

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 30 Aug	Drop-In Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12am Tiverton Village Hall, all welcome for a chat and cup of coffee.
Sat 1 Sept	Garden Club Annual Show, Tiverton Village Hall
Tues 4 Sept	The story of a street - Bridge Street, Chester with Tiverton Garden Club 8pm Tiverton Village Hall (£1.50 non-memebers)
Sept TBA	Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm, Tiverton Village Hall (the agenda is published on the noticeboard by the telephone box)
If you want your event listed here, email to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk	

Highlights from the Parish Council Meeting

After vigorous protests from neighbours, actively supported by the Parish council, an enforcement notice is to be served on Houghton Poultry at Tiverton Heath in an attempt to restrict the poultry rearing activity to the sandstone barn; all recently erected wooden poultry sheds are expected to be removed.

A bid to secure £11,000 to improve the turning arrangements for over-height lorries at the junction of A49 and Huxley lane was unsuccessful and lorries will continue to demolish the wooden railings on the very tight turning circle. The recent Highways project to improve the turning circle was only partially successful due to the presence of underground services close to the corner.

The Old Red Fox is being converted to an Indian Restaurant by the same group that operates the Indian Restaurant in Tattenhall. They have applied for permission to operate a take-away service at Four Lane Ends in addition to operating a regular restaurant service.

Waste News

Past issues of this Newsletter have encouraged recycling of waste as an alternative to landfill, in the hope of reducing landfill tax payments and avoiding turning more land into rubbish tips. But did you know that landfill also contributes to CO2 emissions (the methane from rotting waste is burned off). So recycling waste helps reduce your carbon footprint. Please use your recycling bags and help reduce CO2 emissions.

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Chairman's Letter

For those unaware, one of the area's well known and respected councillors has decided to retire from public office. After a career spanning 35 years, (30 representing Tiverton) Chester City Councillor Doug Haynes has called it a day. In recognition of his unstinting service to the community it was decided to honour this achievement, and therefore at the council meeting on 10th July he was duly presented with a suitably inscribed silver salver.

On your behalf, I would like to thank him for all his past endeavours and wish him well for the future.

As mentioned in the last news letter, we are entered in the Best Kept Village competition and it seems we have been noticed! The judges visit all the entries in secret (a bit like 'mystery shoppers') and award points on a range of issues. We have received notice that they have been to our village on their preliminary inspection and have written in praise. We are obviously not there yet, but thanks to you all for each attending to your own properties, keep up the good work and who knows!!

Following on from our recent speed checks through the village using S.I.D., we now have the opportunity to follow this up, should we deem it necessary, by the use of a radar gun. However, to make it worthwhile, we require 3 volunteers to receive instruction on how to operate the equipment. If you feel you would like to get involved please be in touch.

Mike Turner, Chairman

Contributions/Letters

Contributions for the Sept edition should be addressed to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk or on paper c/o Tirrins, Huxley Lane, before the end of Aug 2007

Parish Plan Update

We are currently assisting in a NW Initiative to review learning from those Parish Councils who have produced a Parish Plan and to provide a toolkit for taking the resulting Action Plans forward. One key message is the need to revisit Plans to ensure they continue to represent local needs and views, and are not just a snapshot in time of local aspirations, losing relevance as the years roll by. We will let you know more about the outcomes of this welcome initiative in later issues.

The Parish Council have recently agreed to a quarterly publication schedule for this Newsletter, starting with the July issue. This was a response to one of the action points in the Parish Plan (2005):

“Make better use of PC Newsletter with advance publication dates and content that better reflects community issues”

There is no plan to change the format at this stage, though the Parish Council are willing to consider how best to develop it as a means of communication.

The next few publication dates will be Oct, Jan 08, April 08. Any contributions would be most welcome (see bottom of front page for contact details).

Village Hall News

The Hall Committee are moving ahead with replacing the aging, yellow plastic chairs (they were obtained second hand when the hall was re-opened in 1984). A recent grant application to the Rural South Area Panel has succeeded in obtaining £1800 towards the replacement cost of £2500. The new chairs will have padded seats as well as being much easier to store when not required for functions.

To make better use of the amplification equipment installed last September, the hall has also added a CD player that can be used by any group hiring the hall.

Homewatch News

Our Western Rural Community Action Team officer, Geraint Davies has left us for pastures new in Northwich and the new man is Chris McCourt, based at Dragon Hall.

Trading Standards Officers are very interested in hearing about cold callers, particularly those offering suspect services such as tree felling and scrap metal collection. Phone 0845 1132 500. A very quick response is promised.

Tiverton District Garden Club

Founded by Audrey and Bill Povall in 1986, the Club continues to flourish with around 100 members. We hold meetings in the Village Hall and visit local gardens all through the year. We have a varied programme of interesting speakers, either new to us or familiar favourites, who usually illustrate their talks with slides, mainly on garden-related topics. There are also four visits a year in the summer months, including two during the daytime. Bring and buy plant sales are also held.

Earlier this year we took part in an inter-club gardening quiz organised by Reaseheath College. As defending champions, we battled through to our third successive final but were narrowly beaten on this occasion by Tattenhall Club. It was good fun and we all learnt something, however obscure, from the questions.

We have horticultural Shows twice a year, with all classes open to everyone. Now is the time to start thinking about our Autumn Show, to be held on Saturday, September 1st. Exhibiting is easy, just call Joyce (733465) or Audrey (733520) for a schedule or more details. Let's make the Show a real village event this year, your entry doesn't have to be perfect, this isn't Chelsea!

If you aren't already a club member, why not come along to a meeting where you'll be sure of a warm welcome. Annual membership is only £2, with £1 entrance fee (£1.50 for non-members), which includes a free raffle and tea and biscuits afterwards.

Forthcoming events

Tues. Aug 7th. Visit to Sunnyside Farm, Little Budworth. 7pm. £4.50 inc. refreshments. Ring Joyce (733465) for directions.

Sat. Sept 1st. Autumn Show. Open classes in flowers, fruit, vegetables, pot plants, floral art, cookery, photography and a junior section (entries desperately needed here!). Open to public from 2pm. Prizegiving and auction of exhibits (not to be missed) at 3.30pm. Raffle and refreshments available. Everyone welcome.

Tues. Sept 4th. A talk and slides by one of our favourite speakers, Mr David Cummings, on "The story of a street - Bridge Street, Chester". 8pm. £1 entrance (£1.50 for non-members). Inc. raffle and refreshments. All welcome.

Tues. Sept 11th. Visit to Wollerton Old Hall. 2pm. £4.00. Ring Joyce (733465) before Sept 4th for directions. Booking essential.

Tues. Oct 2nd. A talk and slides by Dr Gillian Pierce "Wildlife in the garden". Followed by a bring and buy plant sale. 8pm. £1 entrance (£1.50 for non-members). Inc. raffle and refreshments. All welcome.

(see www.tiverton-cheshire.org.uk for rest of year or contact Sec on 733465)