



Mapperley Parish News

Autumn/Winter 2023

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Council's newsletter. If you need to get in touch for any reason, please contact Sue, the Clerk on **07541 737496**. If she is unable to answer, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can. Alternatively drop her an email on the address given above.

Chairman's report

Following the elections in May, I am pleased that Mapperley has a full complement of councillors who have volunteered to serve the residents of our village for the next four years.

I would like to welcome Richard Sewell on board. I am sure his ideas and input will be very beneficial as will those of our new borough councillors, Amanda Paget and Lian Pizzey. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Alison Quinn for the many years she has sat on the parish council. Her local knowledge and experience will be missed but I am sure she will assist as and when she is able.

Parish Councillors look forward to meeting as many residents as possible at the Christmas Faye and Switch-on of the village's Christmas lights on Friday, 1 December and send their best wishes for a peaceful festive season.

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As we all know parking in the village is a worrying problem and the parish council has again requested the assistance of the county council. The main problem is school parking who are parking their vehicles on the street rather than using the car park at Mapperley Farm, which is kindly offered by Rosie and Sam for the beginning and end of the school day. Walkers are no longer using the car park at Shipley Park which has been made a pay and display and this is causing inconvenience to residents. We urge parents and visitors to think – can emergency vehicles access the area (see photo)? Hopefully the county council will be able to advise.



Parking outside the Church Gates has also caused issue for residents who live down the lane by the side of the Church. Please be mindful and do not block access.

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Dog mess is still an issue in the village especially on the play area – the Borough Council is aware and wardens regularly patrol. A Prohibition Order is in the process of being made which will give councils more powers should dog owners not clear up after their pets. Could we please ask that you think about the health of our children and pick up after your pets. Thank you.

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Grit bins

The Parish Council has once again signed up for the Snow Warden Scheme with the County Council. An amount of grit will be supplied for use should the weather become inclement over the winter months. The grit bins will be kept full for residents to use on the footpaths and road outside of their properties.

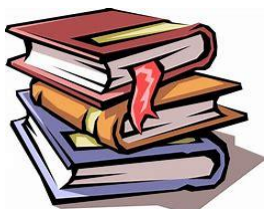
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Crime Watch

The Police are asking residents to make sure that sheds/garages are locked and/or alarmed with good lighting and non-returnable screws. Also, tools or ladders should not be left out in the garden as this would make it easier for criminals to gain entry to property.

Problems with anti-social behaviour on the car park are still taking place. The Safer Neighbourhood Team have attended past meetings and have stressed that all incidents **MUST** be reported to the Police on 101. They will then be able to build a profile of times, dates and other evidence. This can be done anonymously.

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Telephone Box Library

The library has continued to prove an amazingly successful and invaluable asset to many over the past few years. If you have books which you have read, please consider 'swopping' with others in the library. Thanks again to Elaine for keeping this library well stocked and tidy.

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Community Speedwatch

Speedwatch is a joint scheme run by Derbyshire Police to support community volunteers across the county to carry out speed checks on traffic in their local area. Many other local speedwatch sessions are currently operating and given the local concern in Mapperley the Parish Council are looking to participate.

Speedwatch involves some initial training for volunteers who are then able to carry out high visibility speed checks at approved locations. Owners of any vehicles recorded speeding then receive an advisory letter that their vehicle was observed speeding. Community speedwatch has had impact elsewhere in reducing the amount of speeding vehicles locally and provided evidence of an issue for the police to follow up further.

We are hoping to have training dates for any interested volunteers in the near future.



The Christmas lights will be turned on by the Mayor, Councillor Tony Holmes at 7pm and entertainment will be provided once again by Deep Down Brass. Stalls and events will be held at both venues, Mapperley Farm and The Black Horse. Hot drinks will be available at the Farm as well as being served by Holy Trinity members in the carvery area of The Old Black Horse between 3pm and 9pm. Come and enjoy.

The Lights will be switched on at 7pm. We expect as lovely a display as last year.

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Community engagement is paramount – whether this is with our Church, our School, village groups or listening to parishioners with new ideas on the use of our assets, eg wild flower meadows or new play equipment. Please get in touch with any ideas on how to make the village even better for residents and visitors.

Several community projects are in the pipeline:

- ❖ Recreation ground - has been cleared and tidied and it is hoped to plant trees and create a wildflower garden for wildlife. Hopefully the School will be able to be involved in this project. The Parish Council would be pleased to hear of any other ideas for the area.

- ❖ a new boundary marker/village sign
- ❖ new noticeboards – in the village and at Mapperley Brook
- ❖ replacement bench on Mapperley Lane.

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Dates of future meetings

Meetings will continue to be held alternate months the next being 15 January 2024 (then 11 March) both commencing at 7.15pm. The **Annual Parish Meeting** is to be held on Monday, 20 May commencing at 7.00pm to be followed by the **Annual General Meeting**.

Residents are very welcome to attend and report on issues which affect them or give ideas on future events. Agendas and further details will be posted on the noticeboards and on the website (www.mapperleyparishcouncil.co.uk).

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Your Borough/Parish Councillors

If you require assistance, please get in touch with either the Clerk (on the telephone number on the front page) or any of the councillors:

Borough Councillors

Amanda Paget (07305 973051)
Lian Pizzey (07825 623767)

Parish Councillors

Jeremy Williams (07836 691748) - Chairman
Mathew Slack (07712 324797) – Vice Chairman
Andrew Quinn (07483 017363)
Dave Morgan (0115 9309728)
Rosie Amber (07807 812938)
Richard Sewell (07876 616537)

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Christmas services in Mapperley at Holy Trinity Church

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT ON SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT 4PM

This will be a fairly traditional carol service, with lots of favourite carols for you to enjoy singing.

PRAISE AND CAROLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE (SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER) at 6PM

NEW YEARS EVE – SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER –BENEFICE (WITH ST WILFRID'S, ST ANDREWS, STANLEY AND UNITED CHURCH OF STANLEY COMMON) SERVICE WITH BAPTISM AT 9.30AM

Everyone is welcome to all our services, and we look forward to seeing you there. (Christmas services at the other churches in the benefice are in the church and community magazines or on the WSSM Churches Together website –wssm.org.uk)

NEW YEAR'S DAY – MONDAY 1ST JANUARY 2024 (11AM -4PM)

Holy Trinity will welcome the Sacred Harp Singers. This is a local group, in which Simon and Gillian White have sung, but attracting singers from far and wide. Villagers are invited to come and listen or join in. This year a negative lateral flow test is required.

The church is a dual purpose/community building and is used by Mapperley School and the Parish Council for its meetings, as a polling station and for private parties. Bookings may be made through holytrinitymapperley@gmail.com The benefice office is currently based at the church pending the appointment of a new priest in charge. During 2023 the electrical certificate has been renewed and the quinquennial inspection carried out by the church architect.

EVERYONE AT HOLY TRINITY WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY SAFE AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

