

# Titchmarsh Times

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## April/May 2011.

TITCHMARSH PARISH COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO THE

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 14th April 2011 at 7.30pm  
in the  
THE CLUBROOM



- GUEST SPEAKERS:-
- Titchmarsh Church
- The Clubroom Committee
- The Playing Field Assoc.
  - Village Shop Assoc.
- Titchmarsh Alms Houses
  - Village School

Parish Councils Chair's Report and Informal Question  
and answer session during refreshments

Please do come along and join us for drinks and nibbles.

**Friends of Titchmarsh School (FOTS).** After all the excitement of the official opening of the new School Hall and our special guest appearance of Mr Titchmarsh himself, it was time to get back to business and the annual excitement which is our Beetle Drive! A great number of people attended and although Mrs Milton was concerned that the beautiful new hall would never be the same again, it survived intact! We made over £150, and hopefully a great time was had by all. Thanks as usual to all the helpers and to Geoff and Frasier Love for comparing the event.

Our next event will be our usual CD Bell plant orders, but this year we are also offering an evening showing ideas on how to fill and present your hanging baskets. The evening will be straight after Easter and will be open to anyone who wants to come along and see how it can be done. We will supply the baskets, plants and compost you just need to bring you. Tickets and specific dates will be agreed as soon as possible and if anyone is interested please do not hesitate to contact either myself or any member of the committee.

The next event for FOTS is our annual Fun Day, taking place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. This year the fun begins at 11am until 3pm. There will also be a special performance during the afternoon by the school children, who will reproduce their May Day dances; there will even be a chance for parents and friends to join in! There will be refreshments, including a barbecue run by the School Governors, craft stalls, a bouncy castle, wooden horses and maybe a few new surprises! Please come along and support the school, it's free to attend and hopefully the weather will be better for us this year. We are always looking for help with this event, so if you are able to come along and help on a stall for ½ an hour or so, offers would be very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the School and I hope to see you all at the Fun Day.  
*Tracey Levick. Chair of FOTS*

### **Titchmarsh Flower Club**

Due to another holiday (!) our first meeting of the new season will be on the second Wednesday in April (13<sup>th</sup>) in the Pavilion, when Sarah Haynes from Thurning will be demonstrating. The May meeting is back to the Clubroom as usual on 18<sup>th</sup> May, with Clare Plummer from Websters Florist, Raunds; and at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting the demonstration will be by Sandra Naylor from The Garden Room, Thrapston. If you are interested in attending the meetings and haven't been before, please get in touch [terry@higgins.uk.com](mailto:terry@higgins.uk.com) or 734215 so I can ensure you receive regular flyers that advertise our meetings. *Terry Higgins*

**“The Stop Molesworth Wind Farm Action Group”** The group have been preparing for a Planning Application to be lodged by NPOWER with Huntingdonshire District Council at sometime in the near future.

Villages such as Bythorn, Molesworth, Keyston, Old Weston and Clopton in proximity to the site all have village representatives. Titchmarsh village representatives for the action group are Carol and Sidney Bernstein. Tel: 732049 or email [sidneybernstein@btinternet.com](mailto:sidneybernstein@btinternet.com)

Once a Planning Application has been lodged The Action Group plans to deliver an Information pack to every house in each village which will include a Survey to be collected approximately 1 week later.

The packs will be distributed and collected at a weekend and your village reps will be very pleased for volunteers to help with the distribution and collection in Titchmarsh.

**Titchmarsh Show.** The 35<sup>th</sup> Titchmarsh Flower and Vegetable Show will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August at the Clubroom. Put it on the calendar now so you do not forget to come and join us?

It's a popular event open to all, and an opportunity to show off your growing and cooking skills along with handicraft, painting and photography opportunities. This year adults are asked to enter a 'Wildlife' photograph, children aged 10 to 14 years a 'Sport' photograph and children under 9 years a 'Crazy Fruit and Vegetable' photograph, so do get clicking!

The Painting or Coloured Drawing theme for the children 9 years and under is 'Design the Front Cover of the Show Catalogue for next year' the Show Committee will be working with Titchmarsh Primary School so that children attending the school can, through set lessons, accomplish an entry if they wish.

Full details of timings, categories and how to enter are in the Show programme which will be delivered to every house in July, so look out for it. It is worth remembering that every entrant is given a number so your entry is anonymous unless you win so please join in.

*Titchmarsh Show Committee*

### *Clubroom News.*

The forthcoming theatrical event being hosted by the Clubroom Committee, a Touring Arts production of a comedy play entitled '**Family Matters**', will take place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April** (not 25<sup>th</sup> as stated in the last edition of Titchmarsh Times – apologies for any confusion).

Please join us for something a bit different from the usual village events. Tickets (£10 including snacks and your first glass of wine) are available from Julia Powell (732283) or any members of the Clubroom Committee. The audience will be seated around tables so feel free to book a table-full (8) or just come along and see who you fancy sitting next to!

There will be an extended interval to allow you to catch up with friends and participate in a light-hearted quiz to see how much you know about your own *family matters*.

Plans for our celebration of this year's **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the formation of the Clubroom are starting to take shape. On **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July** the Clubroom will hold three separate events to mark this milestone.

In the morning there will be a **Children's Party** for the younger generation, complete with fun and games and our bouncy castle.

The afternoon will be a more relaxed affair as we invite the village to **high tea** – come and join us to a cup of tea and slice of cake accompanied by some appropriate live music and view a display of photographs and images of the Clubroom and village through the ages.

Then we'll up the tempo somewhat for an evening of music and dancing – hopefully with a **live band and disco** – so get your dancing shoes on and come along for a good old bop like the regular dance nights the village used to hold (without the fighting!). More details nearer the time but keep this date free to help us mark a point in history that shows how long Titchmarsh has had a thriving community at its heart.

*Paul Milner*

**TOAwST – The Original Appreciation of wine Society Titchmarsh.** The first meeting of 2011 is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock in the Clubroom. Currently we are planning a cheese and wine party.

Entry will be £5.00 to cover the cost of the cheese provided and hall hire.

More details nearer the time will be circulated. See you there! *Jeff and Jo on 730560*

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

As we go to press I'm delighted to say all the building work at the church is complete except some carpentry on the pews we're retaining to make them stable. Our special thanks go to Weldon Stone for completing the job to such a high standard and in such good time. Callers at the church should once again find the building open so please come and have a look.

This issue just includes our celebration weekend May 27-29 of which details can be found elsewhere. We plan for it to 'showcase' the way we hope the church building will in future be much more available to the whole village community.

But before that comes the principal Christian annual festival of Easter. This will appropriately be the first time since Christmas that the main body of the church will be in use - exactly as originally planned. I hope you'll join us there.

With all good wishes Jim Mynors

60 Main St. Aldwincle 720613 (Day off Friday) *Jim@Mynors.me.uk*

### **Lent Bible Study Groups on Wednesdays at 7.45pm**

6<sup>th</sup> April: The Rectory, Aldwincle

13<sup>th</sup> April Liz Waller's in Stilton telephone Jim 720613 to arrange lifts

Fuller details are on church noticeboards including alternative courses on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Oundle area

### **Titchmarsh Church Services**

#### **Main door now in use again**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 3rd April         | 9.15am Special Mothering Sunday service designed for all ages...  |
| 10th April        | 9.15am Communion<br>4.30 Family Service (Easter theme)  |
| 17th April        | No service in Titchmarsh – but all invited to special Roof Dedication & Palm Sunday service in Wadenhoe (with donkey) at 4.30pm |
| 22nd April        | 11am Good Friday Service  |
| <b>24th April</b> | <b>9.15am FAMILY COMMUNION FOR EASTER</b>   |
| 1st May           | 9.15 Morning Prayer   |
| 8th May           | 9.15am Communion<br>4.30pm Family Service   |
| 15th May          | 9.15 Communion  |
| 22nd May          | 9.15am Communion  |
| <b>29th May</b>   | <b>10am CELEBRATION SERVICE WITH ARCHDEACON OF OAKHAM</b>   |

Details of other services on noticeboards and online at  
<http://www.oundledeanery.org.uk/parishes/titchmarsh>

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

***Wedding.*** Stuart MacCrimmon & Brenda Steele on March 5th

***Funeral.*** Brenda Robson (Rushden but formerly Titchmarsh) died aged 89 on 19 January and was cremated on 31 January

## Church Rotas for April & May 2011

| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Flowers</b>  | <b>Time</b> | <b>Sidesmen</b> | <b>Readers</b>                  |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 3rd April 2011 Mothering Sunday  | No flowers      | 9.15am      | Mr P Dunn       | Dr S Bell & Mrs A Dunn          |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2011  | No flowers      | 9.15am      | Lady Harper     | Sir Ewan Harper                 |
|  |                 | 4.30pm      | Knight family   | Jessica Knight & Caitlin Knight |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2011 Palm Sunday                                    | No flowers      | 9.15am      | Mrs J Powell    | Mrs J Powell                    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2011 Easter   | Mrs G Gaskin    | 9.15am      | Mr A Powell     | Mr S Barber                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2011   | Mrs B Ray       | 9.15am      | Mrs J Fieldsend | Mr J Fieldsend & Dr S Bell      |
| 8th May 2011   | Mrs W Jeffries  | 9.15am      | Mrs K Williams  | Mr D Williams                   |
|  |                 | 4.30pm      | Hope family     | Mr R Hughes                     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2011  | Mrs S Prestwich | 9.15am      | Mrs A Dunn      | Mr T Higgins                    |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2011  | Mrs J Bussens   | 9.15am      | Dr G Webster    | Dr S Bell                       |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2011<br>Celebration Service<br>The Ven. David Painter | Mrs S Wilcox    | 10.00am     | Mr A Powell     | Mr S Barber                     |

### ***Village Fete.***

Make a date in your diaries now! **12 -5 p.m. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011** is the time and date for this year's Village Fete to be held on the school and church fields. There will be the usual attractions of teas, barbecue, bars, stalls, games and arena events - including dog agility, children's races, pet show, bonny baby competition and folk dancing. Our Prize Draw will include Tickets to a West End Show and many other fantastic prizes.

Rushden Town Band will again be playing and the highlight of Titchmarsh Village Fete - the teddies - will be flying off the church tower once again!

Sir Ewan and Lady Harper are opening Titchmarsh House Gardens under the National Gardens Scheme on the same day as the fete.

If anyone would like to help please contact Sylvia on 732712 or 07850 841696.

**Titchmarsh Walking Group.** Why not join us on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May for a 4-5 mile walk around the Northamptonshire countryside?

Our friendly group of walkers start from a local pub where refreshments can be enjoyed after working up an appetite. All walks depart from the D&P Green at 10am, and new members are always welcome. Just turn up on the day, or for more details, phone Maggy Chapman on 735234 or email: [melandmag@btinternet.com](mailto:melandmag@btinternet.com) or look at the village website for further details.

*Maggie Chapman*

**Children Making Great Music.** Children from the village and surrounding areas have been making wonderful music at the weekly Music Makers classes held in the Pavilion every Thursday morning during term-time.

The sessions are suitable for babies from 6 months old to four-and-a-half year olds and include favourite nursery rhymes as well as new songs, instruments, puppets, scarves and lots more. There's a story each week and also a warm-up dance with Simba, Music Makers' friendly lion mascot.

Sessions run on Thursdays from 10am until 10.45am and cost £3 per child and £1 for subsequent siblings over 6 months old, payable half-termly in advance. Booking is essential as the classes are nearly full, with just a few places left for next term.

To book your child/children in to make some music, or if you would like to find out more about a Music Makers birthday party for your child, please contact Naomi Cooper on 01832 731953 or 07815 293893 or e-mail [tc.coops@virgin.net](mailto:tc.coops@virgin.net)

### ***Crime Update from PSO Tim Butter.***

Titchmarsh continues to enjoy no recorded crime thanks to its security-conscious residents. Can I remind all Titchmarsh residents to continue to secure your houses, always lock your vehicle and remove the keys? Don't forget to remove your sat nav, cradle and suction pads and wipe away marks.

**Good News.** February 28 was the start of a new structure for response teams across the Force. As part of that restructuring, eight Incident Response Team Officers will be based at Oundle Police Station. These officers will be providing round the clock response to incidents in East Northants including Titchmarsh as well as supporting the SCT in tackling our Locally Identified Priorities.

**The TV Digital Switchover.** With the TV digital switchover happening at the end of March please be aware of bogus callers knocking on your door in Titchmarsh offering to retune your televisions. These people will deliberately target the elderly and vulnerable who may have concerns about the switchover, and their intention will be to enter the property and steal money, handbags and other small items of value.

There are organisations that will help with the switchover, and their employees will carry identification, please ensure that before you let anyone into your property that you have had a good look at any identification offered, and that you feel comfortable about them being there. The best policy would be to ask a relative or trusted neighbour to help and advise you with the retune, and not let strangers into your house.

If you have any concerns about a caller at your door particularly during this period then please make sure you call the police on 03000 111 222

The basic message to pass on is this, if anyone has suspicions or concerns that distraction burglars or rogue doorstep traders are operating in your neighbourhood or targeting

someone you know, ring us on the dedicated doorstep crime number on **0345 23 07 702**. If a crime is in progress, dial 999.

## ***Titchmarsh Village Shop.***

***Alan Titchmarsh Visit / Support Your Shop.*** We were thrilled that Alan Titchmarsh found time for a brief return visit to the shop on 3rd March after officiating at the opening of the school's new facilities. He was delighted that the shop has become such an important part of village life since he performed the opening ceremony in September 2007, and hoped that villagers would continue to support it. He told us that his home village in Hampshire is fortunate to have a small shop and he constantly reminds people to "use it or lose it"!

This is clearly a message that we need to reiterate to ensure the future viability of this valuable village facility. If you're already a customer – thank you! If you have yet to visit us, please do come and see what we have to offer – we think you'll be surprised! (If you have any feedback, good or bad, of your experience of TVS please contact Jane Teague by email at [jane.teague@mac.com](mailto:jane.teague@mac.com).)

Of course, we can't compete with the buying power of supermarkets, but many of our products are price-marked so will be the same price as you'll find elsewhere. Don't forget that with the escalating price of fuel, your village shop saves you making those short, costly journeys.

***New Committee Member.*** We are very pleased to welcome Sue Usher as a new committee member. Sue became a volunteer in the shop soon after moving to Titchmarsh and we look forward to her input as a committee member.

***Egg Supplier.*** Many of you will know that Maxine Bosworth is taking a well earned rest and no longer supplying eggs to commercial outlets. We would like to thank Maxine for supplying our eggs since we opened. From February this year, our new supplier of free range eggs has been local family business Gidding Grange. We are assured by all our customers that these eggs, priced at £1.05 for half a dozen medium size or £1.20 for half a dozen large size, represent "eggs-ellent" value for money – you won't find free range eggs cheaper anywhere else!

***Pickled Village.*** Our delicious range of chutneys, pickles and preserves from this family company in Bulwick has a new addition – "The Wedding Breakfast" - specially created for the forthcoming royal wedding. Inspired by the Kir Royale cocktail, The Wedding Breakfast is a thin cut lemon marmalade with champagne and a splash of crème de cassis. The packaging currently bears the date of the royal wedding, 29 April 2011, and an ode to Wills and Kate. This would make a lovely gift for any royal watcher and can be purchased wrapped in cellophane and tied with a bow.

### **Mothers Day, 3rd April**

- Come and see our range of beautiful cards from Woodmansterne.
- Our raffle will be held on Friday 1 April, so do buy your tickets on the day – there will be some lovely prizes!
- We will be selling small bunches of tulips and daffodils at £1 each, ideal for an inexpensive but pretty gift.

***Easter Weekend, 22nd – 25th April.*** There'll be another chance to win a raffle prize on xxx

- ***TVS Quiz, 21st May.*** Our very popular annual quiz will be held in the Clubroom. There will be a licensed bar.
- Tickets cost £10 per head to include nibbles on arrival plus chilli with baked potato, French bread and salad. There will be the usual chocolate prize for the team winning each round and a main prize for the overall winning team.
- Teams of eight people to a table – please email your details to Claire Wallace at [clairewar@hotmail.com](mailto:clairewar@hotmail.com) Please indicate whether you are part of a team of eight or don't

mind which team you're part of.

### ***Other Village Shop News.***

- We look forward to the return of our hugely popular asparagus and strawberries in May – look out for information at the shop.
- On Monday 29th May we will be serving teas in the Pound Garden from 2pm to 6pm as part of the Church festivities and Open Gardens scheme.

Thank you as always to all our volunteers and customers and we look forward to being of service to you soon!

*The TVS Management Committee*

### ***PCC – Church Activities.***

Thanks to everyone who helped to make **the Après Ski Evening and Silent Auction of Promises** a great success; we raised in excess of £2700. All that is left to do is for everyone to enjoy the promises they bought; so many a good evening is yet to be had!

**Church Cleaning and Churchyard Tidying.** We are planning 2 days of general cleaning: the Chancel on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March and the Nave on April 16<sup>th</sup>. If cleaning is not your thing then maybe you can help with the gardening. There will be refreshments afterwards.

**Barn Dance on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>.** Tickets are still available at £5, contact Julia on 732283.

**The Quiz** will be on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**, in the Clubroom at 7.30 prompt (bar open at 7) and will follow the tried and tested pattern. Supper of Shepherds Pie and Fizz is included in the ticket price. There will also be a bar and a raffle. Tickets are £8.50 and are available from Karen on 732749; if you can arrange your table of 8 all the better, but don't be put off if you can't, just talk to Karen.

Preparations are well underway for the **Titchmarsh Celebration Weekend, May 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.** You should have received your leaflet giving details of the events - Flower Arranging Competition, Local Art & Crafts Show, Private Preview, Swing/Jazz Evening; Open Garden and afternoon teas. Keith Gubbins will be judging the competition and the Garden Centre where he works is donating the top prize. They have also offered a small gift to everyone under 16 who enters.

To ensure this weekend is a success we would appreciate any help/support that people are able to give; such as practical assistance before, during and after the events, the making of food or the sponsoring of flowers/plants to contribute to the decoration in the church. If you can help in any way please contact Jackie on 734435.

Thinking ahead, we are planning another **Murder Mystery** event in November, hopefully in the church now there is enough space to put on a good show.

We still have some pews available for sale and John Gaskin is able to refurbish these to make them self-standing; so if you would like to contact him with your requirements, you could have a piece of history in your home or garden. Call him on 732430. *Julia Powell*

### ***A Belated Message from Jean Bussens.***

I would like to say a boundless thank you for all the expressions of concern, love and good wishes I received in hospital so recently, including the wonderful card from the School.

Your care continues to be supportive in my changed life.

A heartfelt thanks to you all.

## ***News from The Dog & Partridge.***

Dates for your Diary

- Sunday 3rd April      Mothering Sunday 12noon to 2.30pm  
Traditional Sunday roast - £6.80 per person  
Plus D&P made Pud for £2.70 each  
Plus free glass of wine for Mum
- Wednesday  
6th & 20th April      Open Mike Night – live music, everyone welcome, even the Chas & Dave's amongst us!
- Sunday 10th April      Landlord's General Knowledge Quiz, 8.30pm start. £1.00 entry,  
Money prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams
- Saturday 23rd April      St George's Night  
Bombadier Beef Casserole will be available as a special in celebration  
England's patron saint.
- Wednesday  
4th & 18th May      Open Mike Night – if "Chas & Dave" made an appearance in  
perhaps "Rolf Harris" will perform this month!
- Sunday 8th May      Landlord's General Knowledge Quiz, 8.30pm start, rules as previous
- Tuesday 10th May      Tapas Night – try our selection of Spanish culinary delights and bring a  
bit of sunshine into your day. 7.00 to 9.00pm, bookings are advisable.

We are enjoying our new life in Titchmarsh all thanks to everyone in the village, you have all made us feel so welcome.

We thank you for your great support in everything we put on in the pub, with still 25 pubs week closing (40 per week at its height), we are delighted with the spirit in which everyone embraces our "Diary Nights" and hopefully we will not join that statistic.

The Darts Competition was well supported and we have some budding Eric Bristow's in our midst. The Quiz Nights seem to be gathering pace, and I have to apologise for Kelvin's questions, he gets carried away at times and I'm sure that how hard they are depends on what mood he's in!!

We have heard the sound of pitter patter of tiny feet this week with Barley making an entrance. He also seems to be settling down well although you would think we were murdering him at 3 each morning as he wakes and realises he doesn't like being on his own, ahhhh!

We have applied for "Eagle Aid" which is something that Charles Wells Pub Co run each year. We have to nominate a charity and raise an amount set by Charles Wells and if we achieve that amount they will donate an amount themselves. We thought that it was a chance for the company to give back to the community that gives them enough over the year. Any ideas for charity events and causes would be appreciated.

Thanks for reading our article, hope we haven't bored you too much and remember  
"Your dinner could be in the Dog"

*Jo-Ann & Kelvin*

## ***Playing Field Committee.***

Judging by the number of sweaty bodies seen scuttling up and down the Clopton Road of late you'd be forgiven for thinking there was some sort of race in the offing... and you'd be right!

### ***Titchmarsh 10k Road Race and 3k Fun Run.***

It's the time that comes but once a year, when otherwise perfectly sedentary folk slip into a pair of running shoes, a brightly coloured top and head off to pound the road towards Ranway.

This year's event will be held on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of May**. The day begins with the 3k Fun Run at 10am – followed in short order by the 10k at 11 o'clock.

Runners of all ages and abilities are invited to participate. The only caveats are that runners must be 15 years and over to race in the 10k and children under 8 competing in the 3k must be accompanied by an adult. Fancy dress is strictly optional!

Now, I know what you're thinking. It's the same question villagers ask themselves year in year out. "*Am I going to do it this year?*"

Well, think of it this way: *why else did you buy those expensive trainers and day-glo coloured top if not to schlep up the road with the rest of us?* Just getting fit to run in the race is a reward in itself.

The Titchmarsh 10k is a great event for the young and young of heart alike. If you were ever thinking of doing a road race, this is the one for you. Not only is it a picture-postcard course – through some of the prettiest countryside around – it's also one of the best organised! The road is closed to traffic, there are race marshals all along the route and we have water stations. Better still it's on your doorstep!

So come and have a go. Tell your friends and your workmates and bring them along too. Not only will you have the satisfaction of taking part you'll be doing it in a good cause. Some of the money raised on the day will go towards replacing the equipment in the children's playground next to the Pavilion – so you'll be doing a bit for the village into the bargain.

For more details please visit our dedicated 10k page at:

***<http://www.titchmarshplayingfield.org.uk/events/10k.php>***

Here you will find more information including a course map, entry forms and photos. There's even a link to the 10k Facebook page.

Runners can register in advance or on the day – though in advance is preferable if only to avoid queuing up.

**NB: As with previous years we'll be seeking the support of villagers who live along the route of the race by asking them to move their cars off the highway. For safety reasons it's imperative we give the runners the full width of the road. Also bear in mind that due to road closures and the general paraphernalia of the day, it will be almost impossible to drive a vehicle through the village in the morning. *Please make a note of the date!***  
*Antar Howarth*

**Stitchmarsh. The village handicraft group.** Dates for your dairy for April and May

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

No Meeting during Easter Break

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Clubroom, and we are currently having a look at beading.

If you have any craft or skill you would like to learn or share please contact me on 732362 or email [eleonor.music@btinternet.com](mailto:eleonor.music@btinternet.com) *Eleanor Greig*

## **Parish Council.**

**Play Ranger Sessions.** As in previous years, the council has funded Play Ranger sessions in the Clubhouse during the Easter Holidays. The session for Under 8s will be on the morning of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April and the session for children aged 8-13 will be on Tuesday 19 April. Titchmarsh has traditionally had some of the best attended sessions across the county, so let's make sure this continues. The council will be funding similar sessions during the Summer Holiday as well.

**Annual Parish Meeting.** The council will be holding its Annual Parish Meeting in The Clubroom on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. This is your opportunity to hear what the parish council and other village organisations have achieved in the last twelve months. There will also be a chance to question the Council on its performance and suggest ideas on how the Council could improve village life. And maybe the biggest attraction will be wine and nibbles served at the end of the meeting. Whatever your reason, please come along.

**Election of Parish Councillors.** There will be an election for the Parish Council in May and the closing date for nominations is noon of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. So there is still for you to come forward and get involved and I promise that we are a friendly bunch and it is not too onerous in terms of time, with one meeting each month. If you are interested in adding to the cut and thrust of village life, please talk to any of the current councillors or the clerk, Emma Morehen ([clerk.titchmarsh@googlemail.com](mailto:clerk.titchmarsh@googlemail.com)).

**Change of Venue and Dates.** Once the election of the Parish Council has taken place, the meeting venue and date will be change. The new council will be meeting at The Pavilion on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. If you have any issue you'd like to raise with the council in person, please be aware that there is a Public Open Time at the start of every meeting. During this time any parishioner can address the council for five minutes on any topic. You do not have to give advanced notice; just turn up on the day.

*Ian Teague (Chairman)*

**Titchmarsh Gardening Club.** We are holding our first meeting for 2011 on Tuesday 29 March at Peter and Mary Montague's house on Islington at 7.30 p.m., if anyone would like to come along you will be very welcome.

There has been very little interest in the visit to Highgrove Estate in September, probably because we are unable to give a firm date and it is a long way in advance, however we are discussing this at our meeting and will come up with something a bit more positive. It is possible that we will decide to take a smaller group. We have been informed by Highgrove Estates that bookings for September will be available in June.

We also hope to arrange some local visits under the National Garden Scheme and I will try and keep you informed of these through Titchmarsh Times, I will also put any further details of the Highgrove trip and any other trips that we might be able to organise on the village notice board by the school.

If you have any enquiries please feel free to give me a ring on 735769

*Pauline Ash*

### **200 Club Results**

**February.** Mrs Olive O'Neill (108), Mr & Mrs G Leslie (38), Mr Terry Higgins (10), Mrs Sara Wilcox (115)

**March.** Ruth Thompson (60), G Teese (150), Mr T Hammond (119), Mr V Capano (166)

All the above won £10.00 each. Well done.

*Caroline Hope*

**Titchmarsh Youth Group.** Future planned meetings are as follows:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> April | Tennis Night   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> May  | Club Night   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May  | Orienteering at Fermyn Woods – details to be emailed |
| 10th June             | Club Night/NAYC Craft evening                        |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> June | Camp Night - Fermyn Woods- details to be emailed     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> July  | Club Night - AGM                                     |

Session fees are £2 for the two hours (7pm-9pm)

Our AGM will be held after the youth group session on 8<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15pm in the clubroom.

At present we have had a few adults interested in helping with the running/taking over of the Youth Group from September. We hope to be able to give more news on this soon. However, if anyone else would like to be involved in helping out/running/or being on a committee for the Youth Group, please contact Sue Shapland on 734467 or email [sueshapland@hotmail.com](mailto:sueshapland@hotmail.com).

### **Editorial.**

As it has been said in other sections of this edition, 6<sup>th</sup> May is when you, the residents of Titchmarsh have the opportunity to vote for the people you wish to serve on your Parish Council. I have very strong feelings about having an election because in the past there have not had enough candidates so the posts have been filled automatically. That doesn't give you, the electorate, any choice.

So if you feel you would like to make a positive contribution to your community, become a Parish Councillor. Nomination papers are available from East Northamptonshire Council offices and need to be returned by noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. Lets make sure we have an election.

Personally, I would like to thank the retiring members for their years of service to the village community and I hope we, as residents, see some new faces on our Parish Council at the first meeting in May.

*John Greig (Editor).*

### **And Finally.**

Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition and to those who have delivered it to your door. There seems to be a few of the usual articles missing but I am sure you will have some news for the June/July Edition.

***The deadline for the next edition will be 8pm on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011***

Happy Easter Everyone.

*John Greig (Editor).*