

Dates for your Diary

Tues 7 Feb	Parish Council Planning Meeting, St Judes Hall, Tilstone Fearnall
Sat 18 Feb	Quiz Night 7:00pm in Tiverton Village Hall. (details from Bob Pilgrem on 730955)
Thurs 23 Feb	Drop-In Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12am Tiverton Village Hall, all welcome for a chat and cup of coffee.
Tues 14 Mar	Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm Tiverton Village Hall
Sat 25 Mar	Garden Club Spring Show, Tiverton Village Hall

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

Village Society

Did you know that Tiverton now has a Village Society? As Chairman, I am looking forward to seeing the society encourage, support and organise activities for all who live within the Parish. Please let me or any of the Steering Committee - Hazel Wrightson (Treasurer) Tel: 01829 730515, Jackie Smith Tel: 01829 733337 and Sheila Pugh (Tilstone Fearnall) Tel: 01829 733002 know of activities that you would like to see take place. Could you organise or help with an activity? Do you have ideas of events that will enrich village life, bring people together and give enjoyment to all? The village has organised a Carol Service, Dances and a Village Day. Are these the events you would like to see continue and can you help, especially with the Village Day? Do you wish to have another Village Day? If so, will you offer to help plan and organise it? We are looking for VOLUNTEERS.

The Village Society is there to help with advice and finance for village activities. Please contact me by phone with your ideas or for any advice to make this a flourishing Society.

Maureen Blake Chairman.
(Tel: 01829 733 787 email: blake@tivertoncheshire.freemove.co.uk)

Recycling News

All households should now have received a white bag for the recycling of glass and batteries. It will be collected every 4 weeks. Please support this new initiative to reduce waste.

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TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH NEWS

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Chairman's Letter

A belated Happy New Year to you all. Whilst Christmas now seems an age away, I would just like to mention the Carol concert held at Tiverton Methodist Chapel. It was an event we all enjoyed so that I hope it now becomes an annual feature. I received help from a number of people however I would just like to give a special thank you to Chas Hardern for his enthusiasm in playing the music, providing the service sheets and also the 'publicity boards'. Incidentally the collection which was donated to the chapel amounted to £86.

In 2006 we look forward to progressing the ideas which emerged from the Parish Plan - planning, transport, road safety and security, and community and the environment are the themes not only for the Parish Council to consider but anyone connected with these issues or interested in getting involved.

2006 is a year I hope when many more of us get involved in one way or another in our community. You don't have to be an organiser - just attending or supporting an event, putting forward an idea or sharing your expertise, can make such a difference in helping to build a strong sense of community. A Village Society was proposed in the Parish Plan as a way of improving social activity, and you can find out more in this edition as to how that idea is developing.

Finally I am pleased to welcome Karen Lamb as our new Parish Clerk. Karen has a wealth of experience in organising events, and she looks forward to being part of our Parish Council. Our next full meeting will be on Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm in Tiverton Village Hall.

Liz Scott, Chairman

Congratulations!

Our congratulations go to Eric Wright of Tiverton. Eric was awarded the MBE in the New Years Honours for his services to forestry, having looked after Delamere for 50 years. We are extremely proud of you Eric!

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Area committee meetings

The Parish Council also attend Area Committee meetings, of which ours is the 'Rural South'. Some decisions previously made by the Town Hall, are now made by these committees; however their role is far more pragmatic as they also enable us to become better informed by our service providers such as the emergency services, as well as giving a forum for communities to share their views and experiences. Some points of interest from the meeting in Pulford on 19th January were as follow:

There are IT learning opportunities through the 'outreach' programme run by the 'NOLIMITS' scheme in Malpas; rather than people having to travel to Malpas, they can arrange sessions within the local community - 1 tutor to 8 persons. They will give help to all levels. If anybody is interested put your name forward and we can make further enquiries.

In the light of concerns because of 'cold callers' operating in our area, the police have now launched an operation in conjunction with Trading Standards and the Department of Work and Pensions. Already a number of these unscrupulous operators have been targeted and the police ask for any more information to be passed on to them.

Cheshire Fire Brigade report that whilst they have low call out, it is of concern that many of the call outs emanate from chimney fires - so the message is 'keep them clean'!

We are reminded of the role of the community wardens who will deal with various problems including vandalism, dog litter bins, flytipping. If you experience some form of 'nuisance' but don't know who will deal with it, then ring the call centre 01244 402477 - and they will direct the problem to the best agency who can deal with it. (details also on the leaflets recently circulated)

Homewatch

Cheshire Police advise homeowners to leave a light on when they are away from home in the hours of darkness. This could be effective in deterring would-be burglars from breaking-in. They also advise to keep doors and windows locked.

There have been several instances of ROGUE TRADERS at the door. Police advise never to have any work of any type done by someone who calls cold. Any bogus calls or callers should be reported to the Police on 0845 4580000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Roger Blake (Area Co-ordinator)

Highlights from Parish Council Meeting 10 Jan

As Planning applications do not always fall at a time convenient to the nearest parish council meeting, it has been agreed to 'pencil in' dates for supplementary meetings to deal with any applications that fall in between full meetings. Applications will be dealt with by the planning sub committee, unless it is felt necessary to call the full council to attend. Notice of these meetings will be given in the usual way by notice on the Parish Board, and the public are entitled to attend. The first such meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 7th February at St Judes Hall, Tilstone Fearnall.

Following the meeting with Cheshire County Council executives in December, the Parish Council has now been informed that CCC will fund the cost of a study to obtain further data on the feasibility of re-opening Beeston Station. They are currently producing a brief to indicate what the study will cover, having regard to previous information collated from the Beeston Transport Needs Assessment Survey. The brief will need to be agreed with the Parish Council before commissioning work is undertaken.

The week commencing 30 January has been pencilled in to have use of the Speed Indicator device on Huxley Lane.

Nature Notes

The starling roost in Huxley Lane is slowly recovering. United Utilities are now aware of their responsibility to maintain the bushes in a way that does not destroy the habitat of these acrobatic and colourful birds. Starling numbers have declined by 65% over the last 30 years, and are giving cause for concern.

Watch for a flash of blue by the canal; kingfishers have been spotted recently.

Village Hall News

Proposals to enhance the access to the village hall: rebuilding the steps for better disabled access and providing a large patio to the front of the entrance, have taken a big step forward with the submission of a bid to WREN for financial assistance. This entailed preparing 0.75kg of paperwork in support of the £21,500 grant application. Planning permission has to be obtained for this project and that paperwork is now with Chester City Council.

Should we be successful in our bid, the hall will be closed for a few weeks in the summer as we are unable to offer safe access to the hall whilst this work is in progress. All regular users will be informed as our plans become clearer.