



Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall

Parish Council Newsletter

October 2019

Chairman's Notes

The Horse Chestnut Tree

Most of you will have noticed that the horse chestnut tree on Smithy Green, at the corner of the A49 and Huxley Lane, is no more. It was taken down on Thursday 15th August. The tree was planted in 1935 to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary. In recent years it had been diagnosed with Bleeding Canker and we had hoped it would recover, but this year it was clear to all that it had died. I am pleased to say that much of the wood was collected by residents and that donations of £250 were received, which will go towards the cost of felling and whatever we decide to put in its place. We could obviously plant a new tree but perhaps there are other options that ought to be considered. The Parish Council will be discussing what to do at the next Parish Council Meeting on the 12th November and we would very much welcome input from yourselves. So please let the Council know your thoughts either by emailing the Parish Clerk, by contacting any of the Parish Councillors or by coming to the meeting and letting us have your views directly. Please take this opportunity to have your say on what will become a legacy for future Tiverton generations.

What's On (1)

Remembrance Day Service; Monday 11th November at 10.50 am, Tiverton War Memorial.

An evening with Dawn of Distinctive Designs; 29th November, 7.30, St Jude's Church Hall, Tilstone Fearnall. Dawn will create a selection of Christmas floral displays which will be raffled off. Tickets £6 from Liz Marren (01270 528556) or Jenny Brooks (01829 730225).

Parish Council Meetings; 12th November 2019, 14th January, 10th March, 12th May 2020.

Tilstone Fearnall De-fibrillator Installation & Training

The Parish Council decided a few months ago to purchase a de-fibrillator (AED) for Tilstone Fearnall. This has now been ordered and will be installed on the external wall of St Jude's Church Hall this next month. We are grateful for the very generous contributions of £600, mainly from Tilstone Fearnall residents. Thanks also to Cllr Heather Lightfoot for her fundraising efforts, including the Coffee Morning held in St Jude's Church Hall in August. She would also like to thank the Thelwell family for their help. We were also successful in our application for a grant from the British Heart Foundation.

De-fibrillators are very easy to use but a basic level of training is required. We have engaged the services of Tattenhall First Responders to deliver a course that will provide the essential skills that an AED operator needs and give people the confidence to know what to do in an emergency. The course will cover:

- The role of the first aider
- Managing an emergency
- Getting to know the AED
- Operating the AED
- Treatment of an unresponsive casualty
- Resuscitation (CPR)

The training will take place at St Jude's Church Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 15th October. Residents from Tiverton as well as Tilstone Fearnall are more than welcome to attend this training.

Parish Council Vacancy

I am pleased to say that one of our parish council vacancies has now been filled. Louise Law, who lives in Tiverton and is on the committee of Tiverton Village

Society, has been co-opted on to the Council. We very much welcome this as a way of bringing closer cooperation between the Village Society and the Parish Council. It also provides the council with a 50:50 split of male/female councillors. There remains one vacancy which we are keen to fill. Anyone is welcome to apply, but I would particularly encourage people from the farming community and/or people living in Tilstone Bank, Hand Green or Gardenhurst to apply as these areas are under-represented on the council.

If you are interested then please get in touch with me or the Parish Clerk and arrange for an informal chat about what it means to be a parish councillor.

Huxley Lane Water Main

United Utilities are now indicating that the work to replace the leaky water main along Huxley Lane from the A49 to somewhere between Pudding Lane and Crib Lane will begin in October this year, somewhat earlier than originally planned. This will inevitably cause some traffic disruption and inconvenience for residents while the work is in progress. But we will see the benefits longer term.

Ray Mould – Chairman, Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council.

What's On (2) – Tiverton Village Society

The Village Society is organising a number of events over the next 12 months:

- *Village Social- Saturday 16th November 2019, 7.30pm, Tiverton Village Hall.*
The evening is for everyone in the village so come along, bring a bottle and some nibbles - it will be a great opportunity for everyone to get together, especially those new to the village.
- *Christmas Party - Sunday 22nd December, 4pm, Tiverton Village Hall.*
A festive afternoon with a very special guest appearing; an afternoon for everyone, but especially for the children, with games/craft table etc.
- *Tiverton History Afternoon Tea - Saturday April 25th 2020, 12noon, Tiverton Village Hall.*
We want to celebrate our lovely village and its history. So, we will be asking those of you who have lived in the village for some years, or who have relatives/friends who used to live here, to help us with (on loan) pictures /stories/ memories of Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall.
- *TivFest - 27th June 2020, Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club (provisional date).*
The Village Day is being re-branded as TivFest. This is to reflect that it will be a little different from those we have run the last few years. It will start at 4pm and go on into the evening, with live music and pizzas on sale. Children's bouncy castle will be provided free as usual.

Voneus CEO - Superfast Broadband.

Despite my encouraging meeting with the CEO of Voneus in July I have received very little in the way of up-dates on the latest developments. Voneus have indicated a start date of November but I remain sceptical.

Daubing Day at Beeston Roundhouse

The construction of the Bronze Age at Beeston Castle roundhouse has now been completed, except for three walls which have been left un-daubed! “Children of all ages” are invited to participate in daubing the remaining walls, with help and supervision on hand, on the **26th and 27th of October** (don't come in your best clothes – daub is mud but it **does not** contain any contributions from four-legged friends!). Meanwhile work is continuing to fit out the roundhouse with furniture, kitchen utensils, Bronze Age tools etc. but the house is now open to visitors. On most days there are qualified “explainers” on hand to tell you about the Bronze Age, the background to the project, the story of the build and to answer any questions.



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