager and has worked in care for 20 years. Terry, in his free time enjoys days out, pub lunches and real ale. He is known to play golf (badly) and enjoys reading. Terry has a heart for rural ministry and is looking forward to contributing to the shared mission of the churches and submersing into village life.

## **CATCHMENT SENSITIVE FARMING**

Natural England, in partnership with the Environment Agency and Forestry Commission are hosting drop in sessions at Measure Leisure Centre on 28/11 and 30/1/24—13.00—16.00. If you are interested in attending and would like to know more please contact:- [Michael.orchard@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Michael.orchard@naturalengland.org.uk)

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS—ST MICHAEL'S

For those who wish to fill in their Advent Calendar early, here are some dates for St Michael's at Christmas – Carols in the 'Shoe Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm; Nine Lessons & Carols in Church 7:30pm Christmas Eve; Christmas Morning Service at 9am on Christmas Day.

Thank you to everyone also for the Poppy support. This is just a start as we move towards a bigger and better display next time - please keep your eyes open in the New Year.



## CAROLS BY TRACTOR LIGHT—FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Carols by Tractor light will be happening again this year.

Friday 22nd December, starting at 6.00 p.m. at Tatenhill Common, visiting Chapel Lane, Rangemore, Wilmore Lane, Rangemore, Rangemore Hall Mews and finishing at Rangemore Church where carols will be sung and light refreshments available. The elves will be collecting donations at Rangemore Church.

## ALMHOUSES—TRUSTEES WANTED

The Almhouses are looking for Trustees. Please contact their Clerk, Ruth Tomlinson for additional information: [r.tomlinson@ymail.com](mailto:r.tomlinson@ymail.com)

## RANGEMORE PLAYING FIELDS AND COMMUNITY GARDENS

Another wonderful year at the community garden with 29 gardeners enjoying the plots and producing some beautiful sights & produce. This year we have built a wildlife pond and now have newts, skaters & lots of dragon flies.



In the playing fields we now have new children's play equipment and some adult exercise equipment installed. Which is all looking wonderful. We also have a cricket team and 2 junior football teams using the fields which is looking wonderful too.

We will be adding an orchard with the help of the Burton Conservation Volunteers at the bottom of the field too.

In the future we will be hoping to expand the existing car park and adding some gates to the front of the car park.

We are always after volunteers to help with the community garden and the playing fields. If you would like to help us please contact [rangemoreplayingfields@gmail.com](mailto:rangemoreplayingfields@gmail.com)

## PCSO CHRIS EDWARDS—NEEDWOOD DIVISION

PCSO Tim Leathers has left the Needwood Division to take on a 2 year secondment as Engagement Officer. PCSO Chris Edwards has joined the Needwood Division and is looking forward to meeting local residents.

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