

# CUSOP PARISH NEWSLETTER

## November 2018

### Welcome to the new clerk.

Nigel Howard has accepted the role of Clerk to the Parish Council and the councillors are very pleased to welcome him. Nigel moved into the area 3 years ago and has involved himself in the activities of Dorstone Parish where he lives. His contact details are shown at the end of this newsletter.

### Parish meeting, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7:00pm.

The council have arranged a parish meeting for the evening of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December with a view to discussing the state of the roads, pavements, lighting, parking, overhanging hedges, bushes and trees and anything else that you consider to be important. If we can reach a consensus about what is best for the Parish, suggest some possible solutions to our perceived problems and pursue them with some enthusiasm on a strong and united front, we will be more likely to get support from Herefordshire Council for any works that we want done.

### St. Mary's Church Cusop

There are many church events leading up to Christmas.

**Poppy Display** - this is already proving a huge success and hundreds of visitors have already come to the church to see the wonderful display of poppies. There are crocheted poppies from the WI, Mothers' Union and other local groups, beautiful poppies made from fabric, and paper poppies made by children at Messy Church and Hay School. There are even poppies from Australia! Such has been the enthusiasm of the project. The poppies will stay at least until Christmas and the church is always open. It's a wonderful and breath-taking display! We do hope as many people as possible will come and enjoy seeing everyone's talented work.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November:** Combined service with the Royal British Legion at Cusop Church at 2.30pm led by Revd. Luci Morriss. The service will be followed by refreshments. Everyone very welcome!

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** The Friends of St. Mary's and Cusop History Group present 'Great War and Home Front Stories and Poems' at Cusop Church at 7.00pm. Entry £5.00 to include glass of wine and nibbles. Please contact Sue (01497-822523) or Celia (01497-820396) for tickets.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Concert with the 'Springfield Consort' at Cusop Church at 3.00pm. not to be missed! Entry £5.00 at the door.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:** 'Carols and Candles' at 4.00pm. This is our most popular service of the year - loved by young and old! It's a short, family-friendly service and the church will be lit by candlelight.

**Christmas Day:** Family Communion Service at 9.30am - the perfect beginning to Christmas Day!

### Village Hall forthcoming events.

Tea at Three has re-started now that the clocks have gone back. Meet neighbours and make friends, free entry, everyone welcome at Cusop Village Hall on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December** from 3:00pm until 4:30pm.

### Road closures updates.

There is a lot of road works scheduled for the county roads over the next few months and Herefordshire Council maintain an up to date website which shows the proposed works and the current schedule. To avoid being held up by a build-up of traffic or by a lengthy diversion it is worth looking at the website occasionally when planning a road trip.

The website is [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/234/roadworks](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/234/roadworks)

### Bin collections over Christmas.

Herefordshire Council have issued a revised timetable for the collection of bins during the Christmas holiday period.

If your normal collection day is Tuesday 25 Dec it has been changed to Saturday 22 Dec, collections which were scheduled for Wednesday 26 Dec will be made on Saturday 29 Dec and collections for Tuesday 1 Jan 2019 will be made on Saturday 5 Jan 2019.

For household recycling and rubbish collections, please put your bin out by 6.30 a.m. on your collection day, or the night before, throughout the festive period.

Household Recycling Centres will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day but open as usual on all other days. Details of opening times can be found on Herefordshire Council website.

### **Fuel poverty leaflet.**

Herefordshire County Council in partnership with Marches Energy Agency are offering FREE home energy advice and support. If you are worried about how you are going to pay your gas and electricity bills this winter or would benefit from increased insulation or improved heating, Freephone: 0800 677 1432 or Text: 07583 740914 or E-mail: [khw@mea.org.uk](mailto:khw@mea.org.uk)

### **Grit bins (advice from Herefordshire Council).**

Salt from council grit bins can be used on public roads, pavements, and footways. Salt from council grit bins cannot be used for treating private property such as driveways, this misuse of resource can result in a shortage elsewhere which may result in causing a danger to pedestrians and road users. Where conditions are safe to do so grit salt can be spread using shovels to apply a thin and even layer across roads and footways. Please always be aware of approaching vehicles and slippery conditions underfoot. We encourage residents to clear areas outside their properties and where possible to help those less able. Clearance of snow and ice does not make you liable for any incident that may occur.

### **Lengthsman.**

The parish lengthsman will be retiring early next year which will leave an opportunity for someone to take on the role. If you would like to know more about the position, responsibilities, training, number of hours and reward, please contact the clerk using the details below.

### **Booker's Edge Development Section 106 Monies.**

The Council is in discussion with Herefordshire County Council about how to use the share of the S106 money which is available to the parish for the benefit of the parish and parishioners.

### **Green re-cycling sacks.**

Herefordshire Council will only collect green waste if it is put into green re-cycling sacks which are available from them. Hay & Brecon Farmers are going to become an agent for the supply of these bags.

### **The risks of overhanging trees.**

The weather this summer has encouraged the growth of greenery, so it is a good time to think about the risks of trees on your property near to public roads, or indeed to anyone else's property. Trees, and other plants including roadside boundary hedges, remain the owner's responsibility even where they overhang a road, and if they cause any damage or injury, e.g. by toppling or shedding a limb, the owner will probably be liable. So it would be a good idea to check the condition of any trees near your boundary and take action if they could be dangerous or a nuisance.

Herefordshire Council and the Parish Council have the power to cut back any growth overhanging the highway boundary and will do so if it is a problem (you may then be charged). The usual rule is that there should be clearance of at least 7 ft above footways and 17 ft (roughly the height of telegraph poles) above roadways. The material cut back remains the property of the plant's owner and will be placed inside the owner's boundary.

### **Police Newsletter.**

Our local Police Team based at Peterchurch produce a monthly e-mail newsletter with useful details about recent crimes in the area, scams, crime prevention tips etc. If you would like to receive a copy, e-mail the Team at [goldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:goldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk) and ask to be added to their mailing list.

More community information can be found on Cusop's website - [www.cusop.net](http://www.cusop.net). In addition, after a simple registration procedure, you can access a community directory and noticeboard and receive news alerts.

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