

Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council Newsletter December 2018



The parish's least favourite location!

What's On

Christmas Carol Service – Tuesday 18th December at 7pm, Methodist Church.

Village Society Christmas Party – Saturday 22nd December, Village Hall.

Village Society Spring Event – Saturday 30th March, Village Hall.

Chairman's Notes

Red Fox Junction

Following the last Newsletter, we have been reassured by Cheshire West & Chester Highways that the work at re-configuring the Red Fox junction will start in January. We are told that the delay was caused by the need to do some last-minute changes to the original design (now apparently agreed) and the tendering process. At the same time, we have been pushing to get the (already agreed) plans to reduce the speed limit to 50mph implemented. I am pleased to say that the process of consulting people with properties along the A51/A49 that are directly affected by this speed change has now taken place, so progress is being made. Unfortunately, I have no information regarding the timings of this implementation.

Water Bursts

We also had a very quick response from United Utilities regarding a letter we wrote to their Chief Executive about the frequent mains water bursts down Huxley Lane. As a result, we had two United Utilities representatives attend the last Parish Council meeting in November. As an interim measure the mains water pressure in Huxley Lane has been reduced to 2.5bar. This is just under half of what it was but is still above the minimum pressure that they are obliged to provide. They also assured us that they had no plans to reduce this further. It would appear that this has had the desired effect in terms of reducing the frequency of mains water bursts. There is, however, even better news in that Huxley Lane is scheduled to have a new mains water pipe installed in 2020. Outline plans indicate that a new pipe will be laid from the A49 along Huxley Lane to (about) Crib Lane. Further updates will be provided as and when available.

Operation Shield

In my last note I asked for some feedback from residents regarding Operation Shield. We only had expressions of interest from one resident, which I think indicates quite clearly that there is no desire from our community to implement this initiative. As a result, the Parish Council will not look to progress with this.

Local Bus Services

Thanks to a local resident I became aware in October that Cheshire West & Chester Transport were carrying out a consultation with Tarporley Ward regarding their bus services. This became a cause for concern for two reasons – one because we were not invited to take part (because we are in Tattenhall Ward not Tarporley) and secondly because it asked for feedback regarding the twice weekly bus service from Tiverton to Chester as well as the Community Car Service. This was all somewhat frustrating because we had spent a considerable amount of time and effort earlier in the year lobbying to keep our existing bus service. In the end because there was insufficient time for us to properly take part in this latest consultation I wrote to CW&C Transport, re-iterating our position that we need to have as a minimum a weekly service from Tiverton to Chester. We await the outcome of their review with interest.

Ray Mould – Chairman, Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council

Tiverton Village Society

In the past the village had an active society which ran various events in the Village Hall, it supported the Christmas Carol service and the a Village Day event in 2006 was a great success. However, after that date it was not so proactive as it had been in previous years.

In 2014 a group of us got together and formed a new Village Society committee which has grown over the last couple of years. We are lucky that we have had new families move into the village and they have become the backbone of the society.

We ran our first Village day in June 2015 as part of the Big Lunch project, which is all about getting communities together, something that we feel very strongly about. We plan to run three main events each year; the Summer Village Day, and the Autumn and Spring evening events in the village hall. These have included quizzes and bingo - all good fun but more importantly it has been great that so many people from the village have come along.

Although the members of the committee plan the events, we depend heavily on so many from the village who always turn out to help. This is especially so on the Village Day, helping us set up and then clear up at the end. These include Ben, Ash, Pete, Steve and our Parish Council Chair, Ray, who is great when it comes to cleaning up and recycling.

We also like to support different charities – such as Tarporley Cottage Hospital through the Village Day. And this year we also supported Winsford Food Bank and, through one of our members Heather, we supported Teams4u, a Wrexham-based charity which runs the Christmas Shoe Box scheme and Aid Trips to Africa throughout the year.

If anyone has ideas of events they would like to see, or would like to join our team, please do get in touch.

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Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Website

Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council now has a new website. This has been funded by a local government grant aimed at helping small Parish Councils provide details and records of their meetings online. Although money was provided for this, it still required willing volunteers to work on the selection of the website developer – which was done in conjunction with Beeston Parish Council – and then to work with the selected developer

to design and implement our website. Thanks to Cllrs. Asheesh Sharma and Ray Mould and Parish Clerk Carol Weaver for this, but a very special thanks to Steve Armitage who provided invaluable guidance and assistance throughout the whole process.

The website remains work in progress as new information is uploaded and new groups e.g. the Village Society take ownership of their own pages. Feedback from the community is welcome – just drop an email to the Parish Clerk with your thoughts or suggestions.

The new website can be found at: www.tiverton-cheshire.org.uk

Beeston Castle Bronze Age Roundhouse Project.

English Heritage plans to construct a replica Bronze Age roundhouse within the Outer Bailey of Beeston Castle between January and June 2019. The objective is to illustrate an important but often neglected era of the Beeston site, compared with the very visible but much later Norman castle remains. The completed roundhouse will be a tourist attraction in itself, but it will also be used for a variety of educational purposes.

A specialist team of volunteers will be trained to construct the building using original tools and original construction techniques, as far as is practical, given modern health and safety considerations. There will be five separate weeks of intensive training between January and May, devoted respectively to timberwork, thatching, wattle-and-daub walling, flooring and furniture/utensils, with two days per week construction work in the intervening weeks. The completed dwelling will be fitted out with replica Bronze Age furniture, cooking utensils, spinning and weaving equipment etc.

The project is in Beeston Parish, of course, but it does fall within our Neighbourhood Plan Area and the Parish Council welcomes and supports this development, as adding an important asset for the enjoyment of the local community as well as for visitors. The project is currently awaiting planning permission from Cheshire West and Chester.

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