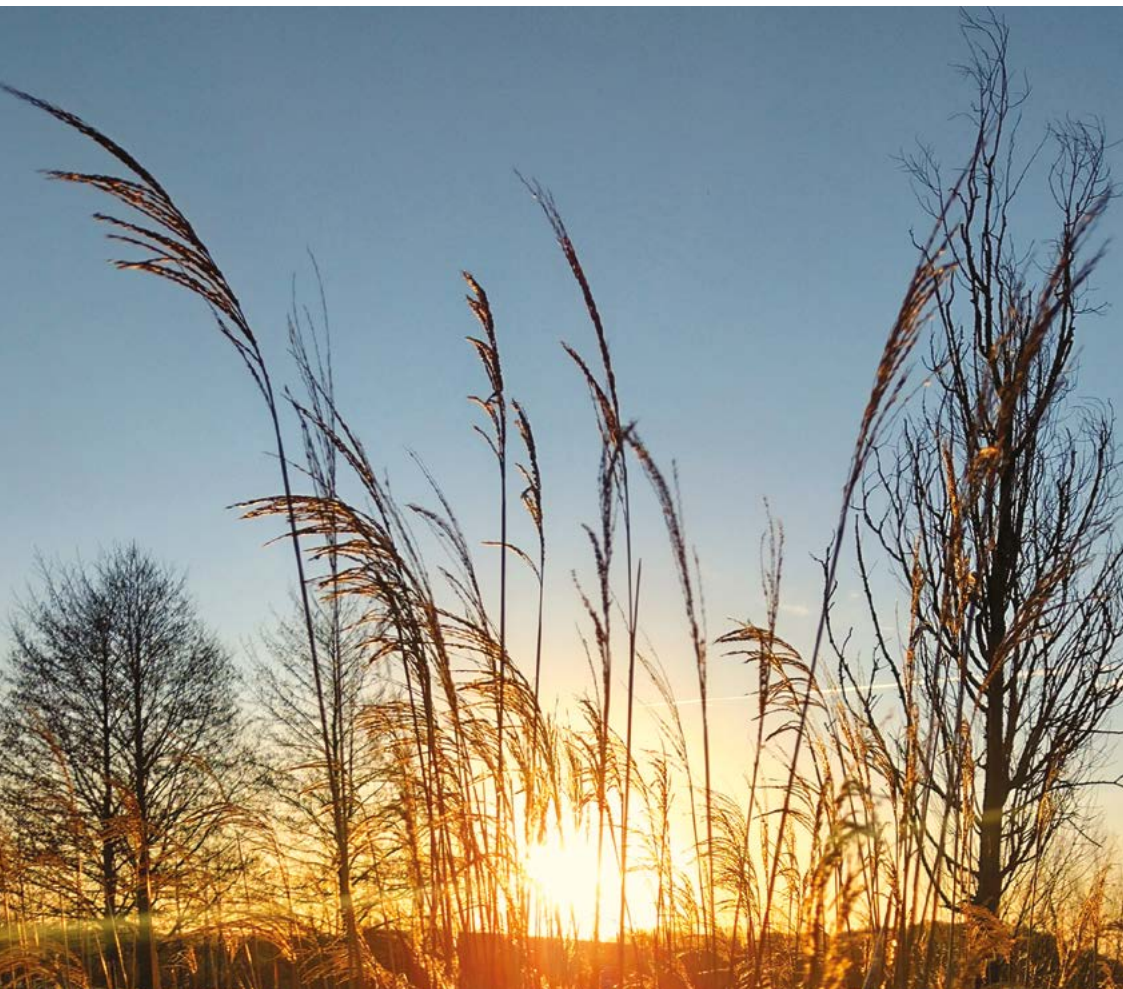


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From your Parish Church . . . into 2026 and finding our next Vicar

Thanks to great support from the whole Trumpington community there was a happy atmosphere at St Mary and St Michael's over the Christmas period. Starting with the Christmas Tree Festival we welcomed and thanked the army of volunteers who help us at a preview reception where Gig-a-Bull also entertained everybody. No one wanted to go home! Over the actual Christmas period, the church was full of joyful singing and celebration as we marked the birth of Jesus, our Messiah.

While the time after Christmas is often seen as a quiet period, the church remains in a celebratory mode right through the 40 days leading to the Feast of Candlemas on 2 February, when Jesus was presented to the Temple in Jerusalem. Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day!) and Ash Wednesday quickly follow and are as early as 17 and 18 February this year, starting the 40 days of Lent leading to Easter Day on Sunday 5 April. Readers will be pleased to learn that we have already arranged a full set of services through Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter. Thanks to support from visiting priests we are certainly maintaining our momentum and indeed welcoming new and returning members of our congregation.

At Christmas the Archdeacon was happily able to advise us that the process of finding a new Vicar is progressing well. One key document is the Parish Profile which assists potential applicants in discerning whether they wish to apply for the post. It is available on our website for all to read or scan the QR code here. By the time you read this edition of The Trumpet, Trinity College, as Patrons, will have advertised the position and an interview date has been set. Provided a suitable candidate comes forward (and we know there is already interest) hopefully a new Vicar will be installed in the Summer. In the interim please continue to support and pray for those leading us through this period of Vacancy. We could not achieve what we have and will do without you.

Edmund Brookes & Sheila Betts, Churchwardens



Christmas at St Mary & St Michael

The church looked glorious with all the beautifully dressed trees, especially for the candlelit Carol Service on the Sunday evening. A huge THANK YOU to all who took part, all who supported the festival by visiting and all the volunteers who helped in any way with the event. The winners of the fiercely fought competition were: adult groups – Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub; children's groups – 1st Trumpington Cubs; adult Individual – Fair Trade Tree, Barbara Burgess; and family – The Gingerbread Tree, the Gill Family.

On Christmas Eve we held our annual Christingle & Crib service, where over £300 was raised for the Children's Society. Midnight Communion was well attended and the church was full for the Family Communion.

We thank the flower ladies for creating beautiful displays around the church and our loyal team of Sunday volunteers who ensured the smooth running of our Christmas services.





Pancake Party Tuesday 17 February, 4.30-6.30pm

Come and join us in church for pancakes. Put the date in your diary!

Cambridge Half Marathon: Sunday 8 March – Refreshments from 9am

As in previous years, the Church will be serving refreshments for spectators in front of the Bakehouse (next to the Church) with donations in aid of the Church's Reimagining Project.

Due to road closures there will only be one service that day – at 8.30am. Anyone coming by car is advised to park in the streets on the eastern side of the High Street.

For traffic information and details of road closures visit:

<https://cambridgehalfmarathon.com/event-weekend/traffic-information>



Our Mothers' Union

With Christmas and New Year festivities a distant memory we look forward to 2026.

It was a difficult end to 2025 for three of our members who have health issues and for another who lost her husband last summer and had her first Christmas without him. Let us offer them our love, comfort and prayers to help them overcome the challenges they have ahead of them.

Our next meeting is our AGM on 26 February at 2pm, which will be followed by a cream tea.

The programme for this year is still in the process of being organised, but we will meet at 2pm on 26 March at 75 Bishops Road.

If you would like to find out about joining the Mothers' Union please call me on 01223 510256 or email mothersunion@trumpington.church

Stella Chandler



Easter Lilies

As usual, we would like to decorate the church with lilies this Easter (Sunday 5 April). Lilies cost about £4 each. If you would like to donate towards the flowers in memory of a loved one, please place your donation in an envelope and give it to either of the Churchwardens or post it at the Bakehouse before Wednesday 25 March. Please include the name of your loved one with your donation and they will be remembered in church at Easter.

Services at St Mary & St Michael in February & March

Our 10am Sunday services are in-person and Zoomed; other services are in-person only. You can find the Zoom link here: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2697/>

Sunday 1 February

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am All Age Communion

Sunday 8 February

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

Sunday 15 February

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Experience & Explore
6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Wednesday 18 February – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Holy Communion with Ashes

Sunday 22 February

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

23/11/2025 Florence Olivia Yeaman

Burial of Ashes

01/12/2025 Marion Linda Pettit

Funeral and Burial in the Churchyard

15/12/2025 Peter Duncan Dawson



Sunday 1 March

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am All Age Communion

Sunday 8 March

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

There will be **no 10am service** due to road closures for the Cambridge Half Marathon. Come and support the runners as they pass the church. We will be serving refreshments outside the Bakehouse for supporters from 9am to 12 noon in aid of our reimagining project.

Sunday 15 March – Mothering Sunday

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Experience & Explore
6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer

Sunday 22 March

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

Sunday 29 March – Palm Sunday

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

A guide to our services

8.30am BCP Holy Communion is from the Book of Common Prayer – a quiet, traditional communion service.

10am Holy Communion is a service using liturgy from Common Worship with hymns and music, and with Junior Church on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

10am All Age Communion is a more contemporary communion service specifically for 'all ages'. There is no Junior Church on this Sunday as the children stay for the service.

10am Third Sunday Experience and Explore is an informal service without communion; it includes a talk, a time for personal reflection, activities for all ages and refreshments.

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer takes place on third Sundays.

Memory Café

We held our Remembrance Memorial meeting in November when we sang some rousing wartime songs. Janet read the Remembrance Service and Antony played the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'. Members planted poppies into a sand tray in remembrance of those who served in both world wars.

Several members and volunteers shared their own interesting and sometimes very sad family stories with us. Beth from Denny Abbey Museum brought some of their wartime memorabilia including ration books, fire warden helmets and wartime knitting patterns, prompting more memories. There was a lot of chat about the magazines Beth brought which prompted even more memories of parents' and grandparents' lives and members reflected on the memorabilia they had brought from home. We concluded the meeting with 'White Cliffs of Dover', the Dads' Army theme tune and our closing song.

In December we held our Christmas Party. We sold raffle tickets enjoyed tea, coffee and cakes, and sang a couple of carols. We were then entertained by Flukes. After their first set we played Pass the Parcel. Members then sang and danced along to Flukes' second set. Father Christmas then handed out presents for members and volunteers and John led us in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', after which we drew the raffle – there were so many prizes that everyone had at least one. Janet presented flowers and cards to thank Leila and Mary, longstanding volunteers and bakers, who are stepping down from such an active role at the café. We are hoping that they will pop in from time to time. We sang our closing song and said goodbyes at the end of a lively and very joyous Christmas meeting.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our January meeting when guests will be coming to talk about their work in The Gambia. To book a place, please call Janet on 01223 840268.



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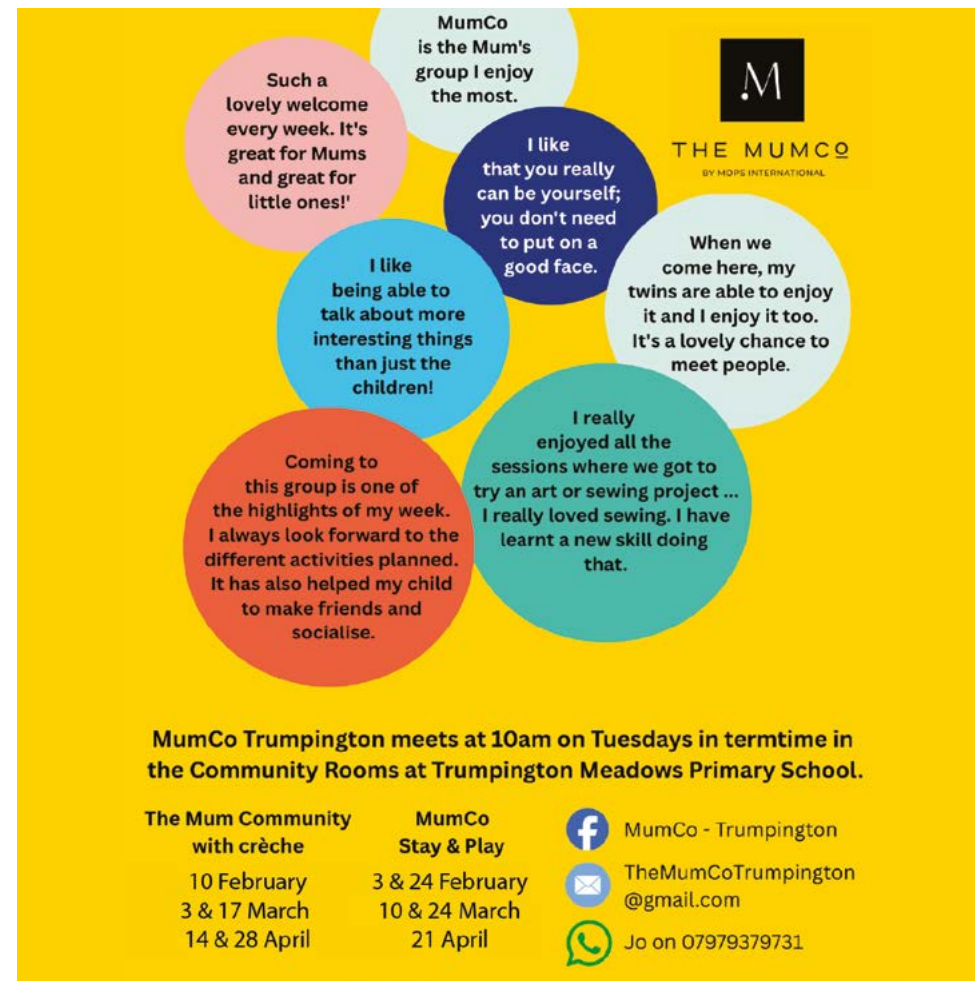
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I really enjoyed all the sessions where we got to try an art or sewing project ... I really loved sewing. I have learnt a new skill doing that.

Coming to this group is one of the highlights of my week. I always look forward to the different activities planned. It has also helped my child to make friends and socialise.

MumCo Trumpington meets at 10am on Tuesdays in termtime in the Community Rooms at Trumpington Meadows Primary School.

The Mum Community with crèche	MumCo Stay & Play	 MumCo - Trumpington
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Community News and Events

Royal British Legion

Firstly, I am able to report that the total raised during the 2025 Poppy Appeal was the magnificent sum of £24,298 with a little wreath money and Gift Aid tax recovery to add. This is significantly up on last year's total and reflects great credit on all those who gave so generously, whether at our table in Waitrose or at one of the static points around including part of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and Cambridge Rugby Club. I am also indebted to the many volunteers who give freely of their time to help. Every penny raised goes to help those veterans and their families who the Royal British Legion supports. Equally on Remembrance Sunday itself, possibly aided by fine autumnal weather, there was a record number at the War Memorial. We certainly 'will remember them'. These days our Act of Remembrance is sadly spoilt by the noise of vehicles passing by, oblivious to the special time of day. 2026 will not bring the significant anniversaries we observed in 2025, except possibly the 110th anniversary (from 1 July to 18 November 1916) of the Battle of the Somme, which resulted in such huge casualties. A visit to the famous Lutyens-designed memorial at Thiepval followed by a drive down the Somme valley in Southern Picardy is a very sobering experience.

Finally, we welcomed some new volunteers to assist with the Poppy Appeal and I am grateful for their commitment. It is a very rewarding experience, especially when talking with the younger generation. To me it is an important gesture even if they only give a few pence. We always welcome new volunteers so please contact me if you would like to assist.

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Also, look out for information regarding our Easter events in the Centre. Events and dates TBC.

For more information about the Centre and our regular events visit our social media pages. You can find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/clayfarmcentre or on our City Council website: www.cambridge.gov.uk/clay-farm-centre. Clay Farm is a great venue to hire if you're looking to host an event or party, for more information email ClayFarmCentre@cambridge.gov.uk.

Cambridge Flower Club

Whittlesford Memorial Hall,
Whittlesford CB22 4NE on third
Thursdays at 7.15pm, refreshments
from 6.45pm. Annual subscription
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19 February AGM

19 March **Rachel Barenkova**
'Let's go to the Flower
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For more information email Patrick.brown@ccfb.org.uk or call him on 07704 720102



What's On with Connected Lives

HonC! Stay and Play Wednesdays, 10-11.30am (term time). *Clay Farm Centre, Trumpington CB2 9FN*. A friendly stay-and-play group for parents, carers, and young children. Enjoy toys, crafts, a baby area, wellbeing singing, homemade cake, and friendly conversation - a lovely way for parents and carers to connect with their little ones.



Feel Good Fridays 10am-12 noon (term time) *Trumpington Meadows Community Hub, Trumpington Meadows Primary School, CB2 9AY*. Open to all ages (0-99+), with separate spaces for different age groups for brunch, crafts, stay and play activities, and compassionate chat. We also provide wellbeing support, advice around finances and housing, and referrals to food banks when needed.

Baby Clothes Connections Every other Friday. *Trumpington Meadows Primary School, CB2 9AY* Free, good-quality pre-loved clothes for babies and toddlers (0-2 years). See Facebook for dates.

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Trumpington Brownies

Highlights for the Brownies last term included exploring the items that Brownies had to carry in their uniform pockets until the 1990s, eg a coin for making a call from a phone box – not something many of the current Brownies had come across before! The Brownies enjoyed a campfire and s'mores on bonfire night. They also had fun at an end-of-term campfire (with s'mores of course), making Santa Claus decorations for their submission to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary & St Michael's, and planning a winter-themed party for January.

We have some spaces for girls aged 7-10 years. Please get in touch at: browniestrumpington@gmail.com for more information.

Lisa MacGregor

Trumpington Local History Group

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19 February at 7pm, at the Clay Farm Centre, when we will consider two farming-related topics. We are delighted that David Knott, Estate Manager for the Trumpington Estate, has agreed to give us a talk about how farming practices in Trumpington have changed over the past fifty years. This will be followed by a talk by Jo Sear on the 'coprolite rush' in Trumpington. All are welcome, admission £2.50.



In May (final date to be confirmed) we plan to hold a meeting in Trumpington church led by David Newcombe and Edmund Brookes. David will cover religion in the pre-Reformation period and how this changed from the mid-sixteenth century, with particular reference to the vicars of Trumpington and how their theological beliefs impacted on Trumpington parishioners. Edmund will then show surviving evidence within the church which demonstrates how religious practices changed following the Reformation.

Our website trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org has lots of information about all kinds of aspects of the history of the parish. Just search from the home page.

If you would like to be on our email mailing list, or get involved in researching our local history, then please get in touch: Jo Sear, Chairman, tlhglst@gmail.com

Plan of Trumpington Parish

This map has been created especially for *The Trumpet* and is updated regularly, but please contact the Editor if you can help improve it as new roads become occupied.
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As the map becomes more complicated you may like to consult the regularly updated www.openstreetmap.org

- 1 Sole & Duck Restaurant
- 2 The Green Man
- 3 Hudson's Ale House
- 4 The Lord Byron
- 5 Farthings Trumpington Dry Cleaners, Rumbles Fish Bar, Rulo's Barber, Radhika Florist, The Bun Shop (post office/Londis convenience store)
- 6 Shell Petrol Station, Bidwells Estate Agent, Autograph Dental
- 7 Waitrose
- 8 Trumpington Food & Wine
- 9 Trumpington Village Hall
- 10 Wildlife Trust Office
- 11 Trumpington Pavilion
- 12 St Mary & St Michael Parish Church & Bakehouse (church office)
- 13 Anstey Hall
- 14 Rainbow Nursery
- 15 Trumpington Meadows Primary School
- 16 Fawcett Primary School
- 17 Trumpington Community College
- 18 Fawcett House (Cambridgeshire County Council)
- 19 Hobson Square area including Clay Farm Centre with RVS café, GP Surgery & Library, Welfare Pharmacy, NISA Local, Sainsbury's Local, Dentistry & More, Dao Café, O'Vesuvio Pizza
- 20 Clay Farm Allotments
- 21 Clay Farm Community Garden
- 22 Foster Road Allotments
- 23 Trumpington Community Orchard
- 24 Trumpington Park Primary School
- 25 Perse Prep School
- 26 St Faith's School
- 27 Cambridge Football Stadium & Kingsway Cambridge (formerly Cambridge Lakes) Golf course
- 28 Trumpington Park & Ride
- 29 John Lewis Distribution Centre
- 30 Nuffield Hospital
- 31 Trumpington Meadows Allotments
- 32 Christ Church Trumpington Church Centre
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Trumpington Stitches

We had a lot of fun at the Clay Farm Centre Christmas Fair and raised over £200 towards our postage costs to send goods to Knit for Peace charity. This term, due to popular demand, we are focussing on giving people individual support to learn or improve knitting and crochet skills. The flyer gives details of how to book and the charges for this. This replaces our workshop programme for this period.

We will soon be moving to an online booking and payment system but we will ensure there is still a way to book for those unable to easily use online systems. The change will streamline the process and we hope it might reduce the number of no-shows that result in no payment with our current system.

We are looking for a volunteer to become our Workshops Coordinator. If you would like to know more, please contact our Chair, Dana, on trumpingtonstitches@gmail.com. It's not onerous and it's quite fun to plan with tutors what we can offer next.

Our Monday evening meetings continue from 7-9pm at the Pavilion (charge £3.50) and the Stitching for Charity group is ever expanding at the Clay Farm library on Tuesdays 10.30-12 noon (no charge). Feel free to drop in to either, you will be warmly welcomed.

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Sheila Betts, Secretary

TAG Lifts – We need help with coordinating from home or driving

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We are also looking for one more coordinator, to cover one week in six, taking calls and arranging lifts. You get to talk to all kinds of people and it's a lot of fun!

Please ring or email if you are at all interested – 01223 297860 or taglifts@gmail.com. And if you need a lift and think you might be eligible, please do contact us.




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Trumpington Pavilion

Trumpington Pavilion has a varied programme of events and activities each week. There's something for everyone with yoga, tai-chi, a memory café, Balkan Dance, parent and baby groups including Singing Mamas on Thursday mornings, Trumpington Stitchers, youth club and many more.

We also welcome a new Zumba fitness class on Tuesdays with classes running 1-2pm. Contact: Saori via saori.dbb@gmail.com for more details.

Check online or on our noticeboard outside the Pavilion to see what's happening throughout the month. You can find us at www.cambridge.gov.uk/trumpington-pavilion or on Facebook. The Pavilion is a lovely space to hire for parties or other private events. If you'd like more information, please contact TrumpingtonPavilion@cambridge.gov.uk



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Clay Farm Community Garden

In October and November, we met with Council Community Development Officers and the local Police Officers to try to find solutions to the problems of anti-social and criminal behaviour in the Garden (and throughout the Clay Farm area) which has had a growing impact on the Garden, made worse by the years of delay in the adoption of the Garden by the Council from Vistry/Countryside. Following this we have written to the Council and the CEO of Vistry/Countryside with a number of recommendations supported by both the Police and Community Development team.

On a more positive note, the October pumpkin carving event was well attended and enjoyed by the children. Our Thanksgiving food truck and sale of cakes on behalf of Alzheimer's Research was a success at the ECO market.



We ended the year with our packed Christmas celebration on 11 December, with carol singing, mulled wine, mince pies, and home baked cakes from VG Coffee. Sadly, there was damage due to over-excited children running through the plant beds and using the feasting table as a climbing frame.

We started the New Year by joining the Orchard Wassail and Seedy Sunday in January.

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Tadpoles die. Polluted water.
Human waste. We need better!

Some few who don't. A lot who do.
Respect our land. Which are you?

My new blades. For sitting on.
Just fouled by dogs. Now picnics gone.


Our family of veg. Nurtured by few.
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The peace and serenity. Disturbed by bikes.
Tearing my path. You hurt, take a hike!

I like to show colour. Though plastic red.
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Wildlife Trust BCN Update



The Wildlife Trust BCN's work with people is moving towards a more community-led approach. One local project we have been working on is Papworth Everard's Toad Patrol. Last spring we trained nine new volunteers who, with support from experienced volunteers from a nearby patrol, rescued over 2,500 amphibians crossing roads on their migration to and from their breeding pond. They were mostly toads, but frogs and newts were using the same pond. We have also supported the team to connect with local land-owners, plan for future years, coordinate buying kit, and consider how to raise awareness of amphibians and the patrol in the local community.

Amphibians are mostly dormant through the colder months but can wake up on warmer days. They may consider heading to their breeding pond in late February or early March, depending on the weather. Some male frogs spend the winter at the bottom of ponds. Amphibian skin is very sensitive, so please only pick up animals that are in immediate danger, and if possible wet your hands or use gloves. Please get in touch if you know of a stretch of road where amphibians are run over in large numbers.

If you are doing, or wanting to do, something to benefit local wildlife or encourage sustainability in your community, please get in touch. You can be an individual, or member of an existing group. Local Wildlife Trust BCN staff might be able to help with advice, training, support, or signposting.

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The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, and Northants is a local wildlife conservation charity aiming to achieve bigger, better, and more joined up habitats for wildlife and people. We do this by working in partnership to conserve and enhance habitats and biodiversity, and through community work, helping people enjoy, understand, and take action for wildlife.

The Chatty Café Scheme

The Chatty Café is at Waitrose Trumpington, every Monday 10-11.30am. If you would like to have a chat while you enjoy your coffee or tea at Waitrose, do come and join us on the Chatty Café table. There will be a yellow sign on the table and one of us to welcome you. The Chatty Café scheme operates across the UK and is the leading charity tackling loneliness.

Find other chatty cafés:
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Trumpington Residents' Association

The TRA marked the festive season by supporting two events at the Clay Farm Centre – we provided mince pies and volunteers for the Christmas event on 13 December and more mince pies for the morning of 29 December. As the cost-of-living crisis bites ever harder, free events such as these (plus the Trumpington Meadows Winter Wonderland on 5 December, the parish church's Christmas Tree Festival on 13 and 14 December, and others) offer struggling families a rare opportunity to celebrate at no cost.

As chair of the TRA, I was also honoured to do one of the readings in the parish church's candle-lit 'Nine lessons and carols' service. However, much of the important work of the TRA takes place out of the public gaze. This includes ongoing communication with developers, Network Rail and City and County councils about:-

- Cambridge South West Travel Hub, which will impact residents of Trumpington Meadows
- Cambridge South Station, including minimising the impact on Hobson's Park
- The adoption of roads in Clay Farm and Glebe Farm
- and many more matters

Our next meeting will be our AGM, on Wednesday 25 March at 7.30pm in the Clay Farm Centre (in the Byron and Chaplen Rooms, upstairs on the first floor). All members welcome.

Jenny Blackhurst, Chair, 2025–26, finance@trumpingtonresidentsassociation.org



Trumpington Community Orchard

Winter is now fully set in at the Orchard with all the trees in the hedgerow having shed their leaves. However, the rosehips, crab-apples and berries continue to provide a larder for the resident small birds. The quince and medlar trees have provided some festive fruit harvests for some local residents and it is nice to see these unusual fruits being enjoyed.

The meadow continues to provide a habitat for some small insect species including a number of beetles. It looks like the observational beehive may have been vacated for the winter and we hope to use this opportunity to replace the comb supports so it remains functional till we manage to source a more versatile construction to provide a focal point for visiting primary school classes. We are pleased that the Orchard continues to provide a valuable educational resource to teach our youngsters how nature changes with the seasons.

The Orchard remains a popular green space with much of the local community and there has thankfully been less antisocial behaviour and vandalism which we hope doesn't simply follow the weather conditions. With the help of a volunteer team from O2 we have repaired the damaged picnic benches to the best of our ability and hope they withstand the winter weather. The new Orchard signage has been well received and will hopefully attract more visitors and volunteers. We have also recently extended the herb garden which continues to provide an appreciated source of fresh herbs to local residents in the neighbouring flats who don't have any growing spaces.

The cherry trees have been thinned out by tree surgeons sent by the city council tree officer. This was to remove some of the moribund trees and to allow better light supply to the small leaved lime, medlar and walnut trees. Chippings from these trees will be used to mulch around the fruit trees next year.

We look forward to our Annual Wassail in January which will again be held with the Community Garden and will report on the festivities in the next Trumpet.

The December Orchard maintenance session was attended by seven enthusiastic volunteers and we hope this continues into 2026, with the next session planned for Sunday 14 March. Please come dressed in weatherproof clothing and footwear and we will provide gloves and necessary tools.



Hope to see you soon!

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Trumpington Park Primary School Awarded National Science Quality Mark

Trumpington Park Primary School (TPPS), part of Meridian Trust, is proud to announce that it is one of 310 schools that has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM). The nationally recognised accreditation celebrates excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning. The PSQM has been setting children on a path to a life filled with exciting possibilities and opportunities, by giving them access to a strong foundation in quality primary science education. The year-long professional development programme supports science subject leaders to strengthen

teaching, raise the profile of science, and embed a culture of continuous improvement across their schools.

At TPPS, science is thriving thanks to strong leadership, innovative teaching, and a shared belief that every child should see themselves as a scientist. The school's achievement reflects a sustained commitment to developing high-quality science education for all pupils. Regular assessment, monitoring, and evaluation ensure that teaching continually evolves to meet pupils' needs and sustain high standards. The impact of this approach can be seen in the enthusiasm, confidence, and scientific understanding shown by pupils across the school, who are encouraged to explore, investigate, and think critically about the world they live in. Science at TPPS also extends far beyond the classroom, from science fairs and clubs to trips, visitors, and the school's own Phiz Lab, providing pupils with hands-on, real-world scientific experiences to inspire children to connect their learning to the world around them.

Mel Shute, Headteacher at TPPS, said: "We are delighted to receive this national recognition for our work in science. At Trumpington, we aim to inspire every child to think scientifically, ask questions, and discover how the world works. This award celebrates the dedication of our whole school community and the strength of our partnerships in making science learning exciting and meaningful for all."

Trumpington Meadows Community Volunteers – Call for Help

A newly formed group in Trumpington Meadows is inviting more local residents to 'come out of hiding' and join the small but dedicated team working to keep the development looking its best. The volunteers currently carry out litter picking, garden and green-space maintenance, bulb planting, and help identify and tidy small areas of land that appear to be unadopted. In some cases, residents may not realise these patches fall under their own responsibility.



The group is now seeking additional help. Working alongside a team from the council, volunteers have already cleaned verges and car parking bays across several streets in the Meadows. Further activities will take place on an irregular basis and will be promoted via the Trumpington Meadows Facebook page. As a thank-you, volunteers are rewarded with free drinks after events at the local café, which has just had a change of ownership and a change of name to Café Trumpington. These gatherings also provide a great opportunity for residents from different parts of the development to meet and connect.

This new group replaces TMDAG (Trumpington Meadows Delivery and Action Group Ltd), which was established over five years ago to address the many challenges faced by new developments. TMDAG is now being wound up as a limited company, allowing future donations to be spent entirely on community projects rather than administrative costs such as accountancy fees.

Going forward, the group will be self-managed by representative local residents. During its lifetime, TMDAG tackled a wide range of issues and during the COVID-19 pandemic, TMDAG played a key role in establishing the Food Van operation at the local centre, which will continue. It also secured a permanent location and power supply for the community Christmas tree, working closely with Barratt Homes.

Lasting Community Legacy: TMDAG initiated the now-annual Christmas and Chinese New Year celebrations in the local centre, as well as the popular 'Santa on Tour' routes – first within Trumpington Meadows and later across the wider Trumpington area. Residents also purchased and painted the Santa sleigh, now housed in the school community area and enjoyed by both pupils and residents alike. Other achievements include improved liaison with the local neighbourhood police team and the creation of the 'Keep TMSafe' WhatsApp group, both of which will continue. The group's efforts were recognised with the Mayor's Volunteer for Cambridge Award (2020–21), and members were invited to discuss the challenges of new developments with the Chair of the Cambridge Growth Company – as reported in the previous edition of The Trumpet.

Thank You and Get Involved: TMDAG would like to thank everyone who has supported and contributed to the group over the past five years and wishes the new Trumpington Meadows Community Volunteers every success going forward.

Anyone interested in volunteering is warmly encouraged to pass their contact details to Robert 07585 824171 or email Karen, kdlamb64@hotmail.com

Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub

Here we are again! Christmas is over and done with and we're heading towards spring and lighter evenings.

Our lovely volunteers are rested and ready for action. Thanks to the generous donations from our wonderful, caring community, we have a small mountain of clothes waiting patiently to be sorted and passed on to new families. That's a few kilos less for landfill, as well as a lot of good-as-new clothes being re-homed.

Many thanks to the local businesses who support us financially, enabling us to hire a van to transport our boxes of clothes to the venues for our pop-up stalls. It really does make our lives so much easier, and loading and unloading the van is splendid exercise!

We are planning to continue with our pick-your-own stalls throughout the year, so please come and join us if you can. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend (or two)! Remember, all our clothes are free to anyone who can use them and as well as everyday clothing, we have lots of school uniform for the three local primary schools. Keep an eye on our social media, for details of when and where you can find us.

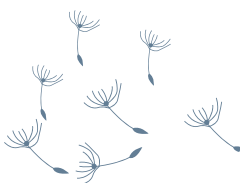
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Remember, if you can't make it to a pop-up, we will gladly pack a box of clothes for you to collect. Just fill in a form online at www.trumpingtonkidsclotheshub.co.uk

Hay Fever guide

As we enter March, the tree pollen season begins (see pollen calendar below). The most common hay fever symptoms are runny, itchy and blocked nose, but also itchy, red eyes and sneezing. Allergy UK provide some useful tips in their hay fever fact sheet: <https://tinyurl.com/3wkj95fx>

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If your symptoms are still a problem despite this, then pollen desensitisation is an option in specialist clinics. Avoid steroid injections due to safety concerns and potential side effects. It is not recommended. Have a great summer!

Dr Gary Stiefel, Consultant in Paediatric Allergy, Children's Allergy Cambridge

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