

Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Letter

I mentioned in the last newsletter the re-opening of the shop opposite the Beeston Castle Hotel. I am glad to say that they are receiving support from many quarters. They are expanding the range of goods available and you can now buy fresh meat and pies supplied by John Sambrook. It is now stocked as a mini-supermarket and I would ask everybody to use it. It is all part of giving our villages a heart and a sense of community rather than becoming a dormitory where nobody speaks to each other. We are also investigating the provision of a Post Office and your views on that or any other issues will receive full consideration.

I was recently alerted to a potential problem in the area of Foxy Wood where Network Rail are putting in a temporary roadway to enable them to reinforce the rail embankment which is in danger of subsidence due to badger setts. I have met with the contractors who have shown me their Environmental Policy and Operating Documents, which are very comprehensive. They have a Wildlife Officer full time on site who is temporarily moving badgers and they are taking steps to protect the orchids and other wild plants in the working area. If they are as good as their word it is good to see this consideration for the environment. The Environment Agency are also monitoring the work.

One request from parish residents is to please be considerate when having garden fires and make sure you only do so when the wind takes the smoke away from your neighbours.

On a lighter note I have "relocated" the mole who was landscaping the village green but I am sure it won't be long before his neighbours move in!

Roger Cheshire
Chairman

Pensions Service Seminar

As noted in the last newsletter, the Parish Council has arranged a "Pensions Service" seminar to be held on **Tuesday 21st October** at 2pm in Tiverton Village Hall. The new Pensions Credit will be discussed, as will other matters arising regarding your rights as pensioners. Please don't feel this does not apply to you. You may be pleasantly surprised at just what help is available. There will be lots of opportunities for questions or informal chats and home visits can be arranged if necessary. You have nothing to lose by attending.

At the same meeting Graham Marsden of crime prevention and homewatch fame will be advising on safety precautions and new ways to combat crime around your home. Well worth hearing with winter just around the corner.

Audrey Povall
733520

Tiverton District Garden Club

The Tiverton District Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday in every month in Tiverton Village Hall at 8pm.

November 4th AGM at 7.30pm. At 8pm "The Magic of Swans" Illustrated by David Cummings. Pie and Peas supper (FOC).

December 2nd Christmas Dinner at 7.30pm for 8pm. Tickets now on sale at £12 each (limit of 60). (Bring your own drinks, wine glasses provided). Contact The Povalls on 733520 or any committee member.

Tiverton District Bridge Club

Tiverton District Bridge Club has enjoyed another successful season. Membership remains in the mid sixties. Any bridge players new to the area are invited to come along to the village hall on Monday nights and Wednesday afternoons.
Further details from June Gregory

The Village Day Fund Christmas Dance

By popular request "The Kads" return on Saturday December 6th with music for dancing and light refreshments will be served and again it's bring your own drinks (and glasses). Tickets are £5 each. Any profit will be divided as usual between Tarporley Hospital and the Village Day Fund. Raffle Prizes will be very gratefully received. Included will be the dinner for two and the wine, still not claimed from the Village Day event. Tickets limited as usual to 65. First come first served.

Audrey Povall 733520

Broadband

If you would like quicker internet access through a broadband connection please register your interest at www.bt.com/broadband. The more residents that register the sooner we can benefit from this service.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th November in Tiverton Village Hall at 7.30pm. It will begin with an Open Forum at which residents are invited to raise any issues of interest.

Homewatch

Residents are reminded to draw curtains now the nights are drawing in. Graham Marsden from the Crime Prevention Panel has for sale a number of low cost but highly effective security devices. For example a pinhole viewer and intercom for fitting in a door is just £10. This and other devices will be demonstrated at the Pension Service Seminar on 21st October at 2pm. Alternatively you can contact Graham direct on 771641.

Tiverton Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee is putting together a brief history of the hall. We would like to hear of any interesting stories about the old Village Hall. In particular, has anyone got some photos of the old Hall that we could borrow for scanning?
Please contact Steve Armitage 732167