

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 25 Aug: Drop-In Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12am Tiverton Village Hall, all welcome for a chat and cup of coffee.

Sat 3 Sept: Garden Club Annual Show, note this an open show, so anyone can enter.

Tues 13 Sept: Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm Tiverton Village Hall

Tiverton Village Day 2005

All prayers were answered with lovely weather on 16 July. From the children's point of view, and this is what counts, the fun on offer included Victorian swing boats and rocking horses, a free all-day picnic stall, races, quoits and skittles, coconut shy and children's tombola where we managed to give away all the prizes! The grownups joined in and the fun stalls and plants were well attended. The barbecue girls did a roaring trade along with the strawberries and cream stall. The 'Allsorts' dog display team created lots of interest, as did our fire service vehicle. Stephen O'Brien, our MP, opened the event and the day was well attended. The evening dance, with The Kads and a supper, went well as usual.

The organisers were pleased to announce that over £230 profit was made though this is not the point of holding the event which is intended as a children's fun day. The three hostelrys in the village each contributed meal vouchers for which thanks are offered. It is interesting that the fundraisers such as the tombola (adult), evening raffle and the sale of programmes together raised over £250. The organisers wish to offer a huge vote of thanks for all the donated prizes received which made this possible and to the faithful band who helped so hard to make the day a success. A donation of £100 has been made to Tarporley Cottage Hospital.

The Parish Plan made its debut at a stall on the Village Day event and raised considerable interest from villagers and support from our MP. You should receive your own copy of the Parish Plan with this newsletter.

Audrey Povall

Contributions/Letters

Contributions for the next edition should be addressed to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk or on paper c/o The Old Smithy, Huxley Lane, before the end of Aug 2005

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Chairman's Letter

As you will know, I took over the Chair of the Parish Council from Roger Cheshire, at the last Annual Meeting. My thanks go to Roger for the work he has put in during the last two years, and of course he will continue to make an important contribution to the Parish Council.

Derek Marshall stepped down from the Council at the Annual Parish Meeting. Whilst I know Roger expressed our gratitude to Derek in an earlier edition of the newsletter, I would like to extend my own personal thanks to Derek, in particular for his encouragement and wise words during the Parish Plan process. His departure leaves us with a Parish Council vacancy which is still to be filled, so please do put yourself forward if you would like to get involved. Whilst we are only a small Parish, there are important issues that affect our locality, and the months and years ahead promise to be a rewarding experience if we can follow through on the Parish Plan.

Coming to the Parish Council Chair at this stage has been good timing, as the Parish Plan has now been written, and the published version will be circulated to every household in the near future. The challenge that we now meet is to begin to act upon the ideas and views, which you as the residents provided during the surveys and discussion groups. I hope that you find the Parish Plan Report informative and stimulating and that where possible as many of you will support and get involved in particular in the community activities, which are proposed.

I am pleased that we have received some further funding from Cheshire County Council, which has been awarded to enable us to promote and carry through our aspirations.

Liz Scott, Chairman

Parish Council Meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council will take place in Tiverton Village Hall at 7.30pm on 13 Sep 2005 and 22 Nov .The first 30 minutes will as usual be an open forum for residents to raise any issues they wish.

Highlights from Parish Council Meeting 12 July

The open discussion forum raised the issue of pedestrian safety along Huxley Lane - inparticular whether further lighting was merited, and the best approach to reducing traffic speed. As these are issues considered in the Parish Plan, then the Parish Council will be reviewing them in the forthcoming months and in consultation with the relevant authorities, considering what practical options are available to us to improve the situation.

How many residents are aware of the Tiverton to Winsford, via Tarporley C88 bus service? Certainly no one present, other than the bus driver himself. We are hoping to get a timetable to join the others in the foot-path notice board on Smithy Green.

Compost bins, to encourage recycling, are again being made available to Cheshire residents at £5 each, with a limit of 2 per household. Phone 0845 230 7877 to place your order.

Village Hall News

The Village Hall now has a full set of smart, new tables by way of a grant from the Cheshire Rural Recovery Programme. These are much easier to lift and store, which will help make better use of space in the hall.

We are now starting an ambitious plan to improve the frontage to the hall by re-alignment of the steps and improving the area for outdoor activities. Drawings are being prepared and will soon be available for consultation.

Parish Website

Past issues of this Newsletter plus a whole range of information about Parish Council activities are available on the website, www.tiverton-cheshire.org.uk The Parish Plan can also be found there, available for download, though a broadband connection is recommended.

Tiverton Open Gardens

On Sunday June 12th there was a Garden Trail in the village with a total of nine gardens open to visitors from 2-6pm. Maps - which also acted as tickets - directed visitors to the gardens along Huxley Lane, and refreshments were served in the Village Hall, with plenty of home made cakes and biscuits generously donated by villagers. There was also a popular plant stall.

Although a little chilly, the weather remained fine until the last 10 minutes, and we were delighted to see around 150 visitors. There has been very positive feedback from the people attending, and everyone seemed to enjoy chatting to the owners. There was particular interest generated by the variety of garden styles and the fact that many were not otherwise visible - as one visitor observed 'the hidden gardens of Tiverton!'

A final total of £572 was raised, including a few additional generous donations, and this has all been given to the Neuromuscular Centre at Winsford. The NMC supports and treats adults with Muscular Dystrophy and has celebrated its 15th. birthday this year. They were thrilled to receive this money and have written to thank all the participants individually.

We hope to organise another similar event next year - so there is plenty of time to get your garden in shape for what may become an annual event!

Ruth Lambert

Parish Clerk Vacancy

We are in urgent need of applicants to come forward for the position of clerk, which is now vacant. The job includes producing agendas, and taking minutes at the Council Meetings (usually 6 per year), following up action points, receiving and dealing with correspondence and keeping the Parish Accounts. This is a salaried position which takes approximately 2 hours per week and is supported by regular liaison with the Chairman of the Council. Computer literacy and Internet connection is an advantage. Without a Clerk the Council cannot function properly, and if you would like the chance to work with your fellow residents on issues that affect your village, then please do come forward. You can speak to the outgoing Clerk Cathy Day tel 730807, or alternatively the chair of the Parish Council Liz Scott 733 907.