

Titchmarsh Times

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TITCHMARSH PARISH COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO THE

TITCHMARSH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Thursday 29th April 2010 7.30pm –
8.30pm
in the**

THE CLUBROOM



- **GUEST SPEAKERS:-**
- Titchmarsh Church
- The Clubroom Committee
- The Playing Field Assoc.
- Village Shop Assoc.
- Pre-School
- Youth Group
- Titchmarsh Alms Houses
- Parish Path Warden
- 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

TOAwST - The Original Appreciation of wine Society Titchmarsh. The first meeting of TOAwST for 2010 will be on *Friday, 16th April* in the *Clubroom at 8.00p.m.* The focus for this evening

Wines of the Loire Valley.

The Loire Valley is France's most diverse wine region, producing wines of every style, so there is a wide choice of wine to suit every palate.

Please bring a bottle of your choice, a dish that compliments your chosen wine as a contribution towards a cold buffet, a glass, plate, knife and fork.....and £3.00 per head entrance fee.

Look forward to seeing the regulars and welcome any new faces.

If you haven't attended a TOAwST evening before, but you would like to do so please come along. Will everybody please let us know for seating arrangements. Cheers!
Jeff and Jo Hunter

Congratulations. Titchmarsh artist - Norma Gregory of Church Street, has been made a Fellow of the Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society.

The Society consists of a group of artists who paint, for the garden archives, the plants grown there. Paintings are submitted annually and are judged and selected for their scientific and botanical accuracy as well as for their artistic standard.

Norma holds two Royal Horticultural Society gold medals and a silver-gilt for her botanical illustrations. Her work is held in the archives at Kew, in the RHS Lindley Library and in the Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburg, USA. Recently her work has been on exhibition in Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, New York.

Marie Curie Cancer Care: Daffodil Appeal 2010. Thank you to all the residents in Polopit, Abbott's Close and elsewhere who donated so generously to this year's envelope collection. A cheque for £67 has been sent to the charity.
Shirley Curtis

From the Rectory.

Easter – to most of us means holidays, visiting distant friends & relatives etc. – and why not? In this mobile age such relationships do matter. But there is another aspect to this season. The Christian claim that Jesus died and rose for us is regarded by many as hugely important so worth considering – if not celebrating. Happy Easter.

As advertised in the last edition there will be a presentation of the PCC's plan for improving both flooring and seating in the church at 8pm on Tuesday March 30th with our architect and those who can give a long-term perspective.

Then at 8pm on April 21st we shall hold our usual annual meeting (in church) for the presentation of accounts, election of Churchwardens, PCC members etc.

Titchmarsh Church Services

<i>April 2nd</i>	<i>11am Good Friday Service</i>
<i>April 4th</i>	<i>9.15 Easter Communion</i>
<i>April 11th</i>	<i>9.15am Communion & 4.30 Family Service</i>
<i>April 18th</i>	<i>9.15am Communion</i>
<i>April 25th</i>	<i>9.15am Communion</i>
<i>May 2nd</i>	<i>9.15am Morning Prayer</i>
<i>May 9th</i>	<i>9.15am Communion & 4.30pm Family Service</i>
<i>May 16th</i>	<i>9.15am Communion</i>
<i>May 23rd</i>	<i>9.15am Pentecost (Whitsun) Communion</i>
<i>May 30th</i>	<i>9.15 am Communion</i>

Bungoma is our link Diocese in Kenya. The new Bishop of Peterborough and the Bishop of Bungoma will both be together at the Bungoma Day, which will be held on Sunday, 25th April, at Christ Church, Northampton, 12.30pm - 4.30pm – look out for posters

We now have a convenient means of forwarding donations to specific projects. Please make cheques payable to 'Aldwincle-Bungoma Link Account' and give to Jim Mynors, Liz Waller or Carolyn Brawn

Church Rotas for April and May 2010

Date	Flowers	Time	Sidesmen	Readers
1 st April 2010 Good Friday		11.00am		
4th April 2010 Easter Sunday	Mrs S Prestwich	9.15am	Mr P Dunn	Mr T Higgins
11 th April 2010	-	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell
	<i>Easter Egg hunt -</i>	4.30pm	Hughes family	Mr R Hughes
18th April 2010	Mrs R Franklin	9.15am	Lady Harper	Sir Ewan Harper
25th April 2010	Mrs J Powell	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell
2 nd May 2010	Miss J Finlayson	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr T Higgins & Mrs A Dunn
9 th May 2010	Mrs G Gaskin	9.15am	Dr S Bell	Dr G Webster
		4.30pm	Edwards family	James Edwards
16 th May 2010	Mrs A Dunn	9.15am	Mrs K Williams	Mr D Williams
23 rd May 2010 Whit Sunday	Mrs W Jeffries	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr S Barber
30 th May 2010	Mrs S Prestwich	9.15am	Dr S Bell	Mr J Fieldsend

After the season of Lent with no flowers in the church it is good to decorate the church for Easter. Please join others to do this on Saturday morning with any gifts of flowers. It looks promising for daffodils!

Bible Studies resume on April 14th and fortnightly thereafter (April 28, May 12 & 26) 7.45pm to study Proverbs. Venues on church noticeboards and as announced.

Music in Quiet Places. Jogleasa. The Scimitar and the Sword.

Following their hugely popular Christmas concert in Oundle two years ago, we welcome back Jogleasa with a programme of Christian, Muslim and Jewish music from the time of the Crusades.

One of the UK's best-loved medieval ensembles, the line-up includes voices, bagpipes, percussion, medieval fdel and harp. Their programme includes songs directly related to the Crusade Wars, from soulful laments to rousing battle anthems.

"A felicitous exchange of ideas between Christian Europe and the Muslim Middle East"

The Guardian

Friday 28th May, 8pm in Titchmarsh Church. Tickets (£12 – concessions). Tickets will be available on-line, from the booking office at 4 New Street, Oundle or on the door. Leaflets just inside church.

St Mary's PCC would like to thank everyone who helped to make the recent **Après Ski Evening** such a success. A good time was had by all and over £2000 was raised for Church funds.

Titchmarsh Boundary Walks will take place on **Sunday, 9th May**. The 18 mile walk will start at 7.30 a.m.; the shorter 4 mile walk at 10.30 a.m. Both walks will be led by a guide. £3 per adult & £2 per child. Refreshments provided. All proceeds to Church funds. Meet at the Church Gate. For more information contact Julia Powell. Bring a stick !!!!

7 Churches Fete

Wadenhoe House, Pilton Road, Wadenhoe. 2 - 5pm 31st May.

Including.....

Gun-Dog Handling demo /Pet Show (don't forget to bring yours – mice, snakes, guinea pigs, cats dogs.....etc)

Produce: Cakes Plants Cold drinks Tombola Raffle

Games: Egg smashing Bouncy castle Ice creams Cream Teas

Tombola contributions welcome in advance to The Old Railway Station.

To book a BBQ lunch, from 12 noon, please buy a ticket £6 or £4 for under 12s from Mary Cheney Tele:

Upright piano looking for good home. Can be seen in the church (near organ). Although needing some refurbishment this is a quality instrument brought to Titchmarsh all the way from Zurich where it was manufactured by C Rordorf & Co. Please contact Jean Bussens if you are interested.

Stitchmarsh. Meeting dates for April/May on are:-

Wednesday 14th & 28th April and 12th & 26th May 2010

The meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in the clubroom.

Is there a craft you are interested in? The current members, although not experts by any means, are always willing to help and perhaps you can inspire us to have a go at something new. *Eleanor Greig*

Advanced Notice. Teddies flying off the church tower, brass band music, lots of fun and laughter – what does this mean? **Titchmarsh Village Fete** which in 2010 will be held on **Saturday, 12th June** on the school and church fields. Last year we raised a whopping £4500 to split amongst various village organisations. Let's see if we can do even better this year!

As usual there will be teas, a barbecue, bars, stalls, games and arena events - including children's races; pet show, bonny baby competition and folk dancing – and a prize draw with fantastic prizes. There will also be a team event to round off the afternoon. **Anyone any ideas for something new?** Fete committee members will be coming round the village in late May to collect tombola prizes and to 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 **Look out for the Fete Flyer telling you more.**

We are very grateful to Sir Ewan and Lady Harper who are again opening Titchmarsh House Gardens under the National Gardens Scheme on the same day as the fete. *Jackie Rowe*

200 Club Results.

February Mr & Mrs J Fieldsend (30), Emma Roe (110), Mrs C Hope (105), Sue Toon (46)

March Mrs S Wells (170), Gaye Teese (150), Mrs Williams (97), Julie Levitt (2)

All the above won £10.00 each. Well done.

Caroline Hope

Friends of Titchmarsh School (FOTS). Thanks to everyone who attended the annual Beetle Drive in January, we had another successful afternoon and it was enjoyed by all. Our Pamper Evening was also a great success and thanks go to Caroline and Fiona for their hard work in organising the event.

Our next event is of course our annual Fun day which is on Saturday, 8th May from 12pm until 3pm. There will be craft stalls, bouncy castles, refreshments, games, crazy sand and craft items.

All funds raised will go towards the school and buying equipment and trips for the children. Please all come along and have a great time.

Thanks to everyone for their continual support of the Primary School and I hope you enjoy the events that we arrange.
Tracey Levick.

Message from Fiona Swan. I completed the Silverstone Half Marathon on Sunday, 14th March and would like to pass on huge 'Thanks' to everyone in the village who supported me with sponsorship money and kind messages of encouragement!

It means an awful lot when you've never done anything like this before!!! It makes all the training on dark nights and in the wind, rain and more frequently this winter the snow, so much more worth it!!

I will continue running into the summer as I'm now looking forward to the Titchmarsh 10 km race.

Fiona completed the course in 2 hours and raised £500 in addition to £1100 already raised for The Action Medical Research Charity. Congratulations from Mandy Park's, family and friends. (Ed.)

Titchmarsh Pre-School. We would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new children and parents. Our theme for this term is the Easter and will include our usual Easter bonnet competition and Easter Egg hunt. We are also continuing out look at "healthy eating/lifestyles"

We would like to extend our appreciation to Brian Dove of Rose Cottage for kindly donating packets of sun flower seeds to the pre-school. These will be given to each child to grow, with a competition for the tallest to be judged later in the year.

We had a great fundraising event with the family bingo afternoon. We raised over £100. We are also holding a ladies fashion show on the 30th April, at the clubroom from 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale for £3.50. You are all invited to see our ladies dress up and buy as much as possible. Anybody wanting further information or tickets should contact Fiona Love on 734866. We will of course also be supporting the school on their Fun Day with a stall offering face painting, coconut shy and some toys for sale. We will also be at the village fete, Thrapston Charter Day and Thurning Feast, so please come along and support the event and the pre-school.

The Pre-School will be organizing the Bags2School scheme whereby everyone is asked to donate their unwanted clothes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, handbags and belts and put them in the bag provided. If you do not have children at the school then please leave your filled bags at your kerbside either the evening before or early on the morning of Friday 21st May. You may if you choose wish to drop your bags off at the Pre-school on the morning of the 21st May only. Please fill as many bags as you like, using black bin bags if you need to, as our aim is to raise as much money as possible whilst helping you to have a good clear out of your unwanted goods.

We would like to thank all who support the pre-school, because as a Charity, we receive no external funds and therefore without your financial support at such events the pre-school could not provide facilities for the children or continue to flourish as it is able to right now.

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 or call in during session time

Thank you. Rita Watts, son Neville and daughter Sheila, wish to thank all who attended the funeral service in remembrance of Gordon. For the many cards and messages received. Donations to the British Heart Foundation amounted to £380.95. Our grateful thanks to all who contributed.

Titchmarsh Flower Club. We started the season with an excellent demonstration by Stephanie Champion of Maison Fleur, Higham Ferrers, who created a splendid pedestal arrangement for us. The usual workshop was omitted on this occasion because of the sheer size of the project.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 21st April commencing at 7.30pm when Margaret Aldridge from Weldon will be teaching us about preparing and conditioning flowers and foliage, something all of us should be bear

in mind when planning an arrangement. She will also demonstrate a corsage or handbag arrangement for the fashionable ladies. Admission £5.

The following Flower Club meeting is on Wednesday 19th May, when Diane Northwood will be demonstrating a 'hand held' arrangement. New members are always welcome.
Terry Higgins

Titchmarsh Youth Group. Future Programme:

23 rd April	Tennis Night
21 st May	Club Night
4 th June	Cycling at Fermyn Woods – details to be emailed/handed out at TYG
18 th June	Club Night/Camp Out - details to be emailed/handed out at TYG
2 nd July	Club Night
16 th July	Club Night

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

Our AGM will be held after the youth group session on 2nd July at 9.15pm in the clubroom. If anyone wants to get involved with the youth group, you will be very welcome. A number of adults already work a rota system for the youth club supervision but we are always grateful for new ideas, inspiration and a willingness to spend time with the young people of TYG.

Titchmarsh Village Shop. The Shop continues to thrive with all your support, thank you. Come and visit us to see our Easter products, Easter Eggs, Gifts and scrummy Easter Cup Cakes. Over the Bank Holiday Weekend, the opening hours will be:

Good Friday – 8.30 – 12.30	Easter Saturday – 8.30 – 3.00
Easter Sunday – 8.30 – 12.30	Easter Monday – 8.30 – 12.30

The Shop still needs to fundraise and our next event is a Village Quiz on Saturday, 22nd May in the Clubroom. With a bar, Chilli & Jacket Potatoes. Get your teams ready! £10 a head. To book a table or buy tickets contact Anita Dunn 732426 or call in at the shop.

Due to the reorganisation of the shop a little while ago we also have our original serve-over chiller for sale, in good working order. Please contact Peter James or the shop for further details.

Titchmarsh Village Shop has won a great accolade from The Environmental Health Department-we are now the proud possessors of a 5 Star Food Hygiene Rating-the highest possible so congratulations to all.

Many thanks to all our Customers and Volunteers once again, without you the shop would not be the valuable village resource it is. New Volunteers are always welcome and training is given. If working in the shop is not your thing there are other ways you could help, so call in and talk to Jane if you can help in any way.
Anita Dunn

Titchmarsh Playing Field Association.

Titchmarsh 10k Road Race & 3k Fun Run. On **Sunday, 2nd May** we will be staging our annual 10k Road Race and 3k Fun Run. Two events, one goal: a grand day out for Titchmarsh and everyone taking part. Last year's races attracted more than 300 competitors - including seasoned runners from club and county alongside plenty more have-a-go-racers.

I know what you're thinking. Who in their right mind would want to climb into a pair of Lycra shorts and hare off towards the horizon - only to turn around before you reach it and head back again? The point is, the race is now in its 15th year. It's almost a tradition - a tradition in which everyone should participate at least once. It doesn't half clear the tubes and you could burn around 700 calories into the bargain. Just preparing for the race could be the springboard to a fitter, healthier summer.

If you want to run in fancy dress, that's great. If you prefer something a bit more serious (but equally fancy) that's great too. All you need to do is get into the spirit of the day and have a go!

Bring your family, friends, even work mates and treat them to a determined trot through some of the finest countryside our little piece of England has to offer. Once over the finishing line you'll not only have your own medal to take home but also the warm (and somewhat sweaty) satisfaction of taking part.

Go to the web site at: www.titchmarshplayingfield.org.uk where you'll find more info, a few important rules and entry forms for both events. Print them out, send them in, and then try to remember where you last saw your trainers...

Mid-Summer Music Evening. Another date for your diary is **Saturday 19th June** when we shall be hosting the Mid-Summer Music Evening at the Titchmarsh Pavilion and Playing Fields. After listening to your feedback we've decided to shake things up a bit this year.

The village boasts a surprising array of young musical talent and it has been decided to start the event with a showcase of these budding stars. If you know someone who you think might like a spot in the programme please ask them to contact us.

After the youngsters we're hoping to present an established county band. They'll be playing tracks from their recently released CD as well as many party favourites. The evening will draw to a close on the dance floor as a disco takes us into the small hours.

We're also going to invite a few rather colourful guests - possibly several hundred of them! An entire regiment from the Sealed Knot English Civil War Re-enactment group will march into the village on the Saturday morning. They will set-up camp on the playing field and then conduct a mock battle – complete with musket fire and perhaps cannon or two.

Later that evening, whilst most of the troops gather around their campfires (and our bar) some may take a turn at the music event. I'm sure there'll be drums, perhaps even some mummings. There could even be a few rowdy folk songs – no-doubt featuring such period favourites as, "*My old man's a pikeman, he wears a floppy hat...*," etc. Who knows!

Either way it should be an absolute hoot from start to finish and very, very different! Full details, ticket prices and a proper run down of the entertainment will be posted in the weeks ahead. Until then, if you have any questions or if you want to recommend a young group for the music evening, please get in touch.

Antar Howarth

Dates for your diaries.

FOTS Thursday 8th July we are planning a 'Kids on the Catwalk' event.
Teddy Bears picnic to welcome the new intake for 2010 on the 15th July.
Pig Roast and Barn Dance. Saturday, 18th September from 6pm.

All Saints Church, Aldwinckle. Cheese and Wine Evening. Saturday, 19th June 2010
Tickets will be on sale at £8 per head and are available from Gurvinda Evans and Rosie Dufield

Editors Note: This is the redundant church in Aldwinckle. All that remains inside is a table and the font and there is a fantastic effect when the sun comes through the stained glass windows and colours the stone floor. Well worth going to see and this is the opportunity.

Titchmarsh Flower & Vegetable Show. Saturday, 14th August

Bus Passes. Northamptonshire County Council are urging young people who are considering going into the sixth form (Years 12 and 13) next year and who will need a bus pass to apply as quickly as possible. There are a limited number of passes available in the county for those in post-16 education and they are offered on a first-come, first served basis.

Application forms are now available either in schools or from the county council's website <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/EducationandLearning/Parents/travel/Pages/HtoS.aspx>

Completed forms should be sent in no later than April 30th. The passes cost £400 for the school year but can be bought for either the autumn, spring or summer terms individually.

Welcome to Titchmarsh. Marco and Judith Williams come to the Dog & Partridge from Bedfordshire together with their daughters Grace, 9 and Alice aged 7. We wish them well for the future.

Traditional pub classic meals are being servedtwo main meals for £9.95. Sunday lunch, consisting of 2 courses will be served at £9.95 per head.

For bookings please telephone or email

Look to the boards for other activities. Please use our village pub.

JG. Ed.

Parish Council.

Affordable Housing. The survey of the Parish to better understand the current view of villagers to affordable housing in general, and to the Tofts Close site in particular produced the following results:

435 questionnaires were delivered to homes in the village, from which 212 completed questionnaires were received (48.7%)

No to affordable housing – 111 (52.5%)

Yes to affordable housing but no to Tofts Close 51 (24%)

Yes to affordable housing and Yes to Tofts Close – 50 (23.5%)

The next stage for affordable housing is for the planning application to be discussed at a forthcoming East Northamptonshire Council Planning meeting, The earliest this is likely to happen is April, although the Wildfowl Trust have indicated that there is the possibility of Great Crested Newts on the site, which may delay any discussion.

Conservation Area Review. Following the Parish meeting, a list of questions raised by parishioners was sent to Lloyd Mills at East Northamptonshire Council . The responses to those questions can be found on the Titchmarsh website, and will be attached to the minutes of the March Parish Council minutes

Erosion of brook bank in Polopit. Villagers may have noticed the ongoing erosion of the narrow verge adjacent to the road in Polopit alongside the brook. John Greig has met with NCC. It is proposed that the kerb line be extended from Abbots Close, in a westerly direction, to prevent vehicles coming too close to the brook. NCC will also be contacting the Environment Agency concerning the erosion of the bank.

Collapsed wall in Church St. The collapsed wall in Church Street has been reported to “Streetdoctor”. An inspection has been made by NCC and reparations are expected to be made within the next few weeks.

Team Titchmarsh Storm

A group of six villagers (Dicky and Emma Roe, Paul Milner, Norm Edwards, Jonathan Hope and Richard Hughes) are undertaking a charity event in May in aid of Action Medical Research; a charity that conducts medical research for pre- and post-natal care conditions. Our event takes us on a 60 mile route cycling cross-country between the three highest peaks in the Yorkshire Dales, dismounting and scaling each peak on foot in between.

We've committed to raising more than £1400 for the charity and on Friday 19th March hosted a Dinner and Cabaret evening at the Pavilion. We fed, watered (OK 'wined and beered'!) and hopefully entertained 65 guests and hoped to have raised several hundred pounds towards our target. A big thank you to all those who supported the evening, to local (direct from the US!) singer Phinesta Taylor for providing her musical talent free of charge and to our band of young waiters and waitresses who helped ensure the evening ran smoothly.

Several people were unable to attend the evening but pledged to make a donation to the cause; this can be done by either handing the cash or cheque (payable to Action Medical Research) to any member of the team.

Once again a big thank you to all who help us in our venture.

Paul Milner

And finally Again apologies for the Arial 10 font. Perhaps we should start supplying magnifying glasses !!!!!!!!

Thank you to all who have contributed to and delivered this edition. Many of you have done so since the earliest times.

The next edition will be the 10th Anniversary Edition. The village has certainly changed even in that short period and I wish to make the next edition a reflective one of what has gone on and changed since July 2000. So if you have any recollections you would like to share please get typing and send them to me at the above email address as a WORD document.

The deadline for the June/July 2010 Edition will be **Friday, 14th May 2010**.

John Greig (Editor).