

Church Services in the Parish

Sadly because of the virus, we are still not able to open Trimingham Church for services. Dot ensures that the church is open each day for private prayer – hand sanitizer and wipes are available. At the moment the four larger churches in the Benefice take it in turns to have a Benefice Service on a Sunday. It is a very strange situation. We can only use alternative pews with only 2 people in a pew, masks on, no singing. Perhaps the one good thing about it is that those of us who attend do see each other every week, which is nice. We are not sure when Trimingham Church will reopen for worship.

As we approach Harvest time we have decided that we should still have a collection of items for the Cromer foodbank. From 1st October until the 15th there will be boxes in the Church in which you can place any of the following items (all items are welcome but those listed are the ones being asked for). The folk of Trimingham have always been amazingly generous when it comes to contributing for the harvest appeal. It is especially important this year, I think, when we bear in mind that so many people have found themselves in financial difficulties. The list on the website for the foodbank for September includes:

- Tinned potatoes; tinned rice pudding; custard; sponge puddings; jam; cuppa soup; crackers/rice cakes; snacks including crisps, popcorn etc; shower gel; household cleaning products

There will be an updated list for October on the foodbank web site should you want to check what other items might be needed.

Very many thanks to you all.

Jan Balfour

If you need any help or guidance for religious reasons, please contact the numbers listed below.

Church Contacts:

The Rector – Rev Sian Reading

Telephone: 01263 833790

For Weddings, Funerals, Christenings and general enquiries please phone the Administrator on

07464 963701 or email poppyland,rector@gmail.com

Trimingham News

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020

We have had a change in layout for the October issue. Following the recent Parish Council meeting, the Chair has asked that the relevant details be published in order to keep everyone up to date with matters directly affecting the village. The current regulations mean that Parish Council meetings cannot be held as usual and they have moved onto the Zoom platform. Not all of us are familiar with this 21st century medium.

This has meant that “Dot’s Ramblings” have been a casualty this month, but do look out for its return in November. I was particularly sorry not to see the “skiing pigeons” episode due this month! However, we hope you will still enjoy reading through all the information contained herein.

Dot & Linda

NOTICE

Trimingham Parish Council has a casual vacancy to be filled.

If you are interested in serving your community and making a difference in your village please contact the Clerk - Julie Chance on Julie.chance@tiscali.co.uk by Friday 22nd October, 2020.

Applicants will be asked to attend an interview via Zoom and will be co-opted onto Trimingham Parish Council at the meeting to be held on Monday 16th November, 2020 also via Zoom.

For the volunteer information and 100 Club winners, please see details included on the following pages of the Newsletter

100 Club Draws

September Draw

No 45	Mrs H Hobson	£20.00
No 88	Mrs B Downes	£10.00
No 16	Mr D Farrow	£ 5.00
No 11	Mrs E Dewhurst	£ 5.00

The draw takes place on the first Monday in the month at Trimingham Hall.

There are now several numbers available for the 100 Club. It costs £1.00 per month per number and as you can see from the list above you can win £20, £10, or £5. If there are enough members twice a year there is an extra draw of £30.00. At the end of the year a donation is made to our Church and Pilgrim Shelter of the money which has not been given out in the prizes. At the moment this is the only income received by the Pilgrim Shelter.

The church also needs help with its finances and the 100 Club and Jam Jar collection are its only source of income at the moment (we must not forget the money Linda Farrow raised). This money is being used only to pay the utility bills for our church. If you would like to become a member of the 100 Club please contact Myra on 833760.

Thank you to everyone for your support in this time of need.

Newsletter editing – If you have an article that you would like included please let Dot have copy by 19th of the month at the latest.

If you want to place an advertisement, please let Linda have this by 15th of the month so that we can prepare it for the following edition. This will allow us to have sufficient time to arrange printing and distribution before the beginning of the month.

Alec's Mardle

(Alec Reynolds was born in Trimingham in 1926 and has lived here all his life)

I hope you are all coping with the virus. Good Luck to everyone.

The harvest is over, all safely gathered in. The next thing will be the sugar beet season. When I worked on the farm we would start lifting the sugar beet September to January. Every day wet or dry we would have a fork or digger, which were made for sugar beet use only. You would have a fork or digger in one hand and you would grab the top of the beet with your other hand, pull them out of the ground, and lay 4 rows in one side and four rows the other side, with a space in between. Then you scrape any leaves off to make a clean space to top the leaves off and put the beet in heaps and the tops in rows. The sugar beet were loaded onto a horse and cart or tractor and trailer. Some beet were loaded into railway wagons and some were heaped on the roadside and taken by lorry to Cantley factory. The beet tops were used to feed the cattle.

That was the old days. Now they go into the field with a beet harvester that does 6 rows at a time and loads them onto a trailer and they are heaped on the roadside. The first beet harvester I used did one row at a time, it was not self-propelled but was towed by tractor. A tractor and trailer would follow beside and the beet would go straight into it. Now the modern beet harvesters have a big tank that the beet goes into and holds a few ton which it then unloads.

The potato season will soon start. Taking up is all done by machinery and stored in big sheds. Years ago it was all done by hand.

Alec

A word of caution - I would urge everyone to make sure that their doors and windows are locked. On 14th September at about 8.30am Alec had just come out of his bathroom and sat in his chair in his back room getting his breath back. The doorbell rang and a not very tall man and a tall woman, both wearing face masks, walked into his room, entering from the door at the side of the house. One must have rung the doorbell whilst the other walked in. Alec told them that he did know who they were and what were they doing in his house. The man said we are looking for "Ann Green", Alec asked them for her address and the man said "don't worry about it". They said something to each other and then left. This has left Alec feeling more vulnerable and very distressed by the incident. The Police have been informed.

It is a sad state of affairs when Sue and I have to make sure that all the doors and windows are locked when we leave him. Please keep yourselves safe and be vigilant when walking about the village for anything you think is untoward. Alec has asked me to put this in the newsletter to warn villagers that there could be a problem.

If you experience anything of this sort, ring one of our volunteers immediately it occurs. **Dot**

Weekly activities at the Hall

Monday – Yoga 2 sessions 5.00pm-6.30pm and 6.45pm-7.45pm.

Booking essential. Call Pat on 07810 023236

Wednesday – T'ai Chi – 10.30am-11.30am. To book a place ring Geoff on 07833 135116

Thursday – T'ai Chi – 11.00am-12.00 noon. To book a place ring Geoff
Table Tennis – 6.30-9.00. Contact Trevor on 833178

Friday – Cardio Dance 10.00-10.45. Contact Emily on 07815 983482.
(Emily also has classes in All Saints Community Rooms, Mundesley on Tuesday and Thursday 6.15pm-7.00pm)

Craft Circle meets fortnightly – 2.00-3.30pm - 2 & 16 Oct

For more information ring Dot on 833249 after 6.00pm

There are limited spaces allowed for each activity, so booking is essential.

Nature notes for October 2020 – Mac Marshall

At last a trip away from the local scenery although not from the east coast. I went to Suffolk and visited Minsmere as well as Snape and Aldeburgh. They have had much the same summer as we had and Richard, the farmer, told me that the hay crop was 30 per cent lower than usual so would have to buy in feed for his herd for the winter. There were still a few house martins and swallows hunting over the farm and a young buzzard calling to be fed. His old bull, Percy, had been sent "up the road" and a youngster was in his place. I remarked that he was much smaller than Percy and was told that he was only 2 years old and that he had plenty of time to grow. He was already showing interest in the females so time will tell.

Minsmere was much the same as Cley and Hickling with the normal scrapes having a distinct lack of water with a consequent dearth of wading birds although there were a few dunlin and ringed plovers with a dozen or so avocets and some green sandpipers. Along the shore I saw migrating wheatears and stonechats, both species that I had seen the week before at Hickling, all on their southward journey. On my first visit I met a man who was photographing butterflies and he pointed out a Brown Argus to me and I managed to get a shot of it together with a female Common Blue which is actually brown with white edged wings. Later in the week I walked along the Adder trail. I didn't see any adders but I saw a Grass Snake as it wriggled its way across the path. On my final visit I saw what most visitors hope for, the sight of a bittern in flight, not just one but two in the space of ten minutes.

I went to Snape Maltings in the hope of finding some music and came across four people with instruments near the large bronze sculpture but I decided to walk along the river towards the sea before going to the booking office. I was alone about 400 yards downstream on the edge of an enormous reed bed when the sound of gong being beaten accompanied by a horn being played all with the sound of wind blowing through the reeds. It was very atmospheric but despite the place being full of people I was the only person there on the river bank to appreciate it. On my return I told the horn player of my experience and she said that they were considering going out to the reed bed to play there. As the tide was out the only birds I saw were some Little Egrets but the music had made up for it.

My friend, Robert, a crab and lobster fisherman, told me that he was hauling in his pots just 300 yards offshore behind the Pilgrim Shelter on 15th September when a 3 metre porpoise surfaced alongside his boat. His mate didn't believe him at first but then they were surrounded by a pod of about 20, including young ones. He frequently sees 2 or 3 at a time but in his 40 years of crabbing he has never seen so many at one time. Could this be due to reduced numbers of ships following the Covid recession? There are also reports of increased numbers of killer whales off the West coast of America citing the same reason.

Mac

Gardening Tips by Tony

Gardening Jobs for October

1. Divide rhubarb crowns to create new plants
2. Cut back perennials that have died down
3. Divide herbaceous perennials
4. Move tender plants, include aquatics into greenhouse or conservatory
5. Plant out spring cabbage
6. Harvest apples, pears, nuts and grapes
7. Prune climbing roses
8. Plant out spring bulbs

Unfortunately Gardening Club has been suspended until further notice as it did not work when trying to maintain social distancing. It was difficult to hear the conversations and what Tony was telling us to do for the best results in our gardens.

We all hope that the club meetings will return in due course. Keep a watch on the web site.

TRIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

We have a casual vacancy on the Parish Council due to the resignation of one of our Councillors.(details on the front page) We continue to discuss the cliff erosion problem, and the eventual consequences to the coast road particularly around the old pub site. We are now arranging for our MP, Duncan Baker to visit during October to discuss this issue. We are also arranging for a visit to the village of Steve White the Highways engineer for NCC so that we can discuss several concerns such as a 20mph limit through the church area, access through the loop road and others.

The Community Land Trust steering group have decided to terminate their activities, with some criticism of the handling of this issue by NNDC. We wait to see how NNDC Housing will now proceed.

The exchange of the playing field land for a parcel of land close to the Hall is still ongoing. There has been delay brought about by the pandemic but we hope to have this resolved very soon. We discussed the opening of the Village Hall that has now welcomed back many of the clubs, and the committee are confirming that the Hall is Covid compliant. All users are expected to abide by the rules as laid down in method statements and the risk analysis. These are available to view on the Trimingham.org web site. We also expect all users to abide by the restrictions as given by Government.

We have managed to obtain a grant for the Pilgrim Shelter which will enable some critical work to be undertaken. A working party will be convened to discuss what needs to be done and to plan a future for the iconic building. We have also been awarded a tree pack which will give us some 100 trees to be planted in the village. We need suggestions regarding where these trees should be planted and volunteers to help plant, sometime towards the end of this year.

We discussed the Poor Land issue and it was explained why the Parish Council had taken the decision to let the Harrison family take this land into their ownership, with a payment of £1,000 to the Council. This removes any liability that Trimingham Parish may have had over the site.

We discussed at some length the Gimingham road issue and the latest information given to the PC from NNDC planning was explained to the meeting. This matter is ongoing and we have assurances that NNDC will continue to act in line with planning controls. The Kearns foundation, represented by James Kearns gave us an update on their situation, and whilst James states that they wish to stay on the site, the financial implications of Covid, together with other issues, could change their view.

Date of next meeting: 16th November. Full minutes are available on the web site or in the various notice boards.
TERRY BROWN (CHAIR)

Trimingham Volunteers

Both Cromer and Sheringham towns are still very busy with holidaymakers and there appears to be many who do not adhere to the social distancing and face mask recommendations.

Please continue to be careful and keep yourselves safe.

Our volunteers are still available to help should you need it. Do feel free to contact anyone listed below if you have a problem:

Jo/Jackie/Toni	834690	Liz	834965
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Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride and Walk

Saturday 12th September was a beautiful day for the Churches Trust walk. I set off at 7.30am, covered just over 18 miles and visited 9 churches. Alan joined me at Trunch to give me moral support. I raised £250. Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored me.

