

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 24 April	Drop-In Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12am Tiverton Village Hall, all welcome for a chat and cup of coffee.
Sat 26 April	10-12am Plant Bring and Buy Sale in Village Hall
Tues 6 May	8pm Garden Club: 'What Makes Limestone Special'
Tues 13 May	Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm, Tiverton Village Hall (the agenda is published on the noticeboard by the telephone box)
Tues 27 May	Village Hall AGM at 7:30pm in Village Hall. All welcome.

If you want your event listed here, email to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk

TIVERTON MID-SUMMER GARDEN TRAIL

Sunday June 22nd, 2-5pm

Several gardens open to visitors, with refreshments available in Tiverton Village Hall.

Admission £3, children free, only accompanied by adult.

Tickets and map available on the day from Tiverton Village Hall.

Details: 01829 730203

All proceeds to Marie Curie Cancer Care and Tarporley Cottage Hospital. If you would like to support this event either by opening your garden or helping in the Village Hall please contact the above number.

Also any donations of cakes, scones, etc for the refreshments would be

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH NEWS

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Chairman's Letter

Bus Shelters For those of you who travel in and out of Chester or for that matter Crewe, and are in the habit of using public transport, then I feel sure you will have appreciated the benefit of the two new bus shelters situated near to the Red Fox. These are a huge improvement on what went before, and yes I do know that one is not illuminated. It has been reported.

Traffic Sign Staying in the Red Fox area, the new replacement for the missing A49 Whitchurch directional sign damaged in an accident last year, is now nearing completion and it is hoped will be erected soon. This has taken a little longer than anticipated, as the latest legislation that is in place now requires that the stanchions be of a 'ladder' design so as to minimise impact damage. Traffic management measures will be employed during its erection.

Fly Tipping The on-going problem of fly tipping in the lay-by on the A49 near Gardenhurst shows no signs of abating. We are experiencing specific problems with both household waste and clothing, some of which inexplicably, is brand new. As ever please be vigilant and if you do manage to obtain a vehicle number, then Chester City Council have confirmed they will take legal action against the perpetrators.

Best Kept Village We have entered again. 4th last year wasn't bad for a first attempt, but this time let's see if we can't secure one of those coveted plaques. It is appreciated however, that it can be difficult for some people to maintain the frontage of their properties, but we do have the services of the Village Orderly. So, if you would like a little assistance then call Cllr. Roger Cheshire on 732059 and he will make the necessary arrangements.

Mike Turner, Chairman

Contributions/Letters

Contributions for the July edition should be addressed to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk or on paper to any parish councillor before the end of June 2008

St Jude's, Tilstone Fearnall

St Jude's is the parish church for Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall. There is a service every Sunday at 9:30am, and of course the church gives support to all major events in life: Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals.

Memories of Tilstone Fearnall Church - Bill Povall

Long time Tiverton resident Bill Povall recalls his memories of Tilstone Fearnall. If you would like to contribute a piece of local history or anecdote concerning our Parish, then why not get in touch - details at the end of this newsletter.

'Three of us from Tiverton sang in Tilstone Church Choir - on Thursday nights, and twice on Sundays. I was reckoned to have a good voice the and we were paid 6d. a week. We didn't get the money though; this had to be saved up for our annual camp. Sometimes when we rode home on our bikes, wearing our surplices which were to be washed, we flapped them out to our sides pretending to be like ghosts!

The Rev. Comber, from Tilstone, ran a boys' club in Tilstone Church Hall, and organised a camp at Parkgate. We slept in army bell tents, older boys organised the cooking, and a highlight was being allowed to use the cricket equipment and pitch from Mostyn House School. Transport was a borrowed bread van from Mr Dean at Tiresford. Few families had holidays and this was our one week away. Rev. Comber was a character - he had one of the first Austin 7's in the area, and refused to take it out in windy weather in case it blew over.'

Hockey Club Request

Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club have asked us to draw your attention to a problem they are having with some residents of the village who exercise their dogs on the club pitches.

The Club is receiving an increasing number of complaints that dogs are fouling the pitches, This constitutes a health issue, particularly on the grass pitches used for children's training. They are asking residents to clean up after their dogs with the potential for an outright ban on dog walking on Club grounds if the situation does not improve.

This request has the support of the Parish Council.

Our Linesman

Most of us have probably noticed the unsightly amounts of litter in the hedgerows alongside our roads, especially at this time of year when hedges are bare.

Tiverton PC wanted to do something about this within our area of responsibility and for several years we have had a linesman who works three days per week to keep our hedgerows free of litter. A good job he does, as many residents will have noticed. Engaging a linesman was not easy. The incumbent was attracted by an offer of transport from Tarporley to the village and then back at the end of the work period. After four years of providing this service, it is time for a handover to a new volunteer.

We are looking for more people to help with fetching the linesman, if only on one day per week. Without this volunteer collection arrangement, we will probably lose our linesman to the detriment of a village scene that is pretty well free of litter at the moment.

Would anyone interested in volunteering to help please contact Roger Cheshire 732059

Village Hall News

The Hall Committee is beginning to struggle after many years of service by the same people - our youngest Committee member is now over 60 years old. If we are to maintain this village facility into the long term, we do need to attract younger members to the Committee. The older members may have the enthusiasm but no longer have the energy to contribute as they used to. Do please come along to the AGM on 27 May 2008 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall and make an offer to help in some way.

Waste Collection Survey

The Council are yet again canvassing our opinion on how best to collect waste, you will all have received an opinion survey which we would urge you to return (the reply is prepaid). Note that there is a new option for a weekly general waste collection - previous surveys have only offered a fortnightly general waste collection and failed to give any idea of the cost of the various options.

Although wheelie bins seem to be the only option, the Parish Council continues to make strong representations to the effect that wheelie bins on the narrow verges and steep gravel drives of the parish are not good news. Watch this space.