



Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council Newsletter February 2018

What's On

Tiverton Village Society Quiz Night – Village Hall, 14th April 2018 (Jean Toyn 730739)
Tiverton Village Society Village Day – Hockey Club, 30th June 2018 (Jean)

Chairman's Notes

Welcome to the latest Parish Council Newsletter. If you are interested in the Red Fox Junction, or what is going on with the roads in Alpraham, then put the 13th March, the date of our next Parish Council meeting, in your diary. It will be starting earlier than usual at 6:45pm, with a presentation from Dave Reeves (CWaC Road Safety Engineer) regarding their plans for the Red Fox Junction. This will be followed at 7:15pm by a presentation from the Chairman of Alpraham Parish Council about the extensive development work in their Parish. Normal Parish Council business then commences at 7:30pm.

I am often asked whether Parish Council Meetings are open to the public, and the answer is yes! Anyone from Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall (or elsewhere) can attend and observe proceedings. There is always an open forum at the beginning of the meeting where members of the public can ask questions or raise matters concerning the Parish. The Parish Council Meetings are held in Tiverton Village Hall, usually at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of alternate months (for 2018: 13th March, 8th May, 10th July, 11th September and 13th

November). Although the meeting has to follow a set procedure, it is relatively informal and you are more than welcome to come along and stay for the entire meeting if you wish. The forthcoming agenda is available on the Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall website: <http://www.tiverton-cheshire.org.uk/> and is also posted on the Parish Noticeboard next to the War Memorial. Minutes from previous meetings these are also available on the website.

The more technically savvy amongst you will no doubt be aware that the website is a little old fashioned and, more pertinently, that it requires somewhat specialist skills to update the content. We now have funds from ChALC (Cheshire Association of Local Councils) to enable us to purchase a new website that will provide a better experience for everyone, as well as facilitating the up-dating of Council records by the Parish Clerk.

Thank you for your overwhelming support on Referendum Day, 30th November, for the Beeston, Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Neighbourhood Development Plan (126 votes in favour, 8 votes against). This document now becomes an integral part of the planning process and CWaC planners must take account of this when considering planning applications.

Ray Mould – Chairman, Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council

Highways Issues (e.g. Potholes, Grids/Drainage)

The condition of roads in the Parish is a major concern. This is not just a local issue but widespread across the county and beyond. It is important that all highways issues are reported to CWaC, ideally through the CWaC Highways Reporting system: <https://maps.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cwac/faultreporting/>

Any member of the public can report faults, although the Parish Clerk will give assistance if required. This website gives details of all the types of issue that you can report on (click on "SELECT CATEGORY"). We like to keep a record of all reported faults and monitor and review progress at our Parish Council Meetings, so, after submitting the form please forward your fault report details, including the "Enquiry Number", to the Parish Clerk. An alternative to using the website is to call Highways directly on 030 123 7036, but make sure you receive an "Enquiry Number" and pass that on to the Parish Clerk.

Burst Water Pipes on the Road or Footpath

Burst pipes in the Parish are unfortunately a common sight, due to the fact that the pipe-work infrastructure under the roads is old and was not designed to cope with the weight and volume of modern vehicles. The implication of this is

frequent pipe damage and water leakage, which should be reported as soon as possible to United Utilities (as for Highways issues, anyone can do this) either on line: <https://www.unitedutilities.com/help-and-support/got-a-problem/report-a-leak/>

or by calling 0800 330 033. Once reported, please notify the Parish Clerk so that the Parish Council can keep track of all these issues and continue to lobby for a proper pipe replacement programme, rather than just having isolated repairs repeatedly carried out.

Power Cuts

Unfortunately, we as a Parish are susceptible to electricity power cuts, especially in windy weather. To report a power cut or find out the status of a power cut simply call 105. This is quite a useful number to call as it will give you a status update e.g. that the engineers are on their way, and let you know how long the power is likely to be off for.

Tiverton Village Defibrillator

Most of you will be aware that a defibrillator has been sited in a cabinet at the front of Tiverton Village Hall on Huxley Lane for some time now. **We have now removed the need for an access code**, so as to avoid any problems or delays in accessing the defibrillator in case of emergency, due to people not knowing or remembering the access code. **All that is now required to open the cabinet is to release the two latches on the side. The cabinet is still alarmed so it will sound when opened.** However, the alarm is activated by a pressure switch so the alarm will stop when the cabinet is closed after removing the defibrillator.

This brings us on to the topic of defibrillator training. An initial training course was held about 12 months ago and there was a reasonable take-up, but (how can I say this?) mostly by the older age group in the village. We really need the younger villagers to get trained in its use as you are the people who will more likely be using it, for example when your more elderly relatives visit, or if there is an emergency in the village that requires an active response. We can set up another training session but we need to get a view of numbers and preferred timing e.g. evenings, weekends. Please let Gordon Ibbotson know if you are interested and what your preferred timing is.

Tiverton Village Society Update

The Christmas Party 2017 was a great success with everyone really enjoying themselves. As always, the children's craft area was very popular, with all the children decorating ginger bread people. Thanks to Pauline who has run this

activity for the last three years. Of course, Father Christmas is always an eagerly-awaited visitor and this year was no exception: he came along with his faithful elf and, between them, they made sure that every child received a gift. A festive quiz took place and there were prizes for the best Christmas hat/jumper. Throughout the evening we were entertained by Chas Hardern, and the evening was completed by everyone joining in with festive songs and carols.

2018 - Don't miss the **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 14th April**, in aid of our Village Hall. We are very lucky to have the Village Hall but we need to support its continued upkeep. All monies raised on the night will be donated to the Hall, so please come along and support us. At present there is an issue with the drains and work needs to be carried out this year to keep the hall running smoothly. Further details will be provided nearer the date. Please also keep a note of the date of the **Village Day** on **Saturday 30th June** - come along and join in the fun.

As always, these events run due to the work of the Village Society team and I would like to thank Pauline, Lesley, Heather, Claire, Paula and Louise for their continued support, and their partners, who always turn out on the day to assist. If you would like to join the team or you would like further information about any of the events call Jean on 730739.

Beginners' Tap Dance Classes for Adults



Have you always wanted to learn to tap dance but never got round to it? Now's your chance!

If you want to improve your flexibility and general fitness, but most of all have fun, I will start a class locally if I get enough support.

No exams or embarrassing public performances.

Just fun!

If you are interested, please e-mail pantoboss@gmail.com for details

or ring Bev on 01829 730221