

TIVERTON PARISH NEWS

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Chairman's Letter

Firstly, welcome to two new co-opted council members, Audrey Povell and Roger Cheshire. The Parish Council has been active since the last meeting in September. The Rural Transport Survey has been a success. Thank you to all householders who took time to complete the form (there was a 76% return in Tiverton). The results should be available in the New Year, hopefully leading to better public transport for the area.

A dialogue has been initiated with an Environmental Health Officer following complaints about noisy late night parties in the village. Please remember that sound travels and consider your neighbours when having parties. There has also been a preliminary meeting with Manweb in an attempt to have power lines underground, improving the appearance of the village. There has been very little response to the call for ideas for the Jubilee celebrations. Time is running out.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm. Any concerns? Please contact a Councillor or attend the meeting.

Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Janice Farrall

Tiverton Gardening Club

The AGM took place on November 6th. Among matters agreed was that entrance to hall meetings would now cost £1 for members and £1.50 for non-members. New committee members are Mrs Ann O'Connell and Mrs Madge Marshall. Kevin McClay resigned from the post of show secretary due to pressure of work. His duties are to be shared by the committee and officers. Bill, Tim and Tony desperately need some more male company on the committee! Any takers out there? After optimistic reports from the officers pie and peas were enjoyed by all.

On December 4th the meeting will commence on arrival with mulled wine. Joyce and Tony Harbottle will present a film "On Our Travels" and hot mince pies, wine and the Christmas raffle will follow.

The New Year walk to follow the route round the trees planted by the society for the millenium will take place on Saturday January 5th. Meet at the chestnut tree on Smithy Green at 10am and proceed downhill on to the canal path. Follow a clockwise route via Pudding Lane, the traffic lights, Tilstone Fearnall and back to the green, not forgetting to call at the old Methodist Chapel tree off Huxley Lane.

Programme for 2002 – unless stated otherwise the meetings are held in Tiverton Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each months starting at 8pm.

January 8th – Dr David Toyne "Bulbs for year round colour"

February 5th – Mrs Joyce Johnson "Exciting Alaska"

March 5th – Mr JR Miller "Birds, flowers & wildlife of South Africa"

April 2nd – Mrs Ann Lewis "Your garden in spring"

Saturday April 13th – "Open Spring Show" for all to enter enquiries to the Povalls on 733520 or Jean Brown on 781577.

We sadly record the deaths of two valued members in November. Mr Tom Allsop aged 98, a past President, and very tragically Mr David Wikeley of Hargrave. Both will be sorely missed by their many friends and neighbours.

Audrey Povall

Christmas Fair

The St Jude's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 1st December at 2.00pm in the Church Hall at Tilstone Fearnall. There will be various stalls including a Tombola, Father Christmas, Grand Draw and refreshments.

Tiverton Homewatch

With the longer winter nights upon us it is important to make your house look occupied, most criminals only commit burglaries and thefts when we are out, so if your house looks occupied even though you are out, hopefully prospective thieves will be deterred. Use time switches to turn on lights, radios and other appliances when you are out. Keep valuable items out of sight, don't tempt the thief and most of all don't advertise your absence. As it is getting near to Christmas burglars are on the look out for things to steal, only in the last week or so we have had a car radio stolen in Alraham and some break ins in Bunbury. The police reports from the Chester division are showing an increasing number of thefts from cars. So be on your guard and report anything suspicious to the police, and always get them to give you an incident number.

Now some good news, the Chester division will shortly take delivery of a community partnership vehicle which will carry constabulary markings and will tour the rural areas of the division. Parish Councillors and Homewatch coordinators will be asked to become involved at each village to enhance rural policing and security awareness.

Derek Marshall

Tiverton District Bridge Club

Tiverton and District Bridge Club have enjoyed another successful year. While the membership of 60 include members from the Wirral, Chester, Runcorn, Frodsham and Nantwich, the locals have more than managed to hold their own. The Wednesday Christmas Party has been arranged for December 12th and the Monday party for December 17th. A warm invitation is offered to any bridge players new to the area. All grades of player are catered for except the absolute beginner. Duplicate bridge is played at all sessions except party nights, so a partner is required. Contact me on 01829 733520 for further details.

Bill Povall

St Jude's Parish Church

Normal service 9.30am every Sunday

Sunday 23rd December Carol Service 9.30am families welcome

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve 9.30pm evening communion

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day 9.30am communion

Report of Meeting Regarding Noise Disturbance

On 25th October Janice Farrall, Roger Cheshire and Derek Marshall of Tiverton Parish Council met with Alex Rowland, Environmental Health Officer from Chester City Council. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss late night noise disturbance from functions held in the village.

Miss Rowland commented that private functions do not need an entertainment licence, however the police are extremely concerned at the current trend towards noisy events as there is always the possibility that they are causing a breach of the peace. She suggested that the Operations Manager of Chester Division Police would be interested in hearing about the problem, in particular since the police did not respond to calls from some villagers. In future residents are advised to obtain an incident number at the time of the call.

The Environmental Health Office is able to set up monitoring equipment in homes if they are aware of an event in advance to determine whether acceptable noise levels are breached. It is also possible to advise on siting of speakers and straw bales to reduce noise disturbance.

Both Miss Rowland and the Parish Council have written to the Hockey Club expressing the concern at the noise levels caused by the event held on 13th October. The Hockey Club has since replied and apologises to all residents, stating that the live band had “got out of control” and in future they will only have a disco, not the live music. They will also try to inform residents in advance of future events.

Derek Marshall