

Dates for your Diary

Tues 8 Mar	Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm, Tiverton Village Hall (the agenda is published on the noticeboard by the telephone box)
Thurs 17 Mar	Tarporley and Bunbury Local History Society, Tiverton Village Hall at 7:30pm. Topic to be announced
Sat 26 Mar	Garden Club, Tiverton Village Hall 2pm: SPRING SHOW
Tues 29 Mar	Tiverton Village Hall AGM, 7:30pm in Village Hall. All welcome.
Thurs 31 Mar	Drop-In Coffee Morning 10:30 to 12am Tiverton Village Hall, all welcome for a chat and cup of coffee.
Tues 5 April	Garden Club, Tiverton Village Hall 7:30pm: FRUIT CROPS IN THE GARDEN Mr Bob Mackey

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

Chairman's Letter continued

With Cllr. Mike Jones of CWaC present there was a long discussion about what the Parish Council saw as the failings, in practice, of the current planning and planning enforcement system. Cllr. Jones agreed that the views and interests of the Parish Council and local residents usually lost out when opposed by a determined commercial developer who knows how to work the system. However, the Coalition Government's planned Localism Bill intends to give local communities more influence over the planning process for local housing and commercial developments. In this context it is of critical importance that the Parish Council, in consultation with the local community, updates the Village Plan and includes a "neighbourhood development plan", which will provide the framework for future planning applications. The Council intends to start on this important work as soon as possible.

Gordon Ibbotson, Chairman

Contributions/Letters

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TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL PARISH NEWS

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Chairman's Letter

At the Parish Council meeting on 11th January 2011 there was a long discussion, prompted by Phyllis Armitage, the parish re-cycling champion, about Cheshire West and Chester's recent consultation and new plastic re-cycling policy. For some reason Tiverton residents seem to have missed out on some of CWaC's information leaflets.

For anyone not yet up-to-speed on what can and cannot be re-cycled see CWaC's website under "Improved Plastic Re-cycling"; http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/waste_and_recycling/reducing_your_waste/improved_plastic_recycling.aspx, where there is an excellent check-list. Details can also be found on a new re-cycling page on the village website.

Roger Blake reminded us that, if people wish to avoid the higher cost of 0845, 0870 and similar telephone numbers, they should consult the website; www.saynoto0870.com, and select "search for alternative number". Roger also notified the Council that he intends to step down as Home Watch champion, so volunteers for a replacement are welcome.

An application has been lodged for a grant for the refurbishment of the War Memorial. Following requests from the public CWaC have agreed to erect roadside signs for Beeston Brook and Brassey Green, so as to help preserve the identity of hamlets within the parish.

Under new policies from CWaC, all street cleaning and grass cutting will be carried out by CWaC from April 2011, in the interests of providing a uniform service throughout the county and avoiding duplication of work or costs. It falls to me, therefore, to thank Harold Withe, whose services will no longer be required, for the excellent work he has done over the years in keeping the parish looking its best.

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Village Hall News

It is with some sadness we have to announce that the regular Bingo Sessions on a Thursday evening have now ceased. For those of you with a long memory, the Bingo Group used to be the lifeblood of the Village Hall, putting together the enormous effort to raise funding and rebuild the village hall in the early 1980s. But times change and the attractions of Bingo are failing to find favour with younger persons, and regular attendances have been falling over the last decade as the older supporters can no longer get out and about, to the point where the group leader has decided to consolidate on Bunbury.

This also means that there is now a vacancy for a regular Thursday evening meeting in the Village Hall, if there are any societies or clubs that would like to relocate to a more intimate and cosy hall where they might also save on their hire costs.

We are due our AGM for the 2009/10 financial year, and this will be held on 29 March in the Village Hall. All villagers are welcome to attend.

The Committee would welcome your views and suggestions, and would be delighted if you wanted to help us manage the hall. Please send anything to info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk, or even better come to the AGM.

Tiverton District Garden Club

As you may know, this year the Club is celebrating its Silver Jubilee. It was founded in 1986 by the late Audrey Povall to help make use of the newly built Village Hall.

The first meeting was held in January 1986, and the first Spring and Autumn Shows were also held that year.

Bill Povall has been President since 1995, and Anne Smart was elected as our new Chairman at the AGM in November 2010, thus ensuring that the Club will continue to thrive for many years to come.

If you are not already a member, please come along to our meetings where everyone is made welcome.

Classes at the Shows are open to all, so why not enter? The Shows are for the whole village, not just Club members. More details and schedules available from Joyce (tel. 733465).

Royal Wedding Celebration

A group of villagers are putting their heads together to plan an event for 29 April to mark the occasion of the Royal Wedding. At this stage it is a 'gleam in the eye' so suggestions and offers of help would be most welcome. The village hall is booked for the event, but not much else has crystallised so far. We also would like to hear from anybody with photos or information from previous royal weddings.

Watch the notice boards and website for more detail. Any thoughts or offers should be sent to the usual info@tiverton-cheshire.org.uk

Composting News

Now that Spring is on its way we can all welcome signs of life in our gardens, but unfortunately along with the first flowers there are weeds sprouting and dead plants to clear out. Before long the lawns will need a trim. As well as using your green bin to dispose of the waste from your garden, you might want to improve your facilities for home composting. There are some excellent offers available from Cheshire West and Chester, including compost bins from £14, with buy one get one half price, also water butts and wormeries. For details of the offers plus lots of advice on making better compost, see <http://www.cheshirewest.getcomposting.com/>

Local History Society

It is not often that a new society forms in the Tiverton area and we were delighted to be able to host the inaugural meeting of the Tarporley and Bunbury Historical Society in Tiverton Village Hall last Tuesday.

A very competent first meeting had inputs from existing local history groups outlining the sort of activities that form the core of a successful group, along with a virtual tour of the Cheshire Records Office, a vital resource for any local history group.

Doug Haynes agree to act as Chairman until the EGM in May and with such an experienced and capable chair, the Society has got off to a good start.

The next three meetings will all be on Thursday evenings in the village hall at 7:30am on 17 Mar, 28 Apr and 19 May. The programme is being worked up so watch the notice boards and website for further details.