

Dates for your Diary

Sat 6 April	Garden Club Spring Show, Tiverton Village Hall
Sun 7 April	Tiverton Methodist Chapel Anniversary Service 2:30pm
Thurs 25 April	Coffee Morning, Tiverton Village Hall 11:00am
Sat 11 May	Garden Club Plant Sale at Tiverton Village Hall 10:00am
Tues 14 May	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 Methodist Chapel

148th Anniversary Service

Sunday 7 April 2013 at 2:30pm

Preacher: Mrs Elizabeth Holmes

Solist: Roy Craven

All welcome in join in celebrating the anniversary of the Chapel foundation in 1865.

Local History Society

A group from the Local History Society has formed in Tiverton to research and write up the history of Tilstone Fearnall School. At the moment we are amassing group photos that go back years and undertaking oral histories with ex-pupils. The Chester Records Office is also proving a fertile source for the school records.

Would ex-pupils and others who would like to contribute and/or offer photos (which will be copied and returned) contact the group through the website info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk or Derek Marshall on 732217

Please send any items for the next edition to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk or to any Parish Councillor, by mid June 2013

Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council Newsletter

April 2013

Chairman's Notes

Neighbourhood Plan – Following recent discussions with CWaC we were advised that we should consider combining with neighbouring parishes for the purposes of developing a neighbourhood plan. This would enable us to spread the cost and share the work involved, while developing common policies in partnership with other rural parishes facing similar issues and concerns. After considering various alternatives your parish council and Beeston parish council have agreed in principle to work together in this way. Recent housing and development proposals for the Beeston Brook area have highlighted the importance of us working together to try and influence the future scale and nature of development on our shared boundary. For all other purposes the parishes retain their separate identities and existing governance arrangements.

Traffic matters – Your parish council has contributed towards the cost of installing illuminating speeding signs on the A49 in an attempt to reduce the number of accidents. This follows an initiative from a member of the public who shares our concerns. In addition, we understand that a condition of the planning consent for the Beeston Castle Hotel housing development is that a reduction of the speed limit to 30mph should be considered.

The turning area at the junction of the A49 with Huxley Lane is to be re-structured by the highways department in an attempt to end the repeated damaging of the “elephant fencing”. The existing parking areas to the North and South sides of Huxley Lane will be designated “one-way” and part of the North side will have “no-parking” double yellow lines, on one side only, to enable big lorries to swing around un-hindered.

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Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club – Permission has just been granted for improvements to the surfacing, lighting and fencing of the existing all-weather surface, plus the creation of a new hard-surfaced practice area. In discussions between the hockey club and the parish council the club stated that it was pleased to continue to make its grounds available for dog walkers because this gave it some comfort regarding security. However, it was mentioned by both a councillor and by the club that some dog owners allowed fouling of the field, so we would ask everyone to be more considerate and clean up afterwards.

We continue to receive complaints about the latest refuse-collection arrangements of the kind also reported in the Chester Chronicle almost weekly. We intend to give a considered and, hopefully, representative review of the pluses and minuses of the arrangements to CWaC in a few months' time, so we welcome any further observations that you might have.

Gordon Ibbotson, Chairman

Beeston Castle Hotel no more

For those of you only occasionally travelling the A49 through Beeston Brook, the gap where the Beeston Castle Hotel used to stand must have come as bit of a shock? Although we raised the spectre of demolition in the last Newsletter, there were hopes of a reprieve through a last minute appeal to English Heritage on the basis that a public house had existed on the site since at least 1740 and was therefore of some historical significance. The building being demolished was probably an 1840s remodelling carried out by the Tollemache estate.

As the demolition gang moved in at the end of February, letters and phone calls rained down on English Heritage and CWaC Planning Dept., but to no avail. The English Heritage judgement was eventually revealed in a crisply worded statement to the effect that the building had little significance due to the large scale internal alterations. To quote their report: "Beeston Castle Hotel is a prominent building of local architectural interest with associations to the Tollemache estate. However, within a national context it is too altered to qualify for inclusion on the statutory list."

Now the site is levelled and it is hard to imagine that once a thriving public house existed on that site.

Village Hall News

In October, the village hall finally got together a submission for funding to carry out a much needed and comprehensive refurbishment of the hall facilities. Encouraged by the Parish Council, the Hall Committee extended the proposal to replace the aging central heating system and the front door, windows and fascia boards alongside the original project to modernise the kitchen area and create more effective storage in place of the under-used bar area.

The total cost of the project comes in at a little over £30,000 of which we need to find around £5,000 locally. The paperwork involved in the submission ran to 114 pages and the final posting weighed over 1.2kg.

With an initial response from our funders that suggested the bid might be a little weak on local backing, it was very gratifying to receive many letters of support from villagers once word got out. That seems to have assuaged the doubt, and the Committee has now been awarded full funding for the project from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) who incidentally also funded the steps project back in 2006.

The Committee would like to express its thanks to all those who helped in putting the funding bid together and generously offered letters of support. It all seems to have paid dividends at a time when it is extremely difficult to get funding for any project. We are also very grateful to WREN for putting us ahead of the many other applicants for funding in this quarter's funding round.

The work is planned to take place in phases over the summer months and we should expect to see a much more modern and efficient environment for hall users by the autumn.