

*Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall  
Parish Council Newsletter  
March 2020*



### **What's On**

St Jude's Coffee Morning – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30, St Jude's Church Hall.

Tiverton History Afternoon Tea – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm, Tiverton Village Hall.

TivFest - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020, from 4pm until late. Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club.

Parish Council Meetings; 12<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Tiverton & Tilston Fearnall Village Society**

You are invited to tea and cakes in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th April 2020, 2 pm to 4 pm. We are collecting memories of the village and will be displaying some of the old photos. Please help us with any old photos or stories you might have. Come and join us and share your memories. If you need help in getting to the Village Hall we can arrange to pick you up. Everyone is welcome, especially those new to the



village - come and meet us.

*For further details or to arrange a lift please contact Jean Toyn on 01829 730739 / 07563 156 220.*

## **Chairman's Notes**

### **Water Update**

For those of us living on or travelling along Huxley Lane it is with some relief that the project to replace the water main is now finished. Hopefully the frequent bursts that we had will be a thing of the past. I think for the most part, although it has taken them longer than planned, they have done a really good job. United Utilities have promised that they will make good Smithy Green and other damaged grass verges later in the year when the grass is likely to grow.

### **Broadband Update**

The proposed Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) project promised by Openreach has started, with clear evidence of fibre reels on some of the telegraph poles in the parish. My contact at Openreach tells me that the project has slipped a little, but some properties will definitely be connected by the end of April, whilst others may be a month or two later. If you want to know whether your property is covered by this FTTP initiative and indeed whether the work is now complete and you are able to receive FTTP visit [www.openreach.com](http://www.openreach.com) and go to "fibre checker". Once the website indicates that FTTP is available to you, contact your service provider to arrange the connection. FTTP will allow you to benefit from Ultra-Fast Broadband, providing download speeds far in excess of the service currently available.

### **Parish Council Update**

Gordon Ibbotson wrote a very good article in the last newsletter about the role of the Parish Council. As he says, it is the first port-of-call into local government and all the parish councillors are volunteers who give up some of their valuable time to carry out work on behalf of the community. We still have a vacancy for a parish councillor, so if you feel you can give something back to the community please get in contact with the Parish Clerk for an informal chat.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 12th May, when we will also be holding the Annual Parish Meeting. This is an opportunity for you to hear from the Chairman about the work carried out over the last 12 months and for you to ask questions about what we have been doing, as well as raising any issues that concern you.

### **Parish Donation**

Each year the Parish Council considers whether it is able to make a small, token donation to a local charity of our choosing. Last year we chose the Air

Ambulance service and this year we agreed to donate £100 to the Tarporley War Memorial Hospital, especially as it is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary.

### **Parish Council Website**

If you have not visited the website yet please do: [www.tiverton-cheshire.org.uk](http://www.tiverton-cheshire.org.uk). As well as providing statutory information relating to parish council matters e.g. Agendas, Minutes etc. there is information relating to other aspects of village life in the Community section. Also interesting is the Photo Gallery in the Parish section which gives a glimpse of life in bygone days. If you have any old photographs that could be added to that section, or indeed any suggestions for improving the website please email me: [mould.ray@gmail.com](mailto:mould.ray@gmail.com)

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

### **Tiverton Village Hall Clock**

Many of you may have noticed that the clock over the village hall had been “stuck” for several months, but I am now delighted to let everyone know that it is working again and telling the correct time, as we would expect of such a grand clock.

The problem arose in the small motor that gives the clock its motion and time, where a tiny bearing had worn with time and continuous use. A little bit of history may help to explain why a simple mechanical problem led to such a long outage.



To celebrate the 2000 millennium, the Village Hall Committee commissioned a large, public display clock from J B Boyce & Co of Whitchurch at a cost of £1,300 in 1999. Part of the high cost is a box of complex electronics that synchronises the clock, in particular adjusting for BST without manual intervention. Over the years this clock has been appreciated by the village and given reliable and accurate service.

Boyce is a long-established firm of clock makers who were responsible for many tower clocks in the UK and abroad, offering the Westminster Chimes amongst other pieces of clock wizardry. But change comes unexpectedly and, despite making contact with them through a Whitchurch telephone number, I was surprised to find I was dealing with a Derbyshire firm. Smith of Derby have now taken over Boyce and the company no longer has a presence in Whitchurch.

The motor, despite looking like something that every central heating system uses to operate its flow valves, is a specialist Rotalink motor that is not sold to the general public and is only available from Smiths. In my discussions with their Sales Dept, I was surprised to learn that 20 years running life was a bit exceptional, and they wouldn't be surprised at as little as a 5-year lifetime; so perhaps Tiverton has been lucky? Fortunately, the motor is very accessible and easy to fit, so there was no additional cost for an onsite technician visit.

The village hall is run so as to offer users the lowest rental charge possible, consistent with breaking even over the year. The Committee prefers to raise funds for unexpected charges of this sort, rather than increasing the hire charges, and was delighted by the very positive response to a fund-raising appeal by user groups and the Parish Council that quickly brought in the necessary monies. So, a big thanks to organisations that contributed so generously, and we sincerely hope for another 20 years of operational life before having to undertake a similar exercise.

*Tiverton Village Hall Management Committee.*

### **“Tea, Chat and Fun”.**

Alan Macready (01829 732476) wishes to remind you all about his new and different kind of village social activity. He doesn't describe it as a formal discussion group but wants to get people together every other week for tea and good conversation. You are invited to come along, make new friends and have fun; whatever your age you will be warmly welcomed. The venue is Tiverton Village Hall, every first and third Thursday of the month, now at the later time of 7.30 pm – next dates; 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Coronavirus.**

In the current crisis there are a number of factors that hopefully reduce the risk to our residents; we are relatively thinly spread, we generally do know who our neighbours are, many of us do not have to go to work, those who do work mainly travel by car, and we do not have massive social gatherings in our villages! But, please be more than usually aware of any neighbours who may need a bit of extra help with shopping, prescriptions or just a (safe) social call.

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