

Hi to all,

#### Emergency Planning Update

I have checked the Met Office Contingency Planning forecast for the forthcoming winter months and the current indications are for an unremarkable winter. It is calculated that the temperature is more likely to be above average than below average, with only a 10% chance of a "cold" winter. In terms of rainfall, this winter is likely to be average with only a very small chance of a repeat of the extremely heavy rain that characterised the winter of 2013/2014. The Environment Agency has not yet produced the monthly rainfall and groundwater situation report for December, so I am unable to bring you those figures. However, by looking at the weekly report I am able to extrapolate that the last three months have produced, on average a higher level of rainfall compared to the long term trend.

You may remember at the last meeting that we briefly discussed the possibility of taking over the redundant stable block adjacent to the old Railway Station site as storage space for the council's use for storing salt and tools etc. Having taken a closer look at the building I would like to initiate a brief discussion on the repair and maintenance costs before we go too much further with the idea.

As a last note on Emergency Planning, if either of our new Councillors would like to volunteer with to help out with Snow Warden duties, they would be welcomed with the proverbial open arms.

#### Parking Update

As you may have seen in the Tavistock Gazette this week, the Traffic Order for Tavistock Road will finally be fully implemented this month. I would just like to thank everybody that has been involved in this tiresomely protracted matter. It has been a long haul, but in the end should be an improvement to the well-being of the village.

Regards,

David.