

Dates for your Diary

Weds 21 Dec	Christmas carols and mince pies, 7:00pm Tiverton Methodist Chapel
Thurs 29 Dec	Drop-In Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12am Tiverton Village Hall, all welcome for a chat and cup of coffee.
Sat 31 Dec	New Year dance to The KADS, live group. Refreshments but bring your own drinks Price £12.50 Tickets from Beeston Shop, 733337, or 733520
Sat 7 Jan	Garden club annual millennium walk. Everyone welcome to come along and blow the cobwebs away. Start at 10:30 a.m. from Smithy Green.
Tues 10 Jan	Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm St Judes Church Hall
Sat 18 Feb	Quiz Night 7:00pm in Tiverton Village Hall. Details to follow.

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

Recycling News

After enjoying your Christmas cheer, please remember to recycle the empties. Our local council bottle bank is situated at The Red Fox (vehicle entrance from A51), for all glass. There is also a UK Glass bottle bank at The Shady Oak. All the plastic bottles and cans go in your pink bag as usual.

Christmas and New Year refuse collections will be Sat 24 Dec (green) and Tues 3 Jan (pink)

Autumn is an important time for making compost, with the last of the grass and plant trimmings, plus all those fallen leaves to get you off to a good start. Keep topping up with kitchen waste over the winter, and you will have a good supply of compost ready for next year's planting.

It is not too late to order a compost bin from the Cheshire County Council scheme. Special offer Kitchen Caddies are also now available at £3 each to save trips to the compost bin in the winter weather. Call the helpline on 0845 230 7877 to order.

Dog Waste Bins

You may have noticed we now have a dog waste bin at Smithy Green. Please would dog owners use this rather than allowing the Green to be fouled.

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH NEWS

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Chairman's Letter

Thank you to all who attended our celebration and launch evening for the Parish Plan - it was encouraging to see such a good turn out for Mike Wellman's presentation. Mike is someone certainly worth listening to, and we look forward to working with him in the future.

Carrying out the Action Plan is a long term vision, but we have already started to see how it can be implemented.

We have met with the Principal Planning Officer to explore our planning and development aims, to raise the issue of the need for us to be properly consulted on planning applications, and to get better understanding how the Plan can be incorporated into the planning process.

Transport officers from Cheshire County Council also visited us to discuss what our Plan had to say on rural transport. The point was stressed that we need them to listen to our views, so that we can work together to reach sensible decisions about what services can be provided for us. In the light of our meeting, we have agreed some immediate steps that County will now progress on our behalf.

Within this Parish news you will also read about the anti speeding strategy, following on from the many concerns raised by residents in the survey.

All of these are evolving issues, which will take time to bear results. We will keep you updated, but you can of course obtain further information from the Parish Council minutes which are posted on the notice board, or on our website.

Following a recent incident in Tiverton, I would urge you to remain vigilant, and report anything suspicious that you see. If you do not know who is your local home watch co-ordinator, then please speak to myself, or Roger Blake. Let us discourage these opportunistic thieves by ensuring that valuables are not on display, keeping doors and windows securely locked and ensuring that the entrance to homes is lit so that visitors can be seen. Thieves prefer to operate where they can not be seen.

We have some credit card sized fold out leaflets 'How to get help and advice

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from Cheshire Police'. This contains useful police and other service contact information so that you can quickly find the right people to solve your problem. We are distributing these to as many households as we can. If you do not receive one with this Parish News, but would like a copy, please let me know and we will endeavour to obtain more copies from Project Rural Matters.

On a lighter note we have a number of social events planned for December, of which you will see details later on. However can I draw your attention to an evening of 'Christmas carols and mince pies' which will take place on Wednesday 21st December at the Methodist Chapel in Tiverton, at 7.00pm. It is intended as an evening for everyone, and if you would like to contribute in anyway, such as playing some music, or reading a poem, then please let me know. We hope that you will support the evening as it is in an ideal way for us to be reminded that the Chapel is rather special, and we take it for granted at our peril.

Finally, please make a note in your diary that the next Parish council meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th January in St Jude's Hall Tilstone Fearnall. This is the first occasion that we will have met in Tilstone Fearnall, and we welcome in particular any residents from your village so that we can know what issues concern you.

Liz Scott, Chairman

Bus Services

A door to door ring and ride service now operates to provide a link to Tarporley from villages including Tiverton, and also between other villages such as Bunbury, Eaton and Peckforton. To book your journey call 01606 871990. For further information on these services call 0870 608 2608.

Given the plethora of perhaps confusing information as to the services we do have, we will be arranging to produce a useful leaflet in the near future with the help of Cheshire County Council.

Services at St Judes, Tilstone Fearnall

Sunday 18th December 9.30am Carol Service

Sunday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Communion for the whole family

Tiverton & District Bridge Club

Meet at Tiverton Village Hall every Monday at 6.30pm and Wednesday at 1.30pm. Duplicate Bridge is played - bring your own partner or partners can be pre-arranged. £1.00 per session including light refreshments.

For further information phone 01829 733 502

Anti-Speeding Campaign

The recently published Parish Plan highlighted that speeding is a major concern to parish residents. In response the Parish Council have agreed an anti-speeding strategy that is designed to tackle this important issue.

With this newsletter you should receive a 'Set The Pace - Make the Commitment' information booklet.

This initiative is supported by Cheshire County Council and is intended to help spread the message that the problem of excessive speeds in our communities can be reduced by making a conscious effort to be more speed aware when we use the roads. While people may think that this initiative is 'preaching to the converted', it gives us the opportunity as a community to collectively demonstrate that we take this issue seriously.

We would ask you to read the brochure, and 'Make the Commitment' by returning the enclosed form.

The second step of the anti-speeding strategy will be the use of mobile speed warning signs, these were used as recently as September on Huxley Lane by the Cheshire Constabulary. We also plan to initially site the unit within the 30mph limit on Huxley Lane.

We plan to use the warning signs at various times during a one week period, and need volunteers to help man these units - if you are able to help for a few hours please contact Bob Pilgrem 730955 for details of how you can help.

Highlights from Parish Council Meeting 22 Nov

In previous issues we have advised residents of the value in having a house name visible from the road to make it easier for emergency services to find your home. We have now been advised that adding your postcode to the house name sign will also help in providing a speedier response to an emergency.

The Council is seeking to move ahead with a Village Design Statement to supplement the Parish Plan. Peter Evans (732378) has agreed to become the lead Parish Councillor for this endeavour and would like to hear from any parishioners interested in supporting this activity.

The Parish Plan seeks to rationalise the boundaries of the conservation area in Tiverton. This is a long term issue but in exploring it, we learn that there are obligations for properties within a conservation area that include the need for permission when thinking about cutting down any established trees.