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Chairman's Letter

Tiverton Parish Council has been in the past the body considered by the Chester City Council as the appropriate Parish Council to review statutory notices and planning applications for the Tilstone Fearnall area, even though Tiverton do not receive any precept or funds in respect of that district. Equally Tilstone Fearnall, as a body, has no Parish Council to look after its affairs at City and County level or for consultation with the Police and Fire and Ambulance services. Our City Councillors and the Parish Council feel that the time has now arrived to come to a decision and to regulate the situation. You will find inside this Newsletter a letter to all residents of Tiverton explaining the alternatives, will you please let the Clerk, Clare Gregory, have your views and please attend the special meeting, to finalise Tiverton's decision, to be held in the Village Hall on September 20th at 7.30pm. A letter, similar to ours, will be delivered to the residents of Tilstone Fearnall by the City councillors and a meeting will be held for Tilstone Fearnall residents in the Church Hall on September 24th 2002. Let us hope that we will be able at last to resolve this issue.

The Parish Council have been concerned with the signage on the A49 from the Red Fox to the Beeston Railway bridge, as we feel that many of the signs and road markings are misleading or inappropriate and meetings have been held with representatives from Cheshire County Council to attempt to rectify what in many cases can be and are dangerous and potentially dangerous situations. We await their solutions with great interest.

Whilst we are continually pressing the contractors and the City and County authorities to improve upon the upkeep of the various greens in the village I am sure that you will all agree that the entry greens to the village off the A49 are showing remarkable improvement. Our thanks in this case should go to the residents who 'painfully' raked and scarified the grass to remove the years of neglect, and in particular to Roger Cheshire for mowing those greens. Incidentally Manweb are being pressed for their timetable for the completion of their cable undergrounding, and then on completion they will be expected to restore the areas disturbed by their works.

David Wake of Fir Tree Farm was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the meeting held on July 23 2002. Welcome to David, and I am pleased to say that we have now a full complement of councillors.

Derek Marshall Chairman 732217

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Cheshire Rural Bus Challenge is funding the dial a ride bus service. Registered users can now book a bus 24 hours prior to their journey time and be taken wherever they want, whether it be shopping in Chester or the Doctors surgery in Bunbury. Single journeys cost just £1.60 and facilities are available for those with young children or mobility problems. For a registration form and further details please contact me.

Clare Gregory 732517

Tiverton Golf Club

Perhaps it is not generally known that there was once a nine hole golf course at Beeston Brook. At the turn of the last century it was decided to build such a course, the area chosen was set within the boundries of the Shropshire Union Canal, Bank Farm, Tiverton and Tilstone Bank Farm.

In the spring of 1905 the course was ready, a young golf professional from Heswall, Peter Holmes, was engaged and the Grand Opening Ceremony was performed by Lord Tollemarche. In spite of being such a hilly course the club prospered until the start of the 1914 – 1918 war when most members and Peter joined the forces and the course was allowed to revert to pasture.

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Peter lodged with a family at Bank View, Beeston Brook, and on his return from the forces set up a thriving antique furniture business, having in the meantime married the daughter of the house. Mrs Holmes had a very popular café right against the railway bridge. In the mid 1920s they had a daughter Peggy, who actually still lives at Beeston Brook, and to whom many thanks for verifying these notes.

Bill Povall

From Audrey & Bill Povall

No doubt you have read in the Chronicle the fiasco about the holiday won by us at the Bunbury Legion Jubilee Garden Party. As a direct resultof a great deal of unpleasantness when the result was announced (if you haven't heard the story ask your friends!) we immediately decided to hand back the prize to The Bunbury Legion to be raffled again for the Legion funds. Tickets will be on sale for £1 at any time, including Tiverton Garden Club events or from the treasurer Tony Harbottle. In Bunbury the Chairman of the Bunbury Garden Club (and also a Legion member) Roger Fairweather will be pleased to take your money.

The Prize is a weekend for two in Bruges on a date of the winner's choosing, and the winning ticket will be drawn on September 14th at the Bunbury Garden Club Show. This is a good cause please support it. We can assure you there will only be one winner and we will definitely not be participating thank you!! We daren't take the chance of it happening again!!!

Audrey & Bill

Refuse Collection

There will be no refuse collection on August Bank Holiday Monday 26th August. The revised collection of refuse and green sacks is Tuesday 27th August.

Tiverton & District Gardening Club

For the August meeting about 50 members and friends enjoyed a guided tour of the gardens of Cholmondley Castle. The weather was perfect and the guided tour became a leisurely ramble taking in sights of the local cricket match, two hot air balloons taking off and a lengthy stay at the tea room for drinks and cakes. A very enjoyable evening.

On September 3rd At the Village Hall at 8pm we welcome back Dr Brian Barnes with "Five Greecy Days", some plants and archeology in Southern Greece.

Closely followed on Saturday September 7th by the Autumn Show at the Village Hall. Schedules from the Povalls, 2 Castle View or phone 733520. This show is open to all to enter and there are classes to suit everyone quite apart from plants and vegetables. There are two new trophies, a silver tray for "Best in Floral Art" and a cup for "Best exhibit in Cookery". Open for entries and staging on Friday night from7.30pm to 9pm and on Saturday morning from 8.30am to 11am. Closed for judging until 2pm, then open to everyone until prizes presentation at 3.30pm and the usual hilarious auction by Jeff Spooner. Please support your show – YES it is good enough to put in.

October 1st in the Village Hall at 8pm "Sweet Peas" A talk by Mr G Coleclough, to be followed by a plant sale. Anything surplus very welcome, these events are a big factor in helping to keep the club solvent.

November 5th AGM at 7.30pm followed by Mr Dcummings talking about the Beeston area of the Shropshire Union Canal in particular.

December 3rd at 8pm Mr G D Farr, "You won't believe this but.." Mulled wine starters, mince pies and wine to close

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Everyone is welcome to all our Events.

Audrey Povall