



Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council Newsletter May 2018

What's On

Tiverton Village Society Village Day – Hockey Club, 30th June, 2pm. (Jean Toyn).

Chairman's Notes

It was really pleasing to see so many people attend the Parish Council Meeting on the 13th March to hear about the plans for the Red Fox Junction. Whilst the plans might not meet everyone's idea of what is required, I think that it is a step in the right direction, especially when taken alongside the proposed speed limit reduction. The good news is that work has now commenced on the restructuring of the junction itself. The speed limit reduction (down from 60mph to 50 mph) needs to go through a consultation phase, so might not be implemented for a little while yet and we will have to make a contribution towards the cost. The Parish Council will monitor the effectiveness of these changes and, if necessary, lobby Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWaC) for further changes.

The issue of potholes remains a problem and whilst the Parish Council is endeavouring to put pressure on CWaC it is acknowledged that it remains far from satisfactory. Please continue to report potholes through the CWaC Highways Reporting System whenever possible and let the Parish Clerk know

your “Enquiry Number” so that we can continue to monitor and expedite the problem. The appropriate website link is;

<https://maps.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cwac/faultreporting/>

There have been some changes to the Parish Council. Cllr. Kevin Thompson has left the council because of work and personal commitments. I would like to thank Kevin for his contribution to the council, in particular his enthusiasm and energy in getting the defibrillator installed at Tiverton Village Hall. On a positive note I am pleased to say that we have two new councillors: Janine Revill who was co-opted onto the council in March and Heather Lightfoot who was co-opted onto the council in May. As well as further improving the female/male balance on the council this also gives us two new councillors close to the Tiverton/Tilstone Fearnall border. The council now has a very good geographic balance across the Parish – although representatives from Tilstone Fearnall itself would be very welcome!

Ray Mould – Chairman, Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council

Tiverton Bus Service to Chester

Many of you will be aware that the weekly bus service from Tiverton to Chester (the number 83) is no more, following the removal of funding by Cheshire East Council. All is not lost, however, as there is now a twice weekly minibus service connecting Tiverton to Chester, the Countess of Chester Hospital and Cheshire Oaks (as well as Tarporley and Utkinton).

The service operates on a Tuesday and Thursday leaving the Tiverton War Memorial for Chester at 09:38 and arriving back in Tiverton at 14:32.

This service can be used by anyone, but you do need to register your details with the Council by ringing: 01244 973039. As it is a registered bus service normal fares are charged but concessionary bus passes are valid, as usual, for travel after 09:30.

This is an important service for residents without their own transport, but unless there is a reasonable level of usage it may be withdrawn at some point. So, even if you have your own transport, could I ask that you use this service from time to time to ensure that it remains a viable proposition.

For those of you that would like a copy of the leaflet detailing this service, along with the updated Community Car Service (which replaces the Dial a Ride Shuttle Bus), please contact Ray Mould on 07771 813249 or your Parish Newsletter “postman”.

Tiverton Village Society Update

Another **fun quiz night** took place on 14th April. The evening raised £260, which was donated to the Village Hall, so thanks to everyone who came along and supported the evening.

As most of you will be aware the Village Hall is not being used as much as in the past and we feel that we need to support the hall to maintain which is a valued asset for the community.

Village Day 2018 will be on Saturday 30th June starting at 2pm, at Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club.

There will be a Pie vs Cake competition so bring your homemade bakes savoury or sweet along - we have a guest judge joining us!

The dog show is back by popular demand and will feature a Dog Musical Chairs competition. Other features are family games including rounders, football and tug of war and free Bouncy Castle for the children

We will be running a cake stall for charity so all cake donations are welcome. This year we will also be collecting tinned food and toiletries for charity so please bring donations if you have some to spare.

Bring a picnic and join us: as always, the club bar will be open and there will be burgers and sausages available.

For more information, contact Jean on 01829 730739.

Superfast Broadband Update

Voneus have started work on the design and construction of the network. There is now a private Facebook site for Eaton and Tiverton (EAT) residents.

Public Rights of Way (PROW)

Cheshire West Council wishes to draw everyone's attention to the growing problem of trespass by walkers straying from public footpaths, often deliberately, or letting their dogs roam off the lead. Many landowners across the country are experiencing such issues and we have received some complaints from landowners within our own parish, again mainly concerning dog walkers. Over the last 12 months or so numerous incidents across Cheshire have been brought to the attention of the Cheshire West Council, who have issued the following statement for use in press releases etc.

CWaC Council's advice on Public Rights of Way and access to farmland

The aim is to educate the public about some of the does and don'ts when using PROW.

Summer is fast approaching and many of us may be planning walks in the countryside to enjoy the sunshine and scenery. The Council has the following advice on public rights of access to the countryside.

The general public is permitted by law to access areas of the countryside along formal Public Rights of Way (PROW), which are categorised as Public Footpaths, Public Bridleways, Restricted Byways and Byways Open to All Traffic (BOAT's).

General advice on using PROWs is as follows:

- The public has a right to access these routes and are permitted to stop along them to enjoy a view, but not to stop for a picnic or other such activity unless permission has been received from the landholder;*
- Dogs are permitted on a PROW, but they should be kept under close control, especially when in the vicinity of livestock. Landholders are legally permitted to shoot a dog if it is found to be worrying, chasing or attacking their livestock;*
- Do not deviate or allow your dog to stray from the line of a PROW, as it is an act of trespass against the landholder, for which you could be prosecuted in the courts. You may only deviate from the path of a PROW to get around an obstruction that is in your way, for example, a large puddle, and that right only permits moving directly around the obstruction;*
- The "right to roam" does not cover general farmland. More information can be found on the gov.uk website (<https://www.gov.uk/topic/outdoor-access-recreation/rights-of-way-open-access>).*
- Always consider the Countryside Code when out and about in the countryside – it is also on the gov.uk website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>).*

If you need any further advice, please see the CWaC Council website.

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