**INGESTRE & TIXALL NEWS**

December 2023

INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Parish Council Meetings:** the next 2 meeting dates for the Parish Council are shown below and all parishioners are very welcome to join us. Our meeting dates for 2024/25 will be agreed at the January 2024 meeting and will be added to the Parish Council website, where the Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be accessed, [www.ingestretixallparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.ingestretixallparishcouncil.co.uk)

All meetings will take place on a Wednesday evening (unless otherwise stated), from 7.30pm in Tixall village hall.

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Please use the above email addresses if you wish to contact your Parish Cllrs for Parish Council matters.

**Planning Applications.**

For your information, the Parish Council has been consulted on the following Planning Applications since July 2023:

* 23/37598/FUL
* 23/37621/FUL - Tixall Solar Farm. No decision made.
* 23/37385/FUL
* 23/37674/LDC
* 23/37998/HOU
* 23/37893/TCA – tree works
* 23/37762/TCA – tree works
* 23/37754/HOU
* 23/38128/LDC PP. Link with previous Application 22/36798/FUL

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**Latest updates on HS2**

Everyone will already be aware of the Government decision to cancel the Phase 2a route of the HS2 scheme from Birmingham to Manchester, a decision which has left many unanswered questions. The Parish Council will do all that it can to get answers to these questions but we do understand that this may well take some time and whilst this will be frustrating, please be assured that you can raise any concerns, issues or questions that you may have with us and we will do what we can to get you some answers.

Updates, as/when we receive these from HS2 or Staffs County Council will be added to the Parish Council website and included in the Newsheet, where possible.

**Other Parish News**

Parishioners who joined us at the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 17 May 2023, will be aware that we were joined by a representative from the Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service Fire Prevention Team. We learnt about the opportunity to request a **Home Fire Safety visit.** The details of what this involves is shown below and may include the offer of **free** smoke alarms, depending upon the property layout and **a free** heat alarm, if deemed necessary:



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**Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal towpath improvements**.

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that the work to the canal towpath has been completed. Opposite is a photo of the completed works, which the Parish Council are very pleased with.

**Photo courtesy of Cllr Mrs Tinniswood**

**The photos below have been provided by the Canal and River Trust and show the actual work taking place:**

We do hope that everyone who uses the tow path will welcome the improvements and that many residents and visitors to the area will enjoy the improved tow path.

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**Chaserider Bus Service 828**

Did you know that Chaserider operate a ‘Hail and Ride scheme’ all along Tixall Lane? If you wish to use this bus service, then Chaserider have advised us that residents can wait in a safe place, along Tixall Lane, put an arm out and the bus will stop to allow residents to get on the bus.

As with all rural bus services, they do need to be used, otherwise they may well be withdrawn, so anyone who uses this service, please share this information about the ‘Hail and Ride scheme’ so that this service can be maintained for the benefit of residents.

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**Flood on Blackheath Lane, near Crematorium**

This flood has been reported to Staffs County Council (SCC) by the Parish Council on several separate occasions. We understood that SCC, Highways team, carried out some investigation works on 31.10.2023 and the outcome of these investigations has identified that the flood is not a Highways issue and is in fact, an issue caused by a third party. SCC have passed the matter onto the third party for a resolution. The Parish Council will continue to liaise with SCC to ensure the matter is resolved by the third party as a matter of priority.

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**Please note the following:**

**Ingestre Festival Association** call – Special General Meeting on Wednesday, 24 January 2024, at 7.00pm

**Venue:** Ingestre Orangery, ST18 0RF

Please send RSVP to Nicola Woodhouse: nicola.woodhouse@btinternet.com

**Village Hall Update**

**Tixall & Ingestre Village Hall 100-Club update**

The 100-club has had the following draws:

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| **Month** | **Prize winners** | **Month** | **Prize winners** |
| June | 1st prize of £25 was unsold2nd prize of £10 was won by Carol Burnet3rd prize of £5 was won by Trudie McGuiness | July | 1st prize of £25 was unsold2nd prize of £10 was won by Carole Kilgallen3rd prize of £5 was unsold |
| August | 1st prize of £25 was unsold2nd prize of £10 was won by Linda Penn3rd prize of £5 was won by Fiona Ramsay | September | 1st prize of £25 was won by Nicola Woodhouse2nd prize of £10 was won by Yvonne Howell3rd prize of £5 was won by Libby Wilkinson |
| October | 1st prize of £25 was unsold2nd prize of £10 was won by Roger Broadbent3rd prize of £5 was unsold | November | 1st prize of £25 was won by Tony Kilgallen2nd prize of £10 was won by Sue Haenelt3rd prize of £5 was won by Tony Young |

To join the 100 Club please contact Nicola Woodhouse, nicola.woodhouse@btinternet.com or 01785 663262.

Coffee Mornings & Craft Sales with soup lunch are continuing, held on each 2nd Saturday morning (with the exception of January 2024) from **10.30am until 12.30pm**. Why not take the opportunity to come along, catch up with and meet your neighbours, buy cakes, cushions, cards, jams you can also re-cycle books & jigsaws.

For general hall enquiries, email tixallingestrevillagehall@gmail.com

For bookings, please contact Sheila Sindrey if interested on 01785 663767. The Hall can be hired for £10.00 per hour.

**Church News**

**Details of Church Services in Ingestre and Tixall during December and January 2024:**

**Christmas Services in Ingestre – St Mary the Virgin Services and St John’s at Stafford**

* Ingestre Morning Prayer - 10th December at 11:15am
* Ingestre Carol Service - 20th December at 7:30pm
* Ingestre Christmas Holy Communion - 24th December at 11:30pm
* Service at St John’s Stafford - 31st December at 9:30am
* Ingestre Morning Prayer - 14th January 2024 at 11:15am
* Ingestre Holy Communion - 28th January 2024 at 11:15am

**Christmas Services in** Tixall Church St John the Baptist **OR** Tixall Village Hall

* Holy Communion in Church - 3rd December 11:15am
* Carol Service – 17th December at 6.00pm in Tixall Village Hall
* Christmas Holy Communion - 25th December 9am in Tixall Village Hall
* Holy Communion in Tixall Village Hall - 7th January 2024 at 11:15am
* Tixall Morning Prayer in Church - 21st January 2024 at 11:15am

For more information contact the Church office 01785 253493

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**Update from Stafford Borough Council**

Call for Stafford Borough Businesses to grab share of cash

Businesses in Stafford Borough are being urged to grab a share of a £240,000 pot.

The money has come from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and is part of the government’s Levelling Up agenda.

It has been earmarked to support small and medium rural businesses whose income is predominantly from sales to other businesses.

The money can be used in a variety of ways, such as improving a website, marketing campaign, or advertising new products - and already 20 local businesses have benefited from the fund.

The ‘Rural Business to Business’ fund is aimed at companies in rural areas looking to branch out to new markets or create new products and services - and where the sales to other businesses make up a minimum of 75 percent of their income.

One of the successful recipients was award winning film and media marketing company, Lilac Howell Films, who used a £5,000 grant to help purchase new equipment and expand their business.

Other products acquired by businesses through the funding include IT equipment, specialist camera equipment, bespoke customer management systems, and websites.

Stafford Borough Council was awarded one of the largest pots of money in the country from the government’s ‘UKSPF’ after successfully putting forward schemes to help regeneration, climate change and culture.

Councillor Ant Reid, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Planning, said: “Our allocation was one of the highest that any district council was awarded and is further demonstration of the confidence the government has in us to deliver for our businesses.

“There are so many exciting things planned, starting up or ongoing, in our borough and we want to support more businesses and help them grow. We are keen to get this money to our businesses so I would urge them to check out the information on our website, speak to us, and get their application in.”

Lilac Howell Managing Director, Steve Cranston, said: “We are grateful for this funding from the borough council which has helped us purchase camera equipment as well as other technological equipment to develop our service.”

For more details of funding available to businesses go to <https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/rural-business-business-funding>

**Updates from Staffordshire County Council**

Latest update from Staffordshire County Council, keeping residents up to date and informed about activity being carried out by their Highways teams.



It is all systems go for Staffordshire’s gritters as they are put through their paces ahead of the winter season. Staffordshire’s gritters as they are put through their paces ahead of the winter season.

The third week of October traditionally marks the start of Staffordshire County Council’s gritting operations.

The county’s gritters have already tested their routes to ensure they are ready to work around the clock to keep Staffordshire’s roads safe, whatever the weather.

Armed with 37 gritters and snowploughs and more than 20,000 tonnes of salt stockpiled, highways crews are equipped to battle any adverse weather conditions coming Staffordshire’s way.

Temperatures and road conditions are monitored from weather stations across the county and, using this data, Winter Decision Makers will determine when and where to send gritters out.

Typical winter days and nights will see gritters primarily focus on major routes. In prolonged periods of ice and snow, crews will work around the clock to treat other routes across the wider network.

Also primed and raring to go are the county’s hill contractors, who will be out across the higher grounds in the Staffordshire Moorlands.

## Pothole Pro goes from strength to strength

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| JCB Pothole ProThree months after JCB’s pothole pro clocked onto its first shift, the pioneering pothole repair machine continues to play a pivotal role in helping to improve Staffordshire’s roads. The county council’s latest addition to its fleet of highways repair machines was designed and built by Staffordshire’s own JCB. Since its first job assisting in resurfacing the roundabout outside JCB Heavy Products in Beamhurst, highways crews have been using the pothole pro, along with other machinery, to carry out routine repairs and essential preventative pre-patching across Staffordshire ahead of winter.The machine is currently assisting crews with preventative maintenance preparation works in Kingsford Lane, Wolverley. It is on track to prepare approximately 14,000m2 of road for surface dressing by the end of March 2024.  |

## Highways Community Days

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| Highways crew at ChasewaterThroughout the year, highways crews undertake 'social impact days' where they give their time to work on projects that benefit local communities. Here are just some of the projects they've been involved in:**Stafford Riverway Link**Highways crews, with the support of N & J Tree Services, recently completed a social impact day at [Stafford Riverway Link](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vc3RhZmZvcmQtcml2ZXJ3YXktbGluay5jby51ay8_dXRtX21lZGl1bT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWVtYWlsIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMTAzMC44NDgzODU0MSJ9.1pdhifiYoMrDrtYVGjoctykdn3sBHlUZsJODvPDYt3Y/s/631826955/br/229521002139-l). Over the day the team helped with a range of environmental tasks including hedge cutting, weeding in between a newly planted hedgerow, and clearing footpaths.**Flash Ley Community Primary School**Crews from Gailey Highways Depot have spent one of their Social Impact Days helping with some general maintenance at Flash Ley Community Primary School in Stafford by painting their perimeter fence.**Chasewater Country Park**Staff from consulting, the county council's country parks team, and others recently took part in a two day Social Impact Day at Chasewater Country Park. The teams assisted with heathland management on the park which is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest. This involved removing undesired flora such as ferns from the environment to promote the growth/expansion of the heathland.More days are planned for the rest of the year, and we'll be sure to update you when these have been completed. |

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**LOCAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST**

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty renamed **National Landscapes**

**Please see the statement below, received from the AONB Communications Officer:**

On Wednesday, 22 November 2023, all designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) in England and Wales are becoming National Landscapes, including Cannock Chase which will become Cannock Chase National Landscape.

The new name reflects our national importance; the vital contribution we all make to protect the nation from the threats of climate change, nature depletion and the wellbeing crisis, whilst also creating greater understanding and awareness for the work that we do. This is a significant milestone for the UK and the next step in fully realising the National Landscapes’ vision to be the leading exemplars of how thriving, diverse communities can work with and for nature in the UK.

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There is an attached ‘**Partner toolkit’** which provides more information and hopefully helps to answer any queries. Cannock Chase National Landscape will also have, alongside all AONBs, a new visual identity, as you can see from the logo.  The transition to the new identity will be a gradual process as brand assets, promotional print and materials need changing.

## Autumn Walking - 6 new walks

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| Autumn couple walkingA series of 6 new walks have been published to enjoy across the Chase. The walks, jointly prepared by the Ramblers and Cannock Chase AONB team, range in lengths from 4.75 miles to 9.25 miles and take in different areas from Castle Ring and Beaudesert Old Park in the south to Sow Valley, Tixall and Shugborough in the North. All are available from Cannock Chase Visitor Centre and on the website here to download. All leaflets have the appropriate OS map section, a detailed description of the route and where to park to start/finish to help you to access and enjoy the walks.For more details, right click on the link below and open the hyperlink:<https://www.cannock-chase.co.uk/walking-and-exploring/guidance-for-your-visit/?utm_medium=govdelivery>Did you know that you can enjoy a Sunday Guided Horse Ride??

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| HorseridersThe Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation Partnership and British Horse Society are teaming up again to run guided rides through Cannock Chase. The rides highlight responsible and safe riding for the environment and other site user friends of the Chase. Rides will be available in the future.For more details, right click on the link below and open the hyperlink:[Ride Out UK Cannock Chase Guided Ride II - Cannock Chase](https://cannockchase.org.uk/blog/ride-out-uk-cannock-chase-guided-ride-ii/?utm_medium=govdelivery&utm_source=email) |

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## **Why not consider becoming an AONB Advisor:**

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| Landscape Planning OfficerCould you make a difference to one of England’s finest landscapes? The Cannock Chase National Landscape Partnership is looking to invite new advisors to its governing body – the Joint Committee.As a non-voting partner, your voluntary role will be to advise and influence policies and actions to ensure that the natural beauty of Cannock Chase is conserved and enhanced, and that the designated landscape continues to benefit local residents, businesses and visitors.We want to be a more diverse and inclusive partnership.  We are keen to hear from individuals or organisations who feel that they can represent and speak for a range of people in different sectors and interests in the area including black and ethnic minority groups, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ groups, young people and education, the arts, health and wellbeing, climate change.To find out more and how to apply to be an advisor please right click on the below and open the hyperlink.[Invitation to become an Advisor - Cannock Chase (cannock-chase.co.uk)](https://www.cannock-chase.co.uk/invitation-to-become-an-advisor/?utm_medium=govdelivery&utm_source=email)**Keeping up to date:** If you want to receive e-newsletters to keep you updated on news, information, work in progress and ideas on how you can enjoy, help to protect and respect the Chase, you can sign up by right clicking on the link below and opening the hyperlink: |

[Staffordshire County Council (govdelivery.com)](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSTAFFORDSHIRECC/signup/16990)

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**Christmas 2023**

Stafford having a beauty of a treasure trail for Christmas

A host of prizes, including tickets to the panto, can be won in a special Christmas treasure trail in Stafford.

Around 30 town centre shops and businesses are taking part in the competition for people to hunt for roses - to coincide with this year’s Stafford Gatehouse Theatre panto, Beauty and the Beast.

Children and families will be asked to find the numbered roses in and around the town centre - and, if they locate them all, will be in with a chance of winning some great prizes.

The fun initiative gets underway this week to coincide with the Christmas Lights being switched on in town on Saturday (18th) and will run until Sunday 10 December. It is a collaboration between Stafford Borough Council, the Gatehouse Theatre, Indoor Market and Town Centre Partnership and is one of several Christmas themed events taking place.

People can pick up entry forms from the Gatehouse Theatre, Indoor Market, and Albert’s Café in Victoria Park as well as some local shops and eating out places.

Prizes will be drawn from Monday 11 December and includes tickets for the panto as well as restaurant and shop vouchers.

Along with the traditional lights switch on in the Market Square on Saturday (18 November), other town events include a Festive Farmers Market, Christmas in Victoria Park with Santa’s Grotto, Christmas Through the Ages at the Ancient High House, the famous Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary’s Church and Stafford Walking Street.

Councillor Gillian Pardesi, Cabinet Member for Leisure, said there were plenty of reasons for shoppers and visitors to come into the county town at this time of the year.

She said: “I am really pleased so many of our town centre businesses have supported this treasure trail with some great prizes on offer and great fun for those taking part.

“And with all the events taking place in the town, it’s another reason for more people to come into Stafford to shop, eat and enjoy the run up to Christmas.”

Some dates for town centre events:

**Wednesday 6 to Tuesday 12 December**

Christmas Tree Festival - St Mary’s Church

**Friday 8 - Sunday 31 December**

Beauty and the Beast Panto - Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

**Saturday 9 December**

Festive Farmers’ Market

**Thursday 14 December**

Stafford Walking Street

**Saturday and Sunday 2 - 23 December**

Christmas in Victoria Park

**This Christmas, why not Support Katharine House Hospice:**

Katharine House Hospice is a charity the Parish Council is keen to support and so we would like to make all residents aware of how you can support your Hospice by registering to have your ‘real’ Christmas tree recycled by the Hospice. All you need to do is register, donate and your ‘real’ tree will be collected. Your donation will help fund free care in the local community.

Please refer to leaflet attached with this Newsheet for all the details you need.

Thank you.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Ingestre and Tixall a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



**Parish Council website**

Please visit the Parish Council website for information of meetings, etc

<https://www.ingestrewithtixallparishcouncil.co.uk>

If residents have suggestions or ideas for content that would be of interest and value to them, please email your suggestions to the Parish Clerk, clerk@ingestretixall.staffslc.gov.uk

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