

# Titchmarsh Times

A bi-monthly village news letter sponsored by Titchmarsh Parish Council.

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**TITCHMARSH PARISH COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO THE**

## **TITCHMARSH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008  
7.30pm – 8.30pm**

**THE CLUBROOM**



- GUEST SPEAKERS:-
  - Titchmarsh Church
  - The Clubroom Committee
  - Playing Field Association
  - The Parish Path Warden
    - Titchmarsh School
    - Village Shop Assoc.
  - County Councillor Bob Seery
- ENC Ward Councillor Phillip Hardcastle

PARISH COUNCIL  
Chair's report  
Informal question  
and answer session during refreshments

Please do come along and join us for drinks and nibbles

## Parish Council

**Street Lights** We have been advised by EON Central Networks, our electricity suppliers, that they intend to put some of the overhead electricity cables in the village underground and remove the redundant poles. These are in part of Islington, in Church Street and around to the School, in Chapel Street & in North Street. This means that 7 of our street lights, which are currently attached to electricity poles, will have to be replaced with free-standing street lights. The work is scheduled to start in June 2008. Further information regarding the specific electricity cables and street lights concerned will be on display at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Clubroom. There will be 8 brief presentations (a maximum of 5 minutes per presentation) from village organisations and from our District and County Councillors, followed by a question and answer session. The evening will finish around 8.30pm with wine and refreshments. Do come along and keep up to date with, and contribute to, local affairs.

**Council Tax.** Each year we are required to advise the District Council of the amount that the Parish Council needs to collect through the Council Tax, this is called the Precept. For 2008/9 the Precept has been increased considerably because of the exceptional costs of replacing street lights, due to EON's decision to remove several of their electricity poles which currently support our street lights.

**Activities for young people** are being held in the Clubroom on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, from 10am – 2pm on both days. These activities are part of the Rural Community Programme and have been held in the village on several occasions over the past few years. They are popular, good fun and are open to young people aged 8 – 13 years. Simply turn up at the Clubroom on either of the dates - cost £2 per person per 2 hours.

### ***Village News and Events.***

**Titchmarsh Planters.** Many thanks and good luck to everyone who has purchased a Spring Quiz sheet, the proceeds of which will be going towards refilling the village sign stone planters with lots of lovely plants this summer. If you would like a copy (costing £1), please contact Maggy Chapman - email [melandmag@btinternet.com](mailto:melandmag@btinternet.com)  
If anyone has any suggestions as to what could be planted, or would be willing to water these planters during the summer months, please contact Maggy as above, to put your name on the rota.

It will soon be Fete time again! Look out for a flyer telling you all about **Titchmarsh Village Fete** which will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008 from Noon to 5 p.m. on the school and church fields. There will be all the usual fun with flying teddies, teas, bars, stalls, arena events, games and prize draw with fantastic prizes – including a first prize of tickets to Billy Elliott in the West End including champagne in the interval. Titchmarsh House gardens will be open on the same day. Fete committee members will be coming round the village in late May to collect tombola prizes and sell prize draw tickets. If anyone feels able to offer 2 or 3 hours help on the day or wants to get involved with the planning please contact Sylvia Prestwich [SylviaPrestwich@aol.com](mailto:SylviaPrestwich@aol.com)

**Titchmarsh Flower and Vegetable Show.** Just a reminder that this years Show is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August, in the Clubroom as usual, so make a note of the date on your calendar now! More information in the next edition of Titchmarsh Times.

**Titchmarsh Pre-School.** Pre-school opened its doors on 26<sup>th</sup> February for the start of a new term. We would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new children and parents.

Our theme for this term is the Easter and life & growing this spring time.

Our Aim for 2008 is to raise enough money to create an outdoor play area at the clubroom. We are at present planning a number of fundraising events and some of them are as follows:-

A **School Disco** to be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at the clubroom. It will be held from 5-7pm and everyone is invited. There will be a disco and games, stalls, hot dogs, refreshments, face paintings, tombola and tattoos. Tickets will be available at the door and before the event at the cost of 50p each. There are also available from the Titchmarsh shop. The Disco is being sponsored by Barclays who will match every £ we raise. So please come along and bring family and friends and make it a great evening out for all.

We are open for 3 full days per week, from 9.15 am – 2.45 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday which also includes to option of attending an afternoon session 12.15 pm -2.45pm along with all our usual morning sessions still in place.

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 (09.15 to 11.45 every day, till 12.45 pm on Wednesday and 12.15 pm to 2.45 pm on Tuesday's and Thursday's).

**Titchmarsh School.** School will be closed for the Spring holiday on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April and will reopen on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Our Annual May Day celebration will be held on Thursday 1st May and will follow the tradition of a service in St Mary's Church followed by the village walk. In the afternoon, the children will entertain with songs and dancing. You are most welcome to join us for this happy day.

This term saw the opening of our Maths Games Library. We hope this will enhance learning and make maths fun! This project has been partly funded by a Maths research fund and our very hardworking FOTS.

As we march in to spring, we will be focusing again on our Learning Garden and we hope this will be the year we will earn our ECO Green Flag Award. In the Summer term we shall be holding a School Open Morning, where everybody is welcome to visit the school, meet the staff and see the children working. A date is still to be arranged, watch this space.

Mrs J Milton Headteacher

***Friends of Titchmarsh School.***

**200 Club. Winners.**            **February:** T Beattie, A Wallace, Mrs. Pritchett, K. Eve.  
**March:**            J Gaskin, K Hankins, A. Duncombe, P. Gambrell.

**Funday.** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 12.30 to 3.30pm at Titchmarsh School. This is a great event for all the family. BBQ, Refreshments, Bouncy Castle, Games and much much more. For £10.00 you can also have your own stall on the day selling crafts, plants, books etc. Contact Pauline Gambrell on 01832 733590 for more details.

**Ladies Night.** Thank you to all those who supported our Ladies Night at the School, a fun and relaxing night was had by all and we will be having another one next year!

**Titchmarsh Flower Club** meets in the Clubroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm. These informal, two hour meetings involve a flower demonstration followed by a hands-on workshop where we have a go ourselves. It's a friendly, social evening, when we learn a little about flower arranging and then let our create ability take over! Come along and enjoy the demonstration with a glass of wine – you don't have to stay for the workshop. Everyone is welcome, if you haven't been for ages we would be particularly pleased to see you again, it's only £3 for the evening. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April**, when Betty Steel will be demonstrating.  
*Terry Higgins*

**Playing Field News.** The contract for construction of the new pavilion was awarded to Hunter Developments and we are delighted to report that building is now well underway. We are hoping to have the changing rooms fully operational for the beginning of the 2008/09 football season.

The **Annual 10K Road Race and 3K Fun Run** take place on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> with full details and entry forms available on the village website or ask any committee member.

Tickets are now also available for this year's **Mid-Summer Music Evening** which is on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> in the School Field. This year there will be two excellent live bands as well as a DJ to keep the music flowing throughout the evening. Again gazebo pitches are bookable in advance from Gina and we will be firing up the village's big barbecue if you'd like to bring your own meat to have with your picnic. Ticket price is £10 per person – and £10 for each gazebo plot.

**Ladies Football.** Part of our on-going commitment to the Football Foundation, who are providing the lion's share of the pavilion grants, is to promote all types of football in our community. To this end we are trying to organise a ladies' tournament with two categories — 13 to 18-year-olds and over 18's. If you would like to give it a try please contact Hannah Garnham.

We would also like to appeal to good-natured people who happen to find any hazardous litter as they walk around the field to please pick it up and bring it to the pavilion. Unfortunately, we are again experiencing a spate of discarded beer cans and bottles being left by the mindless few, which not only looks an eyesore, but can be extremely dangerous on the play areas.

***Titchmarsh Youth Group. Programme – April and May.***

4 <sup>th</sup>	April	Tennis Night at Thrapston Tennis Club
25 <sup>th</sup>	April	Games Night at the Playing Field (weather permitting)
9 <sup>th</sup>	May	Club Night/Cooking
23 <sup>rd</sup>	May	Games Night/Club Night

For any other young person in the Titchmarsh, Clopton and Thurning still wanting to join, membership forms must be signed prior to attending TYG for those young people who are school Year 7 and above. The yearly membership fee is £10 which covers the cost of the hall hire, training, CRB checks and insurances. Session fees are £2 for the two hours. For further information please contact Sue Shapland or Alice Dove.

***News from the Dog & Partridge.*** From May, The Dog and Partridge will be changing the quiz night from the first Sunday of the month.... to the second! The quiz will start at 8pm. Free buffet after the winners are announced!

The live music seems to be going down well... So we will continue to have music at least every other month. If any one has any request, please.....feel free to ask

***Whitsun Bank Holiday Weekend, 25th—26th of May.*** We will be holding a mini beer festival with live music pig roast and BBQ. Watch for details

***Art Exhibition.*** A resident of Titchmarsh is one of three local artists combining their diverse work to present an exhibition of affordable art entitled **Surface, Steel, Self** at the English Heritage site of Chichele College, Higham Ferrers.

Angie Snelling, from Polopit, uses steel, lead, silk and paper within her work. She manipulates and changes the materials to investigate the relationships between them. By cutting and piercing, Angie creates art that focuses on the qualities of strength and fragility in relation to the physical transcribing of text.

Angie, Sharon Read and Emma Thompson have studios at Barton Seagrave Hall, Kettering.

Chichele College Gallery will be open from 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11:00-16:00 with free entry. The Private View will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 19:00-21:00 where refreshments will be served.

Anyone from Titchmarsh is welcome to come to the Private View but please let Angie know if possible on [surfacesteelself@msn.com](mailto:surfacesteelself@msn.com) if you wish to attend. Information postcards are also available at Titchmarsh Village Shop.

***Titchmarsh Gardening Club.*** Spring's around the corner and there's plenty to do and enjoy in the garden – why not join our Garden Club and share your tips and ideas with us? For more information please phone the Chairman Anne Swift or secretary Jane Finlayson.

## **Titchmarsh PCC.**

If you are feeling energetic you could join in the 13 mile stroll from Oundle to Peterborough Cathedral where there will be an Evensong at 3.30 followed by tea and cake and then a Bus ride back to Oundle. If you would like to join please meet at St Peter's Church in Oundle at 8.45am.

**Churchyard Clearing** will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April starting at 10.30ish. Usually a small but dedicated team put in 2 to 3 hours of gardening in the churchyard followed by a very sociable lunch together, subject to the availability of somewhere to have it (any volunteer this time). We would welcome any extra muscle and expertise to join us for what is usually an enjoyable few hours. Thank you.

The **Annual General Meeting of the P.C.C.** will be held in the Church on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and have their say.

**Summer Event.** Look out for information about an event in and around the church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Details still being finalised but you can be assured that it will involve home cooking, music and an auction of promises. If you would like to offer a promise e.g. a couple of hours of your time to help clean out the garage, do some gardening/ironing, offer a tractor ride or any other talent that someone could find very useful then contact Jackie Rowe . Thank you.

There will be a Deanery Evensong at 6.00pm in Thrapston Church on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

The **Clopton Rogation Sunday** walk and blessing around the village will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm starting at the Titchmarsh turn and finishing at the Church. All are welcome.

**Titchmarsh Boundary Walk** on Sunday 11th May, will be the usual format of the 18 mile walk starting at 7.30am and the shortened route leaving at around 10.30pm. There will be refreshments provided on route and the charge remains the same at £2 adults and £1 for children.

If you want to know more about what is happening around the Benefice and Oundle Deanery then please look at the notice board in the Church porch or look at the Deanery web site, [www.oundledeanery.org.uk](http://www.oundledeanery.org.uk).

## **Titchmarsh Parish Church Service Times**

Apr 6th	9.15am Morning Prayer followed by Churchyard working party - volunteers welcome from 10am onwards
Apr 13th	9.15am Communion & 3pm Baptism – all welcome
Apr 20th	9.15am Communion
Apr 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion
May 4th	9.15am Morning Prayer
May 11th	9.15am Communion & <b>4pm</b> 'Sunday pm
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion
May 25th	9.15am Communion

Services at other churches, rotas etc on church notice boards

Jim Mynors (Rector) [jim@mynors.me.uk](mailto:jim@mynors.me.uk)

## Church rotas – April & May 2008

<i>date</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Sidesmen</i>	<i>Readers</i>
6 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	Mrs S Prestwich	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr T Higgins
			Mrs A Dunn
13 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	Mrs Ann King	Mrs S Hankins	<i>am</i> Mr S Barber
			<i>pm</i> Lucy Cheney
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	Miss J Finlayson	Lady Harper	Sir Ewan Harper
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	Mrs W Jeffries	Dr S Bell	Dr G Webster
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Mrs R Franklin	Mrs J Powell	Mrs B Berry
			Mr T Higgins
11 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Mrs J Powell	Mrs C Blackman	<i>am</i> Mrs J Bussens
			<i>pm</i> Phoebe Sadler
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Mrs G Gaskin	Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Mrs S Hankins	Mrs K Williams	Mr D Williams

**STITCHMARSH.** The future of the above group is giving cause for concern, after an enthusiastic start a few years ago the numbers have dwindled with half a dozen stalwarts meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. We have decided that we will continue meeting until the end of June 2008 at least.

If we do decide to carry on from September then our thoughts are to look at creating a patchwork square each which could then be joined with others to make a quilt. This proposal is very much depended on the recruitment of more members.

Therefore if you are interested in crafts do come along. You can 'do your own thing' if you wish and some of the current members do have crafting skills that they are willing to pass on.

We meet next on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Clubroom. For more information contact Eleanor Greig .

### ***The Late John Pridmore***

A Race Night was organised on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2007 in memory of the late John Pridmore. The event was organised to raise funds to purchase a skittles cup to be contested at the Village Fete each year and also to replace the Christmas lights which John kindly sponsored over the recent years.

The event was held at the "Wheatsheaf" and raised a total of £934.00. This exceeded all expectations and was due to the kind generosity of family and friends who attended this function.

After purchasing the cup and Christmas lights, excess funds were used to purchase the dance floor allowing also for a donation to both the Clubroom and the Titchmarsh Youth Group.

Many thanks to all those who attended and the kind hospitality provided by David at the Wheatsheaf.

*David Walpole*

## ***Titchmarsh Local History Group.***

Marge Dorrington, one of our oldest residents, sadly passed away in December 2007. Her son, Pete and brother Alan Dexter have kindly donated to the Titchmarsh Local History Group her collections of Church magazines, which date back to the 1930's, 40's, 50's and 60's

It is our intention, later in the year, to have an informal evening in the Club Room where we can arrange the collection into order and read about life in the village in the village over 50 years ago.

This is an article from May 1939

**May Day.** It would be difficult to recall a more unpropitious day for the children's doings. The temperature was as low as 40° F. at 10 o'clock in the morning, and there was a strong wind blowing from the N.E. with cold rain. However, the children made the best of their bad luck.

The Queen, Pamela Bright, arrived at Church at 10.15 for the usual Service, attended by Patsy Culpin, June Edwards, Joyce Faulkner, Kathleen Goode, and Pamela Howe, the coach pullers being Brian Cullum and Keith Edwards.

Tea was arranged in the Club Room, after which a programme of songs, recitations, and dancing was much enjoyed, over 50 parents being present. At the conclusion Miss Skinner and Miss Knowles were warmly thanked for their efforts, followed by general cheers for everybody, with a special cheer for Mr. Arthur Abbott. His supply of cake and lemonade was so liberal that some of it was reserved for consumption at the School on the following day. The collection amounted to £3 12s. 1d., £1 0s. 2d. being counted in the Queen's royal purse.

### ***Next meeting***

The next meeting of the Group will take place on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April where Colin Rae from Oundle will be giving an illustrated talk entitled

## **The History of Houses in East Northamptonshire.**

The meeting will commence at 7.30pm in the Club Room and all are welcome. The entrance fee for the meeting will be £2.50. and refreshments will be served. For further information contact John Greig

***Finally!!!!!!!*** Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition and to the delivery team.

**Copy for the June/July edition needs to be with me by the evening of Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at the very latest.**

Happy Easter to you all. John Greig (Editor).