

Village Day, June 2015

We are planning a village event for early June 2105, that will incorporate a 'Big Lunch'

The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project. Our aim is to get as many people as possible from Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall to have lunch together in a simple act of community, friendship and fun. We are planning games for the children and musical entertainment. Further information will be circulated as soon as all the details are confirmed.

Since the Big Lunch started in 2009, thousands of Big Lunches have taken place in all types of communities. In 2014, 4.83 million people took to their streets, gardens and community spaces for the sixth annual Big Lunch.

If you wish to be involved in the organisation, please contact Jean on 730739 or by email toyn277@btinternet.com."

Nature Notes

Spring is on the way and garden tidying after a long winter is often high on the agenda, but please be aware that we don't have a free hand to do as we wish in the garden.

The RSPB recommends that cutting hedges and trees is avoided between March and August as this is the main breeding season for nesting birds. The law tells us it is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. It would be an intentional act, for example, if you or your neighbour know there is an active nest in the hedge and still cut the hedge, damaging or destroying the nest in the process.

One reason why our villages are so special is that they are protected by a Conservation Area order with obligations to protect the environment, particularly with regard to trees. If a tree in a conservation area is not covered by a Tree Preservation Order, you have to give written notice to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) of any proposed work, describing what you want to do, at least six weeks before the work starts. This is called a 'section 211 notice' and it gives the LPA an opportunity to consider protecting the tree with a TPO. You do not need to give notice of work on a tree in a conservation area less than 7.5 centimetres in diameter, measured 1.5 metres above the ground (or 10 centimetres if thinning to help the growth of other trees).

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 26 Feb	Coffee Morning, Tiverton Village Hall 11:00am
Tues 10 March	Parish Council Meeting, 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 and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council Newsletter

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Chairman's Notes

[Call for New Members.](#)

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Your Parish Councillors are all up for re-election in May this year, at the same time as MPs and Ward Councillors. As I mentioned in the last newsletter several long-serving Councillors have indicated their intention not to stand for re-election. We need to replace them with new members or run the risk of not having the required numbers for a quorum. As well as carrying out routine Parish Council business we are at a critical stage in bringing the Neighbourhood Plan to fruition. This is a great opportunity for new members to contribute different perspectives and new skills to your Parish Council - the attendance and other requirements are not onerous.

Please give it serious consideration and call me on 01829730221 if you are interested in putting something back into your local community – we really need some new members and would make you very welcome.

[Tiverton, Tilstone Fearnall & Beeston Neighbourhood Plan.](#)

Under the able Chairmanship of Roger Cheshire the Neighbourhood Working Group has built on the findings of our original survey. Following discussions with the appropriate advisors at Cheshire West and Chester our original draft Plan was referred to CWAC. Since there is an agreed format and a strictly-defined legal procedure which has to be followed, the decision has since been taken to engage specialist consultants, Cheshire Community Action, to help us finalise the Plan. This work will be funded by a grant from the Community Development Foundation, for which we are most grateful.

Chairman's Notes (contd)

The next step involves you again, in that we have to receive your formal approval for the proposed vision, objectives and proposals that have been drawn up. This means that you will very shortly be receiving a Survey Questionnaire, as required by the regulations, even though it covers similar ground as the original open questionnaire. Please complete the survey since we do need your support.

As will be explained in the Survey document there is still some way to go, as you might know if you have followed Tattenhall's recent painful but successful progress: finalising the draft Plan, widespread consultation, getting CwaC's approval, submitting it to an Independent Examiner for approval, and finally, a referendum seeking your formal approval of the finished plan. Such are the requirements of local democracy! The Plan will then govern all planning applications in the three parishes.

Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish.

In a minor change, after the May elections, Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall parishes will formally combine as one new parish and the original ones will cease to exist as separate civil entities. Since the councillors of the two parishes work together as one council already this step just simplifies some of the administrative requirements including those relating to the mix of councillors. As extensively discussed, the parish boundaries will be re-drawn with the result that a few households in Birch Heath, Red Fox cross-roads and Stages Platt will be included in neighbouring parishes to reflect local affinities more closely.

Planning Matters.

Planning applications seem to have reverted to the more normal, modest improvements and extensions, which we are largely happy to support. Big issues still remain regarding the detailed fate of the Beeston Market site which is, of course, outside our parish boundary, though we do continue to express our views since many of you overlook it.

Gordon Ibbotson, Chairman.

The telephone box by Stocks Bank follows the classic design by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott and as such is a listed building. It has now been restored to full working order by BT with prompting from the Parish Council. Let's hope it now gets used for its proper purpose, rather than as a convenient litter collection point.

Village Hall News

The Parish Surveys in July 2004 and again in Sept 2013 have shown a gratifying level of support in the community for the village hall. On the strength of these surveys, the hall committee have been able to obtain appreciable grant funding for two ambitious projects that have put the hall facilities into a state as worthy of hire as that of any other local hall. Now the Committee task is to ensure good use of the hall, and we are pleased to announce that yet again we are able to keep our hire rates to the same modest levels as when the hall re-opened in 1985, subject to a minimum charge of £20. Long term users will see no change in their costs for the 30th year running, a record the management committee is intensely proud.

However, a sad truth of this long commitment to service in the community is that the committee itself is also 30 years older and definitely feeling its age! Now is the time for others in the community to take over the task of looking after this vital facility. It is a particularly good time to get involved as there are no outstanding projects and the management task is quite straightforward. The hall is financially self-funding, so no fund raising activities are required in the foreseeable future. New committee members would soon be up to speed in the management of what is effectively a small business. We are a registered charity, so that takes the sting out of taxation issues that otherwise might conspire to take management time and effort.

We would welcome new committee members now when everything is running smoothly and before the current committee gets to an age where they are no longer able to serve the community. The survey results show a community that values its meeting places, at least on paper. Please come forward now and lend a hand before a crash handover becomes a reality. More details from info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk

Garden Club Spring Show Sat 2 April

The Show is for the village and not just the Garden Club, Show classes are open to everyone. There are classes in flowers, pot plants, flower arranging, cookery, handicrafts, photography and a junior section. Staging is from 9am to 12 noon on the day.

Visitors welcome from 2pm with prizegiving and auction of produce at 3.30pm. Schedules are available from Joyce Harbottle, tel 01829 733465.

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