

Church Services in the Parish

I just wanted to thank everyone on behalf of Trimingham PCC for the very generous contributions given for Cromer foodbank last month. We also had other contributions from other folk in the Benefice so were able to take a car boot load to the foodbank, for which they were very grateful.

We don't know what Christmas holds for us this year. The highlights at Trimingham Church have been the Christmas Tree Festival, the Christingle and Crib services. Sadly this year none of those will be happening, although Penny and I will still be putting up the crib and a tree in the Church. We hope, depending on circumstances, to still have a Christmas Morning service at 10.30am. No singing I'm afraid, all socially distanced and wearing masks, but we will have Christmas music and readings. Not the same, I know, but maybe reminding ourselves what Christmas is really about, celebrating the birth of God's Son, Jesus into a needy world.

One way to celebrate Christmas is to help all those less fortunate than ourselves. Penny and I felt that as we normally have a collection at the Christingle service for the Children's Society, it would be good to have the collection by sending out collecting envelopes to every household via the newsletter. If you would like to donate to the very valuable work done by the Children's Society to help vulnerable children, you can do so either online if that would be easier (could you let us know if you do that, so we can get a rough total for the village) or use the envelope provided and pop it under the vestry door in the Church and Dot will kindly collect it each day. We'll be collecting up until Saturday 19th December.

I wonder if there are any children in the village or grandchildren coming for Christmas who would still like a Christingle? We are giving out Christingle bags, which will include all the ingredients to make your own. Please phone me on 576707 to order one or more and we will make sure they are delivered to you by Christmas Eve.

It has been decided to cancel the proposed "Celebration of Christmas" planned for Saturday 12 December. We feel that collecting together just prior to Christmas would not be appropriate given the recommendations from Government. Let's look forward to next year!

And a big thank you to Dot who always makes sure the Church is unlocked each day for any who want to visit for private prayer and meditation. Just wishing everyone a blessed Christmas despite circumstances - 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: 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 DECEMBER 2020

Linda and I would like to wish everyone a very

Happy Christmas

Enjoy it as much as you are able. Hopefully when the lock down is lifted you can see friends and family. We all hope that 2021 is a much better year than 2020. If the vaccination is found to be good to go, it should make everything much more normal and we can get back to meeting villagers and friends in Trimingham Hall and the Pilgrim Shelter. We look forward to seeing you there.

A thank you to Tony Smith for the wallflowers that are in the village planters together with daffodil and tulip bulbs. They will make a lovely splash of colour in the spring.

Although we are unable to have the Christmas Tree Festival this year the font and a Christmas tree near the rood screen will be decorated. This will give our Church a festive cheer.

There are many books for sale at 50p each, 3 for a £1 from Pilgrim Shelter, all sorted alphabetically or subject matter, many hard backs, perfect and could be Christmas gifts. Phone Liz 01263 834965 for access to view and purchase, social distancing to be adhered to, family bubbles allowed.

Dot and Linda

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

100 Club November 2020

No 63	Mrs K Warnes	£20.00
No 28	Mrs L Bowler	£10.00
No 42	Mr T Briggs	£ 5.00
No 15	Mrs D Reeve	£ 5.00

The 100 Club did manage in 2020 to make the usual donations of £300 each for Pilgrim Shelter and our Church, which in the current financial restraints was much appreciated. However due to coronavirus we have lost approximately 13 members. If we are unable to recruit more members in 2021 we will be unable to pay out the premium prize for that year and will have to consider very carefully how much can be paid out in donations. If you would like to be a member of our 100 Club please contact Myra on 833760. The cost is £1 per month, which can be collected monthly or annually and you do stand a chance of winning some of that money back.

A Cautionary Tale

This is something I had not even considered; perhaps you would like to pass it along to your family and friends if they are in a similar position.

The rest of my family live in Herne Bay, Kent. My sister-in-law has dementia but at the moment can still live at home. Her car has been sold and her driving licence revoked. My niece goes in at least once a day, if not more to make sure that she is eating and to keep the bungalow clean and tidy, shopping etc. Although she does not live far she usually goes by car. The other day she went round and took the elderly dog for a walk to the corner and back. As she turned to go back she saw her car coming towards her. Luckily my sister-in-law stopped and proudly said to her daughter "I can still remember how to drive". My horrified niece got round to the driver's side opened the door, which fortunately was not locked, and took the keys out of the ignition. She then drove her Mum home. If she had turned in the opposite direction my niece would not have seen her. It does not bear thinking about. She will never leave her car keys in the house again but keep them in a pocket. - Dot

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 Trimmingham in 1926 and has lived here all his life)

I hope everyone is coping with this terrible virus. Good luck to everyone.

The other day my neighbour, Neal, took his dogs down on the beach. He took photos of the breakwaters and the sea defences. What a terrible mess they are in. Think of all the thousands of pounds it cost to put them there. It is a disgrace not to keep them repaired. How come in villages either side of Trimmingham the defences are repaired but ours is left to break away. It is a sure thing that they protected the cliff. When they put the mines in the cliff it did more harm than good. I am sure if the Germans had wanted to land along this coast they would have shelled the cliffs, and land where they wanted to.

Before the war there were four footpaths down to the beach. There were more fishermen in the village that got a living from the sea. They helped to keep the paths in good order. Each year they would collect wood from the beach to make steps and rails and posts where the slopes were. How times have changed. The footpath to the beach got used a lot. People would be swimming, paddling, playing ball games and some would be sleeping, soaking up the sun and waking up rather sun burnt.

Alec

Dot's Ramblings

Just to let you know if you hear a honking sound at approximately 10.00am, 12 noon and 3.00pm it is me using an old car horn to let John know that his coffee or lunch is ready. When the weather is ok he is spending time in his shed or garden and he does not hear me calling him. It is so much easier to honk the horn a couple of times instead of going to look for him.

Now that the weather has turned, and it is not always pleasant to be out pottering in the garden, we all have to find things to occupy us indoors. I have not been very "crafty" lately; it seems a strange thing to say but there has not been time to sit down and knit or sew or whatever keeps the fingers occupied. I am going to try and get back into making small quilts as I have lots of material on the table by me when I am sitting down in the evening; it is just lying there making me feel guilty for not using it.

We when go out into the garden the cherry tree is full of birds. There must be 20/30 waiting to come down to the feeders, mainly goldfinch, but also blue tits, great tits and if you lucky you can see the coal tit, but it just flies down and picks up one seed and is off again. As they say, if you blink you will have missed it. There are now also several blackbirds, foreigners John says. They scurry about picking up the seeds on the floor and the pigeon does not seem to mind too much but it is his territory and he does let them know occasionally. We have also seen some collared doves in the garden which we have not seen for a long time. We have brief sightings of a field mouse or a bank vole. The other day John picked up a watering can which was lying on its side to get some water out of a water butt to clean off something. He put the watering can into water butt and then caught sight of a bank vole trying to swim in the watering can and quickly emptied it of water and this poor water sodden little creature scampered away and hid from this man who tried to drown it. I was in the kitchen and happened to look out of the window and saw the little thing running away. It was quite a nice day so hopefully he dried out very quickly. **Dot**

Nature notes for December 2020 – Mac Marshall

You may recall that in last month's notes I mentioned that I hadn't seen the fairy ring in the churchyard. Well a few days later it rained (and rained) and lo and behold, as if by magic, a fairy ring appeared. It was 20 paces across and the outer edge is within 1 metre of the boundary wall. It is incomplete but was still visible in mid-November.

As we are again restricted in our movements I took a trip to Pigney's Wood via the disused railway track at Knapton. It was Sunday so there were quite a few people walking dogs so much of the wildlife was keeping quiet. When I got to the canal I heard a couple of Little Grebe in reeds but I couldn't see them. I returned through Pigney's Wood and joined the signposted public footpath leading back towards the railway track. When it entered the wood it was evident that it was an old trackway that predated the railway and it reminded me of similar tracks I have encountered in Cornwall, Brittany and even on my old doorstep in the Peak National Park. It was a bright day and the ground was carpeted with yellow leaves of hazel which line the path, and various shades of brown oak leaves.

I have seen 2 pairs of roe deer recently, one by the old railway bridge in the field above Grove Farm and the other in Felbrigg Park. An eagle has also been seen by 2 of my neighbours. One saw it circling high in the sky and the other saw it in the quarry on Middle Street early one morning. It was sitting on the tall pole then flew down and swooped over his dog so that he was easily able to gauge its size as his dog is a labrador and it was more than double her size.

Other happenings on Middle Street. An injured water rail that had probably flown into the wires and a juvenile gannet was found in the road during the gales. It was identified by the Seal and Shore Watch as underweight so it was taken to Walcott rescue centre to be fed and released when ready.

I was walking up from the clifftop towards Woodlands when I met a couple who told me that a mixed flock of chaffinches and bramblings were flying to and from the copse to the patch of old brassicas, between 40 and 50 of them. They are very similar at first sight but with a little experience you soon recognise them. I watched them for several minutes until they flew towards Sidestrand.

Mac Marshall

Gardening Tips by Tony

Jobs for December

- Clear up fallen leaves - lawns, ponds or beds
- Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent water logging
- Plant bulbs for a spring display
- Prune roses to prevent wind rock
- Plant out winter bedding
- Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
- Insulate outdoor containers from frost
- Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
- Put bird food out to encourage winter birds into the garden
- Use a seasonable bonfire - **where allowed** - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

Trimingham Community Led Housing Group

You have been kept up to date with progress in this newsletter. We have to tell you that this project will not now proceed, the reasons being many and varied. At the November Council meeting the landowner advised that they were withdrawing interest in the development.

We are of course disappointed and have no current alternative site to look at to develop much needed affordable housing for local people. The door will always be open to any new opportunities and if you have any information to assist us in our aim we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Trimingham Parish Council

TRIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The council received a report from the chair regarding a visit to the village by Duncan Baker, our MP, and Chris Alston (NCC Highways). The main reason for this meeting was to discuss the future of the coast road and the erosion taking place at the old pub site. Mr Alston stated that there was no specific plan in place to re-route the road. A separate report has been raised that can be seen on the Council web site. We also spoke about other issues such as the Loop road by the pilgrim shelter and the narrow part of the main road by the church where your council is trying to get additional traffic calming in place.

We discussed the Community housing project and you will see a separate note about this in the newsletter.

The playing field land exchange is still proceeding but has been held up because of COVID delays at NNDC. However we do expect this to be finalised in the New Year

Various issues were discussed regarding Highways and Footpaths such as Pot Holes, Coastal footpath signs, the Electronic sign to the east of the village that is now working, overgrown hedges and mud on the road. You will have seen that the bench by Broadwood Close is missing. It was struck by a lorry and destroyed. It will be replaced as soon as we can.

Various planning issues were discussed. We are pleased to report that the Kearns Foundation have decided to stay on their Gimingham Road site for the medium term.

Various issues with regard to the Pilgrim Shelter were discussed and it was reported that we have been successful in obtaining a grant. A working group will be organised to take forward agreed action.

This only a brief resume of the meeting. Full minutes can be seen on the Council web site.

Note if you want to report a highways issues such as pot holes or blocked drains the most effective way is to log on to www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem set up an account and monitor progress.

Terry Brown - Chair
Trimingham Parish Council

Date of next meeting: Monday 11 January 2021.

Trimingham Volunteers/ Parish Council contact details

Volunteers

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
Rikky	833538	Sam	833452
Sarah/Mike	833724	Terry	834349

Keep safe and well.

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Contact details: Terry Brown (Chair) 834349; Liz King 834965; Patrick Carpmael 833382; Anthony Lyons 833413; Sam Kirk 833452; Chris Harrison 07990 527728; Julie Chance (Clerk) 834094.

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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 - . For more information ring Dot on 833249 after 6.00pm

There are limited spaces allowed for each activity, so booking is essential
Provided our area returns to tier 1 and restrictions are as previously, the hall will be open from Wednesday, 2 December