

# Meriden Parish Council

*The Centre of England*

The public and press are cordially invited to all parish council meetings at 7.30pm. An opportunity will be given for the public to speak. Look out for the agenda and venue which is posted on the parish notice boards and our website [www.meridenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.meridenparishcouncil.org.uk) prior to the meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting dates are:

- 24 September 2018 – The Pavilion
- 22 October 2018 – The Pavilion
- 19 November 2018 – The Pavilion

Community Surgeries **11am-12pm**:

- Monday 10 September 2018 – Meriden Library
- Monday 8 October 2018 – The Pavilion
- Monday 5 November 2018 – Meriden Library

Meriden Neighbourhood Plan meetings **6.30pm – 8.00pm**:

- Tuesday 18 September 2018 – The Pavilion
- Tuesday 16 October 2018 – The Pavilion
- Tuesday 13 November 2018 – no meeting

Should you wish to contact the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk or drop into the Parish Council office on Monday mornings where you may access information or have a private chat with the Clerk to address local community issues.



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## Your Parish Councillors are:



Rosie Weaver  
BEM (Chair)



Matthew Nunn  
(Vice-Chair)



Bob Kipling



Melanie Lee



Paul Lee



Mandy Haque



Frances  
Lynch-Smith



Jon Barber

## Meriden Pool Project

As we all know the Pool is a much loved and valued community asset. We hope all residents join the parish council in thanking Solihull MBC for their efforts in carrying out restorative pool improvements for Meriden residents and visitors to the Parish alike.



The project has not been without its challenges with the weather playing a major part in the start of project delay (too much rain) and end of project (too dry and hot) proving detrimental in enabling re-seeding works to germinate. It is likely that turf will be laid in September/Autumn time.

However, we hope you will agree the pool is looking great with all the wildfowl returning and loving the new look.

You will notice that a gate has been made to open up the far bank with access to Berkswell Road and re-instatement of the original pathway.

The felling of the horse chestnut was unfortunate but necessary given the disease and the chippings

from the trunk and branches have been recycled and used for the footpath surface. The on-going maintenance will be carried out by SMBC with a regular programme of works scheduled.

## The Parish Council would like to thank



**Brian and Elaine Ball** who have done an outstanding job of maintaining the Parish in Bloom planters in very dry, sunny, hot conditions; the parish is looking "Blooming Marvellous!"

**Julie Hyde**, our resident artist, who provided an artwork outline for the poppy memorial planting for Brian and Elaine Ball.

**Woodland View** for the planting and maintenance of the Showell Lane roundabout planter which is looking particularly colourful.

**H2L** for their sponsorship of the Housing Needs Survey for the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Rachel Platt** for co-ordinating the Picnic in the Park for us where we had approximately 300 children and families enjoying picnics, games and sunshine. Money raised for the Brain Tumour Support and Motor Neurone Disease Association came to £200 to be equally shared between both. Cllr Weaver, Rachel Platt and Cllr Barber are pictured giving the cheques to the charity representatives at the Bull's Head.



## *Protecting our history, planning our future*

### Your community needs **You** to make **Your** community stronger

Following the Annual Parish Assembly in May, Meriden Parish Council volunteered to advertise and co-ordinate the need for volunteers in various Community Organisations and Groups in Meriden. Volunteers are needed for

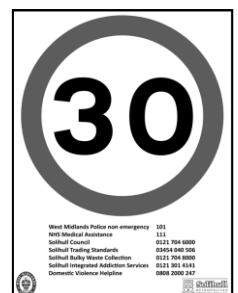
- Scouts including Beavers, Cubs & Explorers
- Village Hall Management Committee
- Meriden Sport & Recreation Trust
- WI
- Cameo
- Cancer Research
- Meriden Mag distribution
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Readers Circle
- Meriden Sports Park football coaches girls & boys
- Friends of Meriden Pool Group

To find out more please contact the Clerk.

We also wish to set up a 'Friends of Meriden Pool Community Group' to assist with keeping the Pool tidy. Anyone interested please contact the Clerk.

## Speed Initiative

We have had sponsorship from **A & A, NRS and Tarmac** for stickers for wheelie bins to remind drivers to slow down. If you live on Fillongley Rd, Main Road, Birmingham Road and would like a 30-mph sticker and/or a life sized stick-on 'child', please contact the Clerk.

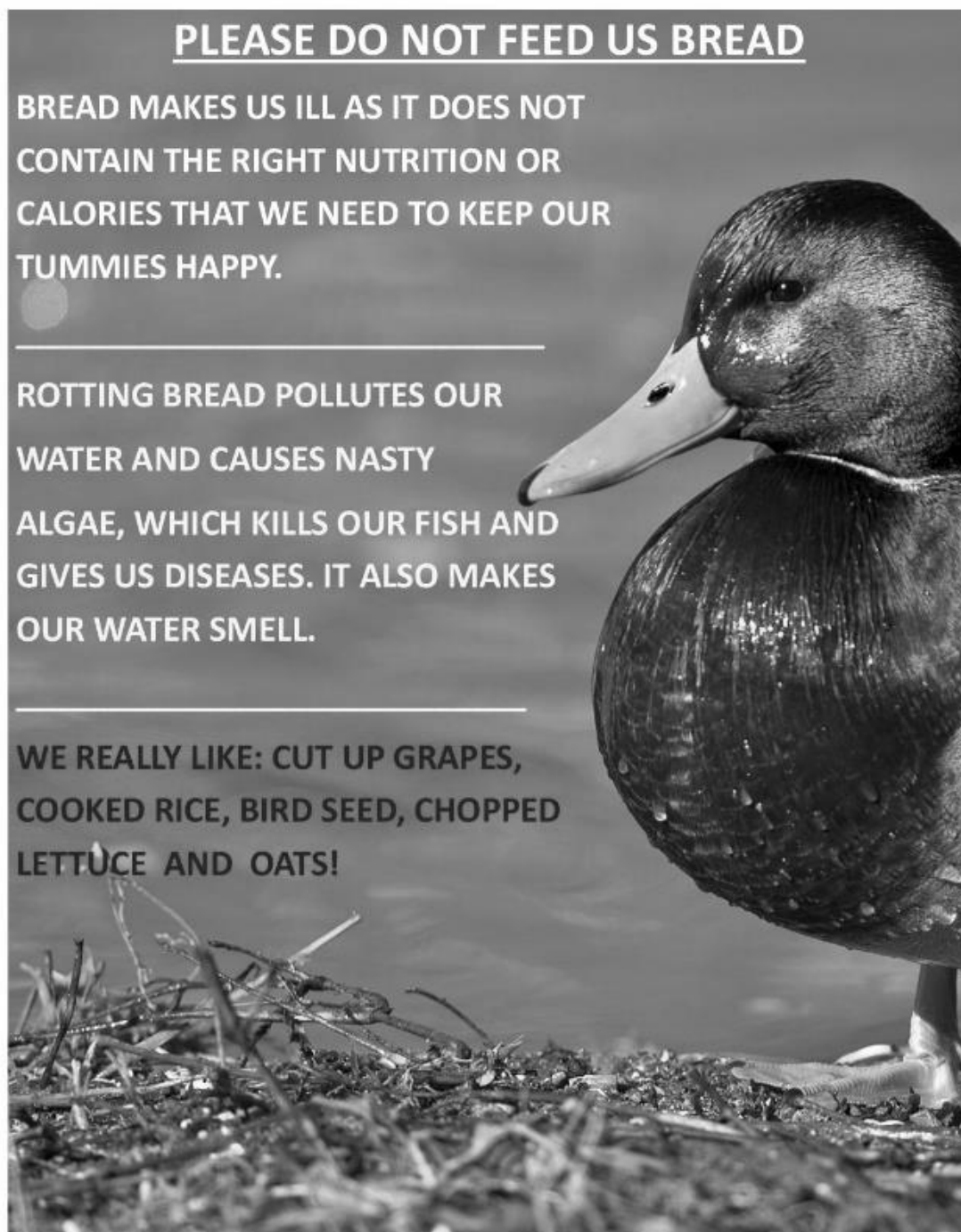


West Midlands Police non-emergency	101
NHS Medical Assistance	111
Suffolk Council	01223 704 6000
Suffolk Trading Standards	01494 540 506
Suffolk Recycling Collection	01223 704 6000
Suffolk Integrated Addiction Services	01223 301 4141
Domestic Violence Helpline	0800 5000 217

## Please do NOT feed us bread

Please observe the following guidelines when feeding the wildfowl; it is not the intention to spoil anyone's enjoyment of looking after the birds.

However please be aware that mountains of bread and other food waste is not good for Meriden's wildfowl or the pool environment and will encourage rats and other vermin which will result in the matter being referred to Public Health and Environmental Services.



**PLEASE DO NOT FEED US BREAD**

**BREAD MAKES US ILL AS IT DOES NOT CONTAIN THE RIGHT NUTRITION OR CALORIES THAT WE NEED TO KEEP OUR TUMMIES HAPPY.**

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**ROTTING BREAD POLLUTES OUR WATER AND CAUSES NASTY ALGAE, WHICH KILLS OUR FISH AND GIVES US DISEASES. IT ALSO MAKES OUR WATER SMELL.**

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**WE REALLY LIKE: CUT UP GRAPES, COOKED RICE, BIRD SEED, CHOPPED LETTUCE AND OATS!**



**EXCESSIVE FOOD MAY ALSO ENCOURAGE  
OTHER UNWANTED ANIMALS**

