

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 24 Nov	Drop-In Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12am Tiverton Village Hall, all welcome for a chat and cup of coffee.
Fri 11 Nov	Parish Plan 'Celebration' with talk on EConet Tiverton Village Hall 6:00 for 6:30pm Tickets from 733907
Tues 22 Nov	Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm Tiverton Village Hall
Sat 31 Dec	Celebrate New Years Eve at Tiverton Village Hall. Dance to live music with The KADS, 8pm - 12:30am. Buffet supper/champagne toast. Tickets (limited) £12.50 from Beeston Shop or 733337 or 733520
7 Jan 2006:	Garden club annual millennium walk. Start at 10:30 a.m. from Smithy Green.

If you want your event listed here, email to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk

The memories of Elsie Kirkland

Elsie Kirkland was a resident of Tiverton, until 1930. Elsie, was one of Samuel Povall's four daughters, and her brother Harry, was Bill Povall's father.

"During the 39-45 war Peckforton Castle was used to house homeless and handicapped children from bombed out homes. There is a book by Jessie E Thomas which describes all that went on during that time. Soldiers from nearby camps would go and entertain those children, play with them, give them their sweet rations. She (Jessie Thomas) mentioned how kind the Czechoslovakian soldiers were and when they left, they gave a farewell party to all the neighbours. They had Czechoslovakian food and a dancer in costume and before they left they gave Mrs Thomas a medallion inscribed: -

"In memory of a Czechoslovakian soldier. We march on,
faithful to ourselves and faithful to Britain".

Contributions/Letters

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Special Edition - Remembering the Wars

Chairman's Letter

60 years since VE Day, and with Armistice Day shortly upon us, it seemed appropriate to commemorate the brave men and women who lost their lives and fought for freedom, by looking back on some of the war memories which we collected as part of our History Day last year.

We shall have a short ceremony at the Stocks Bank Memorial on Friday 11th November at 11.00am. All welcome

Liz Scott, Chairman

TIVERTON ROLL OF HONOUR

Frank ARMSTRONG, Kings L R
James ASHTON, Royal Fusil's
Wilfred BADROCK, Shrop V Y
George CHESTERS, Ches R
Henry FLEET, Shrop L I
John HARDING, Shrop L I
William MATTHEWS, Shrop L I
William MEREDITH, Shrop L I
Joseph ROWLAND, Ches R
John SIMPSON, Ches R
Charles SIMPSON, Machine G C
Eric THELWELL, Kings L R
OF TIVERTON WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR
KING AND COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

1939 - 1945

Robert HARDING, RASC

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Bill Povall

The war took me into Normandy following the landings, and eventually through into Germany. Prior to the War, I was part of a 'gang of four'; myself, Ron and Alec Mossford, and Bob Harding. We socialised together, going to football and the cinema. When War broke out, all four of us took part in the various Normandy Landings. Two years later, three of us returned home safely. The name of Bob Harding is to be found on the Stocks Bank War Memorial; he died in France. His name is the only one on the Tiverton War Memorial remembering casualties of the Second World War. I was not aware of his death, until 1946, when I returned home from Germany. RIP

7402371 CPL Povall W.H R.A.M.C

Bombs on Tiverton!

There was a lock-keepers cottage at Whartons Lock before World War II. During the war, a land mine was dropped one night, close to the house demolishing it completely. By good fortune, the inhabitants, Mr and Mrs Davies, were out that night. Mr Davies was away in the army at the time. Land mines were being dropped all the time as there was a petrol dump near the canal, it was said that the Germans were trying to bomb that. A silk cord from the landmine was picked up by Mr J Wilson and is still kept by his family today.

Just a bit further along from the lock, an incendiary bomb hit Tiverton Chapel and bounced off the roof into the garden of Mr F Wilson where it had to be dug up, de-fused and made safe. This one night there was a lot of incendiary bombs let off and they lit the whole of the village, you could say 'it turned night into day'. Everyone was scared out of their wits that night, wondering whether they would see morning. A hayshed at Ferney Lees was set on fire that night, all because the Germans were trying to hit the petrol dump, which is still here to this day.

Contributed by Margaret Wilson

Harry Sheen

Harry Sheen was well known in the Tiverton area. He served with the Cheshire Regiment, in France and Germany in the Second World War, and was injured when he was shot in the head. He returned home to Tiverton after being found by the Americans, but not before he had recovered in Hospital in Germany, during which time his wife had already been notified by telegram (wrongly), that he was missing, presumed dead.

Contributed by Brenda Clays

Jean Green relates her memories of the war, and Tilstone Fearnall School.

"When war broke out, we had a lot of evacuees from Liverpool. Some only stayed a matter of weeks, others for longer. As this resulted in more children in the school, four more teachers came to the school, so we were a bit cramped! I remember there being a Chinese family who came to the school.

Some of the evacuees that I recall staying in Tiverton, included the Banks family who stayed at Stable Cottage. Other families including the 'Blundells', and Dodds (no relation to me) stayed in Pudding Lane.

Mrs Bibby (later Lady Bibby) from Tilstone Lodge, also had some evacuees at Tilstone Lodge, who lived in the nursery wing, organised like a boarding school.

My father, Leonard Dodd was in the 'Royal Observer Corps' during the War. This entailed going to the old Tarporley racecourse during the night, and sometimes day (in which case Mother had to take over the running of the business). His job was to observe and report aircraft that were passing over."

Did you know that **Gardenhurst**, which had formerly been the house and gardens of James Gordon Houghton, was requisitioned during the Second World War as a tank park and Battalion headquarters.

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