

TIVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish News

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Meetings of the Parish Council are held approximately every two months and all residents are invited to attend. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 20 March 2001** at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Before the start of each meeting an open forum is held at 7.30pm when those present can raise matters of interest or concern with members of the Council. Agendas for these meetings are placed on the notice board outside the Village Hall.

From the Chairman

Please note that all parish footpaths, including the canal towpaths, are closed until further notice under the Foot and Mouth Orders.

We are sorry to be loosing Debbie Thorne who has decided to resign as Parish Clerk. We wish her every success in the future. Anyone who is interested in being considered for the vacancy should contact a Parish Councillor

J Farrell

FLOWER & CRAFT FESTIVAL AT ST. JUDE'S 16/17 JUNE 2001

It is hoped that this event will attract people from the community to participate in the Festival weekend at our Parish Church. If you can contribute information or would like to provide assistance in any of the following areas please contact the following -

Local History	Frank Latham	01829 260488
Crafts & Natural History	Don Elsdon	01829 732506
Stewarding (car park, hall, church)	Bob Gardner	01829 260555
Sponsorship	Bernard Byrd	01829 260325

Further information can be obtained from John Lloyd (01829 732502) or Revd. Trevor Davies (01244 332106)

A big thank you to everyone who made the Tiverton 2000 event a success. Anyone requiring mugs or photos please contact Janice Farrell on 732855. We have a few mugs still left at £3 each.

A traffic survey in Tiverton in July 2000 indicated that the average speed through the village is between 30 and 35mph, and a quarter of the traffic passing through the village drives in excess of 40mph!

More details will be published in the next edition.

Tiverton Homewatch

We have had only a few incidents in the village since our last report, the most serious being the apparent theft of heating oil from a domestic tank. Other happenings include the taking of some garden equipment, fortunately found abandoned nearby.

In neighbouring areas, a Royal Mail post box has been stolen from Tilston Bank, an armed robbery took place in Newton, and a suspicious door to door caller caused concern in Alraham. This caller appeared during the evening and stated that they were doing a survey of TV sets in use. The target house is occupied by an elderly couple, The details given to the police were enough for them to take an interest and to keep a watch for the persons and a vehicle that was seen in the vicinity. The Tiverton Homewatch notified Chester Division of the police at Dragon Hall, who are also keeping a look out.

In December, The Blue Lamp Campaign received reports from the three divisional police commanders in the area around Tarporley. They have recognised the local villages' concerns on the lack of visible policing and have put the following into effect.

- Crewe and Nantwich. The immediate introduction of a mobile police station calling on the rural communities in that area, Bunbury, Spurstow, Alraham etc.
- Vale Royal and Congleton. The division has successfully bid for a mobile police station. Currently, the division currently does not have a rural police force.
- Chester Division, which covers Tiverton. The division has two rural police stations, Dragon Hall and Mickle Trafford, and has a rural policing sector of an Inspector, a Sergeant and 15 police officers. The sector operates from 7.a.m. to 4.a.m. seven days per week. P.C. Ray Stockton is our beat officer, and he is stationed at Dragon Hall.

Currently each division operates its radios on different frequencies, which is of particular interest to Tiverton as we live at the border of the three police divisions, but when the new deployment centre is on stream in 2003 a common frequency will operate over all divisions. Then the nearest officer to an

incident will be deployed regardless of the division. This will be a great improvement on the current situation.

We are now coming up to Spring, so be very careful about storing garden tools out of sight and in locked accommodation. The longer days will also mean more door-to-door callers. Be aware and report anything suspicious to Dragon Hall tel. 771293. If no one is available your call will automatically be diverted to Chester Police Station's control room. Don't think that the matter is too trivial, report it!

Derek Marshall. Area Homewatch Coordinator. Feb, 2000.

Tiverton & District Garden Club.Meetings

The meetings are held in **TIVERTON VILLAGE HALL** at 8PM.. visists at 7:30pm

31 Mar	SPRING SHOW
3 April	Mr J Trinder: "The History of Cottage Garden Plants"
1 May	Mr D Cummings "The Shropshire Union Canal's history & wildlife" Followed by Plant Sale
5 June	Visit to Lower Huxley Hall

The Canal at Beeston Brook

The Iron Lock, designed by Thomas Telford, was installed in 1828. It was a replacement for the original stone-built lock that had collapsed some years earlier due to running sand in the strata beneath. In early summer last year it was noticed that distortion had taken place in one side of the lock and two of the longer narrow boats could not share. As a precaution, it was decided to limit all boats to a single passage and to carry out an inspection in the quieter winter months.

In January, barrages were placed above and below the lock, and a team of British Waterways engineers including divers made a thorough examination. Some repairs were carried out and the canal re-opened.

In February, the canal was completely closed from above the Stone Lock to Beeston Wharf, while more permanent repairs and replacements take place. This is expected to take about a month

Bill Povall