

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 26 Feb	Drop-In Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12am Tiverton Village Hall, all welcome for a chat and cup of coffee.
Tues 3 Mar	Tiverton Garden Club: Planning & Planting a Herbaceous Border 8pm in Tiverton Village Hall
Tues 10 Mar	Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm, Tiverton Village Hall (the agenda is published on the noticeboard by the telephone box)
Sat 28 Mar	Spring Show Tiverton Village Hall
Tues 14 April	Tiverton Village Hall AGM in Tiverton Village Hall at 7:30pm. All welcome to attend

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

Village Hall News

The village hall is fortunate in having regular weekday evening bookings with the result that we have not always been able to accommodate one-off events on weekday evenings. In the nature of things, bookings change and now Wednesday evenings are available in the hall.

We pride ourselves on providing comfortable accommodation in the hall at one of the lowest hire charges in the area, so if you were thinking of organising a regular event in Tiverton and Wednesday evenings would suit, please get in touch with our Bookings Sec, 732855 to check availability.

New Years Eve Dance

The organisers are pleased to announce that 57 tickets were sold for what proved to be a very lively and enjoyable event.

The event made a profit of £128, over half of which came from the raffle.

Contributions/Letters

Contributions for the May 09 edition should be addressed to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk or on paper to any parish councillor by the middle of April 09

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TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH NEWS

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Chairman's Letter

In conjunction with our neighbouring Parish Councils we are presently developing a "Landscape Character Statement" which will cover the area south of Chester bounded by the A41 and A51 Roads and to the south by the Peckforton Hills. It is felt that the Parishes in this area of Cheshire have a lot of landscape features in common which require preserving and enhancing. This exercise will produce a document that will be lodged with Cheshire West and Chester Council and other authorities and will have to be taken account of in any proposed future developments or changes.

At the moment I am cataloguing the features that exist in our two Parishes, for example wells, trees, water courses etc. If anyone wishes to help or make suggestions for features they think merit including then please contact me.

The Parish Council and the village orderly are trying to ensure that our villages remain clean and tidy at all times but this is not being helped, particularly in winter, by the parking of vehicles on grass verges. This causes long term damage to the turf and we would be grateful if people would refrain from doing this.

The Shady Oak has received planning permission for a small touring caravan and tent campsite but with conditions attached with respect to screening, noise and appearance. We wish the occupants the best of luck with their endeavours. It would be nice to see a successful venture on the site rather than another boarded up Public House in these difficult times. Please support them.

The Hockey Club is carrying out much-needed maintenance work to the plantation alongside The Bitham. Whilst it may look discouraging at the moment, young birch or rowan will be planted to enhance the old ivy-entangled hawthorn at the western end.

The Parish Council is considering a village sign to be situated near the Millennium Seat, any suggestions would be welcome.

Roger Cheshire, Chairman

Editorial

As part of our on-going series, we are featuring the significant buildings of Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall, drawing heavily on the material generated for our History Day in March 2004. In this issue we describe the history of the Hockey Club that has had a large impact on the north eastern corner of the village

DEESIDE RAMBLERS HOCKEY CLUB

In 1946 a post-war group of hockey enthusiasts in the Chester area met in the Queen Hotel, and decided to form a hockey club. They were obliged to look around for grounds to play their matches, and took the name of Deeside Ramblers. Over the following years they used pitches at John Summers Steel Works (now Corus), Western Command (Army facilities on Eaton Road Chester), and Tattenhall Recreation Ground. Whilst playing at Tattenhall they found a base for changing and post match hospitality at the Bear and Ragged Staff. Those were the days of austerity and food rationing, and club funds were augmented by boxes of fresh eggs provided by members, which were particularly appreciated by clubs from Manchester and Liverpool, for whom fresh eggs were a rarity.

In 1948 the Club sent a side to play in the Weston Super Mare Easter Tournament, and when they arrived they discovered that the other sides all had mascots of various shapes and sizes. They went searching the shops and found a stuffed pig, which they thought very appropriate because of the strong farming connections among the members. This became and remains the Club's emblem.

Eventually the Club settled down at the playing fields of Hampton House School, a boarding prep school with over 100 pupils at Gardenhurst, Tiverton. The proprietors were Peter Saunders-Griffiths and his younger brother John, both keen hockey players and members of the Club.

In 1959 the Club purchased land for one pitch and a clubhouse, and lived in harmony for two or three years with the School until the School closed. The buildings were purchased by a developer, Richard West, who demolished them and developed the housing site as it now exists, and the Club then purchased the rest of the playing fields.

The Club Men's first eleven is currently enjoying the most successful season in its history, sitting proudly at the top of the Northern Premier League. If it maintains this position it will be promoted to the North National League Conference, and further success would lead to a place in the National League, when it would be one of the 12 top teams in the country.

As well as the 7 Men's teams the Club runs 3 Ladies' teams, which have also enjoyed considerable success at various levels.

Over the past few years the Club has held very successful training opportunities for boys and girls, and runs a number of successful youth teams

The Club is keen to preserve a good relationship with the community, and would welcome spectators on Saturdays. The second half of the league programme starts on 17 January 2009, and matches start at 1.30pm.

The President of the Club, John Heath, telephone 01244 335022, would be happy to answer any questions concerning the Club and its programme.

(contributed by Chris Cox)

Tiverton Methodist Chapel

May I, on behalf of Tiverton Methodist Chapel, thank the Tiverton Village Society for organising the Carol Service which took place in Tiverton Chapel on Wednesday 17 Dec. I am sure the carols, the readings and the mince pies were enjoyed by all.

Thank you too for donating the collection, which amounted to £57.18, to the Chapel funds. It is very much appreciated.

Jean Green, Church Treasurer

Web Site Reminder

For up-to-date information of what's happening in the Parish and back issues of PC Newsletter or Parish council Minutes, please check out www.tiverton-cheshire.org.uk