

TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH NEWS

Jan 2008

Chairman's Letter

Now that the turkey and mince pies are all gone, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year. On the whole I feel we fared reasonably well in 2007 managing to keep within our budget and consequently setting a largely 'no change' precept for this year. We also achieved some not inconsiderable success in fighting planning applications that it was felt were in contrast to local harmony, and did not sit well within the 'Village Plan'. Another lesser success was in the Best Kept Village competition. We didn't win, but finished a very commendable 4th in our category (out of 12) which I feel was pretty good for a first attempt.

That was the good news; I now have to report that following a very disappointing turn-out for the planning meeting last October, it doesn't look as though we will be having a Village Day this year either. These things do not organize themselves, requiring as they do a certain amount of planning and co-ordination. Quite frankly, with apologies to existing helpers, unless we can recruit new volunteers there can be no future for either this or other events.

I am sorry to report that we are still experiencing problems with the A49 'turning circle'. The new fencing repair on the green has already been broken again, though the missing '20yd turning' sign has been re-instated. Taking longer, is the right turn restriction sign at the Red Fox traffic lights, as this is incorporated in a much larger directional sign which was destroyed in a road accident, but it is scheduled for replacement.

No solution has yet been found to the on-going problem of the nocturnal fly-tippers in the lay-by on the A49. It is quite puzzling as in some cases quite expensive new clothing is involved. Please be vigilant and if anyone has any information that might help in this matter, please get in touch.

Mike Turner, Chairman

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Thurs	Drop-in Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12am Tiverton Village Hall,
31 Jan	all welcome for a chat and cup of coffee.
Tues	8pm Garden Club: 'Hedges around Edges'
5 Feb	
Tues	8pm Garden Club: 'Creating a Show Garden'
4 Mar	
Tues	Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm, Tiverton Village Hall
18 Mar	(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

Dates for your Diary

The club continues to thrive with new faces appearing at most meetings. The Christmas event which was to be a Christmas floral art demonstration by Ann Hamilton changed abruptly at 6:30 p.m. to a lovely film show of a journey to Antarctica made recently by Joyce and Tony Harbottle. Mrs Hamilton was unwell and not able to find a substitute in such short notice. Nevertheless she sent along a huge selection of house/outdoor plants, wreaths etc to complement along a wonderful raffle took place with a donation to her favourite charity from the club. Along with the wine and hot mince pies, the evening was most enjoyable though we were sorry not to see her.

On January 5, a hardy group of walkers and dogs met at the Smithy Green to take part in the Garden Club's annual walk to visit the millennium chestnut trees. The trees are all well and healthy and putting on some steady growth now. An added attraction was the refreshments of hot mince pies, coffee and mulled spirits left out by one of the trees for the second year by a very kind village resident.

In January, we had a talk on mediaeval England and Cheshire in particular, by Mr John Ellis which was fascinating. We learned that 14th century Cheshire was a separate region from the King's province, famed for its archers throughout the continent and that men "on the run" could demand refuge here provided they joined the Cheshire Yeomanry for life.

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Contributions/Letters

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THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL - TIVERTON

The Primitive Methodist Chapel in Tiverton was built on land donated by Lord Tollemache. Prior to that open-air meetings were held in the village; a newspaper article, announcing the opening of the chapel in 1865, recalled how 'Mr Wedgewood of the Potteries' had come to this village to preach forty years before. He and other preachers who visited either held outdoor services or preached 'on the premises of dwelling houses', including Tiverton Hall.

Primitive Methodism first became popular in Staffordshire and Cheshire. Tiverton was one of the earliest places visited by this Movement, which had developed at a time of poor economic and social conditions. A 'History of the Primitive Methodist Connexion' written by H. B Kendall in the late 1800's expressed the meaning of 'Primitive' in Primitive Methodism...as designating one who will not neglect the 'two or three under a hedge' in seeking to address the multitude.'

Peter Aston 'a pious young person, and farmer's son at Tiverton', is credited for the village getting its own chapel. A newspaper reporting the opening of the Chapel wrote how he, with others, 'used all his endeavours to obtain this accommodation'. Mr Aston was appointed to perform the opening services and preach the first sermons.

Tiverton Methodist church was on the Tarporley Circuit, which included Wetenhall, Alraham, Cotebrook , Utkinson and Beeston. When the Chapel was first built, the Minister was the Rev. John Guest. Preachers on the circuit from Tiverton in the late 1920's included W. Harding, and T Simpson of Hope Cottage. Sometimes preachers came from other parts of the country.

Miss Cissie Saunders of Blackpool visited the circuit for their Autumn Rallies, during the late 1920's and early 1930's. Her visit one year was described as 'a real inspiration and a tonic.'

The organ at the chapel was installed in 1869, paid for by collections and donations. It came from Rochdale at a cost of £25.00, although other expenses had to be met including 19s/5p, which was the cost of Messrs Simpson and Hilton travelling to Rochdale to look at the organ, and for their refreshments!

The Simpson family were greatly involved over many years in the Chapel. Members of the family played the organ; Charles Simpson, his son Charles F. Simpson, and later Minnie Simpson, daughter of the latter. Many other well known, local families were also involved in the Church. In 1933, the Trustees included John Henry Cowap, Charles Fleet, George A. Simpson, Frederick Fleet,

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James Challinor, Edgar Harnott and William A. Clarke.

The word 'Primitive' was dropped from the name of the Church in 1932, when it united with the Wesleyan and United Methodist Churches. It then became known as the Tarporley (Alraham) Methodist Circuit, though the word 'Primitive' can still be seen today on the front of the building.

Attached to the chapel is a building originally used as a day school. It was later used as a Sunday School. The Chapel is now run in conjunction with Bunbury Methodist Chapel, and is part of the Delamere Forest Circuit. Services are held on the first Sunday of each month.

Thanks to Jean Green who provided material for the compilation of this history - Liz Scott

Village Society News

The New Years Eve 2007 celebration at the village hall was a success with all tickets sold. Dave Brewin supplied the buffet and "The Kads" group provided the music for dancing. Judging by the empties a good time was had by all! On a sad note, The Kads group will be retiring during 2008. So if a New Years Eve dance is to continue, we need a recommendations for a new group quite soon. Any suggestions?

GARDEN WASTE

We can all help reduce climate change by not sending garden waste to landfill, where it produces methane gas. Instead it can be composted, either at home or using the brown bag collection scheme, to make a valuable peat free soil conditioner.

Brown bags for garden waste will be collected on Thursdays on the following dates

January	17th
February	14th and 28th
March	13th and 27th
April	10th and 24th

Only garden waste should be put in the bag.

Compost bins at reduced prices are still available for home composting. For more details please contact Cheshire County Council on 0845 0770757 or look at the website www.recyclenow.com.

All householders are entitled to a free annual collection of large items, phone 01244 402477 to arrange a Special Collection.

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