

# Titchmarsh Times

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## October/November 2010

**Titchmarsh Village Shop** are pleased to announce the birth of its new E-Newsletter to enable us inform you of new products, events, offers, opening times etc. Sign up to receive it by calling in to the shop or e-mail [titchmarsh.villageshop@googlemail.com](mailto:titchmarsh.villageshop@googlemail.com). If you are unable to receive e-mail, copies will be available in the shop.

We're sad to say goodbye to 2 of our Committee members. We would like to thank Jo Hunter for her invaluable contribution to the planning and running of the Shop since its inception and to Jordan Ward Williams for his role as Chair of the Youth Committee. We welcome Grace Routley as new Chair of the Youth Committee and any young people of 13 or over to the team.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers old and new for their contribution towards making the shop a success. If anyone would like to join them in a fun and rewarding role, please contact Jane or any of the Committee members: Jonathan Hope, Ruth Thompson-Partridge, Peter James, Sue Greasley, Di Ellis, Anita Dunn or Claire Wallace.

We have a new range of Preserves, Chutneys and Pickles from "Pickled Village" so come in and try.

November is **Italian Month** featuring Speciality Wines, Cheeses and Breads on an Italian theme.

Our **Annual Christmas Fair** will be on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> December with a range of Christmas stalls, food, entertainment, games and products to try.

We can get all your pet food needs delivered to the village shop for just £1-saving you time & petrol.

Chudleys Sensitive for dogs 15kg for £20.25 and Chudleys Lite for Dogs 15kg for £23.50.

Feline Cat Food 15kg for £23.15 and Salubrious 2kg for £3.75.

We have some samples of Chudleys Sensitive in the shop if you would like to try before you buy.

*Titchmarsh Village Shop, The Green, Titchmarsh. Tele: 730727*

*Anita Dunn*

## Playing Field Committee

**Titchmarsh Street Quiz.** There was fun and drama aplenty earlier this month as the village hall played host to the annual **Street Quiz**. *Park Farm Court* led for most of the night, only to be pipped in the final round by the rising stars that are *St Andrews Lane*.

It was hard luck on *Park Farm Court* (the smallest street in the village) who now have the distinction of coming second in every Street Quiz bar one (when they won it). Last year's winners *Chapel Street* came third.

"This is always a great night and a fun quiz," said *St Andrews* captain and fellow PFA Richard Hughes, "but I think it's fair to say this was a surprise victory to most of the people in the room! It's difficult to see how we are going to beat that next year."

He's not wrong. The Street Quiz is one of the highlights on the Titchmarsh calendar and always draws a fun crowd. Plans for the next showdown are already underway, so if you missed out this year or would like to put together a team for 2011, please speak to a member of the committee ASAP!

**Pitch Levelling.** Recent visitors to the Playing Fields may have noticed the grass on the top pitch has turned an interesting shade of *dead!* It has been sprayed-off in preparation for the long-expected levelling work which has now started. What follows will be a long and potentially mucky few weeks. We would ask everyone who uses the pitches to remain mindful of the work being undertaken and avoid the site if possible.  
*Antar Howarth*

**Titchmarsh Pre-School.** We're off to a flying start this year with 17 new starters already, so we would like to say a big hello to them and a big welcome back to our other children. We would also like to say a warm welcome to a new member of staff Sue Bonar.

We have a number of fundraisers planned for the next few months. These include a **Bingo Afternoon** on Saturday 16th October in the clubroom between 2pm and 4pm, everyone is welcome and our annual **Christmas Bazaar** in the clubroom on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November starting at 10.30am until 1.30pm.

If you are interested in taking a stall at the Christmas Bazaar contact Danielle Sharrock on 735693.

Finally, we are joining up with FOTS to host a **Christmas Wreath Making Evening** on Monday 13th December at the Pavilion from 7.30pm, numbers are limited so booking early is rec

As you all know we are a charity and depend on fundraising to keep the pre-school open and to buy equipment for the children, so please if you can help in any way by attending events or helping at the pre-school we would be pleased to hear from you

If you are interested in your child attending the pre-school, we are open for 4 full days per week, from 9.15 am – 2.45 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We provide a safe and stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to learn through play, so if you have a child of 2.5 to 5 years old and would like more information about Pre-School, do please contact us on 07879 072796, or call in during session time. Further information can also be found on our web site [www.titchmarshpreschool.co.uk](http://www.titchmarshpreschool.co.uk).

*Fiona Love*

**Titchmarsh PCC.** Many thanks to those people who took part in the annual Cycle **Historic Churches Cycle Ride** and the stalwarts who manned the desk.

Three distance options were on offer – 40, 20 and 10 miles to cater for different abilities and time constraints. The weather was kind again, dry and sunny throughout, the wind only providing a little challenge. It seems that a sum of close to a £100 has been raised of which half goes to the Historic Churches Trust and half to our church.

**Harvest Festival** service will be at 11.30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October followed by lunch in the Clubroom at 1.00pm. This year we will be doing hotpot and red cabbage followed by apple pie and cream. There will be a vegetarian option and various types of apple pie and tarts. There will be a bar and soft drinks. Please note that 25% of the bar profits will be given to the Pakistan Relief fund through Christian Aid. The afternoon will be finished off with an auction of the produce which can be taken to the Church on Saturday morning or to the service on Sunday or directly to the Clubroom at lunchtime. The cost this year remains at £7.50 for adults and £3 for children under 16 and tickets are available from Jean Bussens.

We are able to obtain booklets detailing most of the inscriptions on the memorials in the graveyard, and this has taken 3 years in the making and can be purchased. This is a must have if you are interested in Titchmarsh history. Jean Bussens has a copy and will take orders if you are interested.

We will be having our very **Competitive and Entertaining Quiz** again on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November, doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 start. Ticket price £8 includes a delicious supper and treats. There will also be The Bar and a raffle. You do not have to find 7 people to come with you as we can combine groups or singles to form teams of 8, so please come and join in the fun. Call Jean on 732510 for your ticket.

On Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> we will be **Sprucing up the Churchyard** before winter sets in, and with a good team of people we can usually clear all the overgrowth in 2-3 hours; this is followed by a good lunch and a sociable afternoon at Julia's for all the helpers of all age groups.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> the Church will be closed until 24<sup>th</sup> April for the removal of the pew platforms, the replacement of a stone floor and the re-plastering of some of the walls. Services will continue as access into the chancel is possible through the small chancel door. The pews that are being removed are up for sale and come in 2 sizes and can be viewed in the church as the ones we are keeping are clearly marked. If you are interested and have not already told us please contact Richard Hughes soon as all interested parties will be invited to select their pew and give an offer. For any information contact anyone on the PCC, Jean Bussens, Stephen Barber, Julia Powell, Mary Cheney, Anita Dunn, Lady Harper, Sharon Bell, Karen Williams, Richard Hughes, Sue Greasley and Peter James.  
*Julia Powell*

**Titchmarsh Flower Club.** We started back after the summer break with a 'Late Summer Garden' demonstration by Keith Gubbins, which was good fun. Keith excelled himself and produced 6 excellent arrangements all of which were raffled at the end of the evening.

Andrea Bartlett is our demonstrator at the meeting on Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, who will be teaching us how to create a 'vertical arrangement'. New members are always welcome, just turn up at the Clubroom ready for a 7.30pm start. £5 admission *Terry Higgins*

**Bulb Planting.** The Parish Council is providing more bulbs to be planted in the south east of the village. Volunteers are required to help. Please bring a spade, gloves and wear stout shoes & something bright. Meet at the Bottom Green at 10am on **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**200 Club Results.** All the following won £10.00 each. Well done.

**August** Mrs M Seery (12), Mrs S Wilcox (115), Mrs J Levitt (2),  
Mrs D Goucher (105)

**September** Mrs S Davis (65), S Pentelow & G Sermani (172),  
Mrs D Atkins (42), J Findlayson (25)

**Titchmarsh School.** Miracles do happen! A week after coming into what looked like a building site in the main school, we opened our doors on September 6<sup>th</sup> to children and parents, with the smell of fresh paint and new carpets but no dust or scaffolding present! This was thanks to the hard work of all the staff.

There has been remodelling to the inside of the existing school and we have a fantastic wooden gazebo on the field ready to house the governors barbeque at the next fun day! We hope the new hall and classroom will be ready before the end of the autumn term. Thank you for all your support and patience whilst the work is going on.

I am delighted to announce, that after another year of preparation and events, we have been awarded our International School Award 2010-2013 by the British Council. We feel that this is a great accomplishment for a little village school.

We are now planning our **Harvest Festival**. It will be held at St Mary's Church on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. The themes for our service, will be based on our current topics. We will celebrate Under the sea harvest and Dig for Britain Harvest. Our chosen charity is Help the Heroes. We look forward to welcoming you to our service. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 10am until 11.30am, we will be opening the school for parents who are considering sending their children to Titchmarsh, to have a look around.

The children will be attending church services with our Reverend Mynors on the following Wednesday mornings at 9.15am; 20<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please feel free to join us.

*Mrs. J. Milton (Headteacher).*

**Titchmarsh Flower and Vegetable Show.** Despite the weather this year's Show was a popular event with lots of visitors admiring the vegetables, flowers, handicraft items, home produce and some amazing entries from the children. Good news children, we will be increasing your prize money next year!

Thanks to all the exhibitors, visitors and helpers for making the Show such a success. A special thanks goes to members of the Titchmarsh Youth Group who did an excellent job distributing the auctioned produce and who also helped to clear away.

The Show makes a small profit each year and the committee like to support local causes. This year we were pleased to give £100 towards Titchmarsh School Gardening Club costs, £100 towards the costs of stocking the Village Planters and £200 to Titchmarsh Youth Group.

The Show is always on the second Saturday in August and next year's Show is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011.  
*Sylvia  
Prestwich.*

**Allotment Rents.** Rents for the allotments at Islington and Tofts will soon be due and invoices are being sent out. The Parish Clerk will be available at the Clubroom on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> of October from 6.30 to 7.20pm to collect the rents.

## **Parish Council**

**Affordable Housing.** The Parish Council has received a letter from Merchant Venturers regarding the sale of land to the Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association. Following lobbying by Councillors the Merchant ventures have informed us that they have now withdrawn the land for sale due to the strength of local opposition to an affordable housing scheme on the site in Tofts Close. The Parish Council is waiting on Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association to decide what their next move will be.

**Parish Council Annual Report 2009/10.** Emma Morehen, our hard-working Parish Clerk, has produced a report on activities undertaken by the Parish Council for 2009/2010. It is available to view on the Titchmarsh website via a link on the Parish Council page ([www.titchmarsh.info/Parish](http://www.titchmarsh.info/Parish)). If you want to know what the nine current councillors have been doing with your money, over the last year then this provides a good overview of the Parish Council responsibilities.

**Manor Farm Court.** As many of village residents are aware, the vacant land in Manor Farm Court has been an eyesore for some time. In the recent granting of conservation status it was identified as an area requiring 'enhancement'. The owner of the site has previously been granted approval to develop the land with a number of houses that the Parish Council believe would result in a too high a density of housing and not in keeping with the area. The planning application will be reviewed within the next couple of months and the Parish Council has asked for the support of the Conservation Officer in seeking to overturn the plans.

In the meantime it would be appreciated if residents do not add to the blot on our landscape by dumping garden and other waste on the site.

**Titchmarsh website.** The website is a community resource, and is regularly updated to allow people to keep up to date with what is going on in the village. Some areas, however are looking a little dated, If you would like to refresh areas of the website that refer to your business, club, or organisation, then please forwards any amends to Geoff Love at [geoff\\_love@dennis.co.uk](mailto:geoff_love@dennis.co.uk)

**Proposed Wind Farm, Warren Lane, Bythorn.** TPC has requested that Huntingdonshire DC keeps them informed concerning this project which is approx.3km away from Titchmarsh. The proposed 6 to 8 turbines are each 127m high and could have a large visual impact on our eastern horizon. TPC were not in favour of having a representative on the newly formed local action group. There is to be a public exhibition by NPower at Molesworth Village Hall on **8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October** For more information visit [www.stopmolesworthwindfarm.org.uk](http://www.stopmolesworthwindfarm.org.uk) (JG Ed.)

**Stitchmarsh.** On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, our first meeting after the summer break, it was decided that we would continue and were pleased to welcome a new member.

The meetings for **October will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** and those in **November will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** as usual at 7.30pm at the Clubroom

We have no themed activity this year, but if you have a craft you like to do or require that little nudge to have a go at something, please come along. *Eleanor Greig*

**Titchmarsh Folkdance Club.** Forthcoming events include our very special dance on **16<sup>th</sup> October** with the very popular caller Chris Turner and one of the best dance band in the area "Occasional Few". The dance will be in the Club Room from. 7.45 to 11.00pm. Please bring food to share and own alcoholic drinks.

The annual Scottish Club Night is on **Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** with friends from the Rushden Caledonian Society. All are welcome. *George Hearnden*

### ***TOAwST - The Original Appreciation Of wine Society Titchmarsh.***

The next gathering will be on **November 5<sup>th</sup>** and appropriately for Bonfire Night things will be going with a bang (or a pop) in the Pavilion.

Philip Amps is coming to talk us through the sampling of all things bubbly in readiness for the Christmas celebrations. *Cheers Jeff and Jo*

**Ballet Classes** for children from 3 yrs old, every Wednesday at the Pavilion, Titchmarsh.

Classes are as follows;           Cygnet (3&4 or reception yr) – 4.00-4.45pm

  Jeté (5,6 &7 yrs) – 4.45-5.30pm

  Allegro (8 yrs+) – 5.30-6.15pm

A chance for children to learn an amazing skill, keep fit, use their imagination and make friends! £3.25 per class – to be paid per half term..

For further information please contact Vanessa on 720664, 07765 407323 or justbuzoff@btinternet.com)

## ***Clubroom***

**CCP Summer Playdays** – After much discussion with Cultural Community Partnership we eventually managed to get two of the sessions re-instated for the summer. I'm sorry if the 'on-off-on-again' nature of the arrangements this summer meant that your children missed out on these activities – we have been promised that normal service can be expected again next year.

**Annual General Meeting** – Another year in the life of the Clubroom has flown by and our AGM has been scheduled for **7.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** (in the Clubroom). This is an open meeting at which everyone is welcome to come along and not only listen to a report on last year's activities and our plans for the coming 12 months, but also to air your views and thoughts on how the Clubroom is run. The meeting sees the whole Management Committee stand down and elections are held to appoint a Committee for the next year – so feel free to come along and get involved, or simply join us for a glass of wine and some nibbles!

**40's Dance Night** – Last year we hosted a 40's-themed Dance Night which was enjoyed by a capacity house. The feedback from those attending was so good that by popular demand we have rebooked the organisers. Come along on the evening of **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November** and join us in re-living a traditional dance night held in the defiant spirit of the blitz.

Professional dance coaches will guide you through a range of dances of the era. Many of last year's attendees really threw themselves into the evening by dressing for the occasion in period dress, we had soldiers of all ranks, sailors, nurses and a handful of spivs looking shifty in the shadows!, whilst fancy dress is optional it really does add to the feel of the evening.

Tickets can be bought from Julia Powell ([jupowell@lineone.net](mailto:jupowell@lineone.net) tel: 732283) at a price of £10 per head including a hot meal during the evening. As ever, numbers are limited so don't delay to be sure of securing your places.

*Paul Milner*

**"Shape up and slim class in your area!** We offer a weigh-in and a fun and motivational aerobic workout along with a full body toning session with a regular healthy eating plan. New to class is my FAT BUSTER plan you can lose up to 7lbs in two weeks.

If you are interested contact Sharon on 01933 226813 or 07712835088

### ***From the Rectory***

The 'threshold' used to be an important place at harvest time. Now our combine harvesters do all that kind of thing out of sight. But the word remains and in relation to matters of faith we still need ways to cross the 'threshold'. An Alpha Course is just starting in Oundle (tel. 275675) but so also is a series of evening discussions on Luke's gospel in these villages. There are more details below, but please note these are not just for committed church members and you do not need to attend more sessions than you wish to.

As we celebrate harvest, spare a thought for those in the farming industry for whom this has not been an easy year. And if you'd like to hear more about the Northants Farm Crisis Network I can put you in touch.

With all good wishes Jim Mynors

60 Main St. Aldwinckle 720613 (Day off Friday) [Jim@Mynors.me.uk](mailto:Jim@Mynors.me.uk)

### ***Titchmarsh Church Services***

October 3rd 11.30am Harvest followed by meal in Club Room (see PCC item)

**October 10th 10.30am All age service joint with other churches at St Peter's Oundle for new Bishop's Visit - so no service in Titchmarsh**

October 17th 9.15am Communion

October 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion
October 31st	9.15am Communion
November 7th	9.15 Morning Prayer
<b>November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.15am Remembrance Day Service &amp; 4.30pm Family Service</b>
November 21st	9.15am Communion
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion

Details of other services on the notice boards and

<http://www.oundledeanery.org.uk/parishes/titchmarsh>

### **Wednesday Bible Studies for autumn (7.45pm)**

October 6 at Rectory Farm Achurch	October 20 Tavern Cottage Lowick Lane Aldwincle
November 3 Mill House, Stoke Doyle	November 17 The Rectory 60 Main St Aldwincle
December 1 Glebe Cottage, Church St Titchmarsh	December 15 27 Main St Aldwincle

All welcome

### ***From the registers***

John Franklin of 12 Islington, died on 13<sup>th</sup> July aged 77. His cremation was on 26<sup>th</sup> July

Mabel Walker of Church Street, died on 22<sup>nd</sup> July aged 91 and was buried in Titchmarsh churchyard on 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Ted Wisniewski of 19 Chapel Street, died on 3<sup>rd</sup> August aged 85 and was buried on 10<sup>th</sup> August

### ***New Chairs in memory of loved ones***

Sample chairs and a display giving more information can now be found at the very back of the church (under the tower). We are now planning a book of remembrance with notes on those to be remembered in this way. Please find more details in church.

## Church Rotas for October and November 2010

<b>Date</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>	<b>Readers</b>
Harvest Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2010	Harvest offerings	am		
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2010	Mrs A King	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr S Barber
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	No service in Titchmarsh - Deanery Service in Oundle			
		10.30am	Bishop Donald – service includes children	
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	Mrs J Powell	9.15am	Mrs K Williams	Mr D Williams
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	Mrs S Prestwich	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr T Higgins
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2010	Mrs W Jeffries	9.15am	Lady Harper	Sir Ewan Harper
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	Mrs A Dunn	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr T Higgins & Mr J Fieldsend
Remembrance 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	Mrs G Gaskin	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mr S Barber
		4.30pm	Edwards family	James Edwards & Mr R Hughes
21 <sup>st</sup> November 2010	Mrs S Hankins	9.15am	Dr S Bell	Dr G Webster
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	Miss J Finlayson	9.15am	Mrs K Williams	Mr D Williams
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	Mrs S Prestwich	9.15am	Mrs J Powell	Mr T Higgins & Mrs J Powell

**Titchmarsh Youth Group.** The Youth Group has again started for the Autumn Term with 17 young people from the village in attendance on our first night back. We shall once again be meeting alternative Fridays and our next meeting will be on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October when we have Richard from the NAYC attending - he will be undertaking a craft session with the group

The next sessions are as follows:

22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct .	Club Night - Cooking – Pizzas
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Climbing Wall in Peterborough
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Clubroom - Laser Games
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Club night – Christmas Craft with NAYC

Sessions at the clubroom are £2 per evening. The £10 yearly membership fee is now due. Members wishing to bring friends along to TYG, the entry fee will be £3 per session. Can you please ensure that a visitor form per friend (available on the village website) is completed prior to attending (for insurance purposes – thanks). For further information please contact Sue Shapland on 734467 or Julie Ray on 720308.

**Finally.** Thank you all who make the TT possible. Sincere apologies if I have left something out. I had technical problems with my PC and had to transfer everything to my laptop.

**“Please to remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November with gunpowder treason and plot”**

And in Titchmarsh ..... plenty of bangs. Please be considerate of pets, animals, livestock, and your neighbours. Also their expensive thatched roofs.

The deadline for copy for the December/January 2011 edition will be the evening of **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010.**  
*John Greig*  
(Editor)