

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 19 Dec	Carol Service, Tiverton Methodist Chapel
Thurs 19 Dec	Coffee Morning, Tiverton Village Hall 11:00am
Tues 7 Jan	Garden Club: Gardens through the Seasons, David Cummings Tiverton Village Hall 7:30pm
Tues 14 Jan	Parish Council Meeting, Tiverton Village Hall, 7:30pm
Tues 21 Jan	Village Hall AGM, Tiverton Village Hall 7:30pm

If you would like to have your event listed here, please send details to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk

Tiverton Methodist Chapel

Carol Service

Thursday 19th Dec 2013 at 7pm.

Mince pies afterwards in the Chapel Hall

All welcome in join in this annual Christmas event

Village Hall News (contd)

The Hall is holding its AGM on 21 January 2014 and would very much welcome villagers who would like to take a hand in the running of one of our last remaining community facilities. We were very pleased with the positive response for the Village Hall in the recent Neighbourhood Plan Survey, where over three quarters of the respondents (60 houses) said they valued Tiverton Village Hall. So managing the village hall is not the uphill struggle it might be in some communities, and that should be encourage potential committee members.

Please send any items for the next edition to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk or to any Parish Councillor, by mid Mar 2014

Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council Newsletter

Dec 2013

Chairman's Notes

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
to all our readers!

Tiverton, Tilstone Fearnall and Beeston Neighbourhood Plan.

The response rate on the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire was excellent, so thanks to all of you who did complete the questionnaire. The detailed responses are now being professionally tabulated, financed by a grant from the Community Development Foundation. The answers to the free-form question at the end revealed an over-riding concern to maintain the character of the three villages and the surrounding countryside, limit large developments, improve road safety and reduce the volume of heavy traffic on our village roads. A total of 28 responses from Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall, which includes many couples, offered to help with the work of developing the Plan in detail. An initial social get-together is planned for February 1st 2014 when we will establish people's particular interests and skills against the various working group topics.

Village Hall Parking.

In response to complaints about the restrictive impact of the new double-yellow lines on parking for users of the Village Hall the Parish Council has asked Cheshire Highways to consider modified proposals. The measures were introduced to try and reduce the incidence of broken fencing and mangled grass verges around the Huxley Lane/ A49 junction, which Cheshire West insists must be maintained as a turning circle for HGVs which are too high for the rail-

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way bridge at Beeston Brook.

Speeding, Increased Traffic and Broken Road Surfaces on Huxley Lane.

Your Council continues to receive a steady stream of complaints relating to the noise, vibration, poor drainage and danger caused by the increased level of HGV traffic, some at excessive speeds, in conjunction with the unsatisfactory road surface. In turn the Council continues to lobby Cheshire West for road and traffic improvements, but so far with only limited and transient success. CWaC even admitted that they had patched Crib Lane to ensure safety of the Etap road race cyclists, despite their claim that there was no money left in this year's budget for repairs that would protect the safety of local residents.

Beeston Market / Beeston Castle Public House / Beeston Fuel Tanks Site.

Although this combined site sits within Beeston Parish we have registered our objections and views on the outline planning proposals and likely future developments. Beeston PC have strongly opposed the intention to build a 200-unit housing estate, which would effectively create a new village but without any of the additional facilities that would make it "sustainable", which is supposed to be a critical pre-requisite for planning approval. We have given our support to their objections, mainly because the proposed development far exceeds the number of new units envisaged for Beeston and Tiverton by ourselves and also by CWaC in their Local Plan. However, there is a "presumption in favour of development", as part of Government policy, so we suspect that, as with the Beeston Castle pub application, the larger development may well be pushed through either by CWaC or by Eric Pickles. In case this is a likely outcome we have requested that the provision of additional facilities, such as bus transport, shop/post office, additional school places, pub/restaurant, children's playground, high-speed broadband and, above all, the re-opening of Beeston railway station, should be made a condition of planning permission.

Your Council was also instrumental in stopping the improper excavation activity on the Fuel Tanks site.

War Memorial Green.

We have received complaints about floral tributes being placed on the green in memory of loved ones. Although we understand the motives behind such tributes the Council has ruled that, on balance, this is inappropriate and that the green should not be used in this way. Thank you for your understanding.

Gordon Ibbotson, Chairman

Village Hall News

As most of our readership will know the Village Hall has been transformed by a big project, funded largely by WREN, to upgrade the internals and redecorate the hall. This £32K project was completed in August, with a Celebration Event in October to officially reopen the hall. About 40 people, including most of our funders were able to attend the wine and nibbles event which proved a great success, and maybe offers a pattern for future informal social events?

We still have some minor work to complete, including a curtain partition to hide the chair and table trolleys from public view.

Broadband

For those struggling with poor broadband in the Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall areas, help is on the way. The Connecting Cheshire initiative, which we have mentioned before in this newsletter, has now got to the stage of publishing a timetable for the Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) rollout in Cheshire.

For the Tarporley exchange, FTTC is expected to be active by Spring 2014. Users will know this by watching the work progressing on the additional cabinet in the NW corner of Four Lane Ends. As of week ending 13 Dec, all the hardware is installed with commissioning to follow in the New Year. Most users in the two parishes will still be on copper wires from this cabinet. Fibre only goes as far as the cabinet and then we rely on lossy copper from the cabinet into the home. But in many cases this will halve the distance on copper between the end user and the exchange, reducing line losses and boosting speeds for the end user.

The centre of Tiverton currently enjoys around 3-4 Mbps broadband speeds, and this is likely to rise to 6 - 8 Mbps once FTTC is fully commissioned by Spring of next year. Streaming HD video requires around 12Mbps so only those closer to Four Lane Ends are likely to have the required speeds for high quality video streaming. The rest of us will have to make do with ordinary video in real time, but that may still be a huge step forward for many.

For further information see: <http://www.connectingcheshire.org.uk/news/2013/12/>

For further and more up-to-date information on the Parish, please see our website at www.tiverton-cheshire.org.uk