

Titchmarsh Times

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Titchmarsh Flower and Vegetable Show – Saturday, 8th August 2009.

You will have received this year's Show programme by now and are hopefully planning your entries! Your entry form (in the back of the programme) must be delivered to a committee member by Thursday 6th and exhibits need to be at the Clubroom before 11am on Saturday morning. The doors are then closed for judging and reopen to the public at 2.30pm. During the afternoon you can not only admire the exhibits but also enjoy teas and ice creams, try your luck on the tombola and your skill at the skittles table. The presentation of trophies and prizes happens at 4.30pm, followed by the raffle. The auction of produce then follows which is a great opportunity to buy fresh, locally grown produce at amazing prices! Come along and enjoy a great afternoon.

Titchmarsh Village Fete. What fabulous weather we had for the fete again this year! Thank you to everyone who helped either to get things ready, run a stall or to clear everything away.

Our thanks to Sir Ewan and Lady Harper who opened the gardens of Titchmarsh House, under the National Gardens Scheme, which contributed to the success of the day. Our thanks also to the Titchmarsh Folk Dancing Group, Northampton Fencing Club, Rushden Town Band and Gay Tease's Dog Agility Display all of which added to the special feel of the day and which along with the Parachuting Teddies makes our fete one of the most popular and successful around.

In all we were able to distribute £4700 - £1700 to the Church and £750 each to the Clubroom, Playing Fields, FOTS and Pre-School.

Next year's Fete will be on Saturday, 12th June. We look forward to seeing you there!

Apple Weekend at the Shop on **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September**: We plan to have an apple themed weekend at the shop. Events will take place at the shop and in the Pound. Bring along all your surplus apples of all varieties for pressing into refreshing drink.

Also Barnwell Wine Circle will be on-hand to advise about wine and cider making. We need apples – lots of them. Apple pies, apple cake and many other apple recipes will be on sale. Come along and enjoy the day. Any further information will be available at the shop.

200 Club Results

June Alan Powell (7), Mark Harris (83), Viv White (17), Peter Montague (32)

July Peter Dunn (35), Caroline Hope (105), Mr & Mrs Leader (3),
Peter James (52)

All the above won £10.00 each. Well done.

Caroline Hope

News from the Dog and Partridge.

Quiz. The next quiz is on Sunday, 13th September, £1 entry which includes snacks after the quiz.

Bonus Ball. We now have weekly draw for the lottery bonus ball, the cost is £1 for a number. If you are in the Dog and Partridge when the Saturday Lottery is drawn you will get the full proceeds else £9 of the pot rolls over to the next week... Good Luck!

Acoustic Nights. On the last Wednesday of every month... A popular night with all levels of expertise keen to show off their talents.... 29th July, 26th August and 30th September
Our Host is hand with amps, microphone and a spare acoustic guitar. He will help anyone from beginners to advanced to set up and perform.. Other instruments are welcome

What's On We are planning a nights entertainment for August/September, look out on our what's' on board for our next music evening

Extended Opening We are now open on Mondays lunchtimes and evenings serving our usual menu..

To launch the Monday opening, on Monday evening we have on offer our traditional beer battered fish and chips for 2 and a bottle of wine for £17.95

Don't forget Tuesdays you get a free pint when you order sausage and mash,

Wednesdays is a free glass of wine with your fish and chips and Thursdays is a free glass of wine when you order a sirloin steak.

Lunch time special offer **2 for £10** For a limited period we are offering a lunchtime menu with 2 main courses for £10. Call in for a menu or see our website dogandpartridge.food.officelive.com, for details...Monday to Saturday only

Don't forget our take away menu... £4.50 for either sausage, fish, scampi or burger and chips.. Pre order, 732546 and we will have it ready for you to collect!

Stitchmarsh. The group has survived for another year and is now on a break until Wednesday 9th September. Our skill in doing patchwork/quilting has been improved and hopefully will continue to interest those that came along and had a go.

Inspired by the various yarns that are now on the market, it has been decided that we will be looking at 'knitting', which is just a banner for working with yarn.

We hope to look not just at the skill of knitting, perhaps knitting items to felt, or even weaving with out a loom. Perhaps we can guide someone to have a go at fair-isle, using circular or double pointed needles, turning that heel on a sock, or are knitting instructions a foreign language we will try and help

What we are able to do can only be guided by what people who come along want to do it. So remember **7.30pm Wednesday 9th September in the Clubroom 'Knitting'**, no needles or yarn no problem, we do have supplies. *Eleanor Greig*

Titchmarsh Local History Group. There will be two further meetings in 2009. The first will be on Thursday, 8th October at 7.30 in the Club Room

"Northamptonshire History in Stained Glass".

This will be an illustrated talk by Paul Sharpling from Kettering who has made a study of stained glass in the churches of Northamptonshire, including Titchmarsh. Please note the date. More details in the next edition. *John Greig*

Titchmarsh Village Shop. The Independence Day celebration on Saturday July 4th was a great success with barbequed meats, key lime pies and potato salads to tickle our taste buds, not to mention the challenging root beer and Hershey's chocolate - still available in the shop for the uninitiated to try!

A strong turnout of over 30 people for the shop's AGM on Monday on 6 July heard the good news that the shop is now over the worst, trading wise and settling into making an acceptable return. During the meeting Jackie Rowe announced that having been heavily involved during the set up and initial trading period of the shop, she was standing down as both chair and committee member to let others take up the reins. Jackie has proved to be a strong leader who has pushed for the steps needed to bring the shop into profit and will continue her involvement as a volunteer. The financial success of the last few months in trading and fund raising are testament to her efforts. Jackie's departure, together with 2 other leavers this year means an injection of fresh blood is urgently needed to bring new ideas and strengthen the shop committee. Please let us know if you can help.

As the holiday period looms we will temporarily lose Jane our manager due to a combination of medical and holiday reasons; some interim paid staff, Kim (Jane's daughter) and Ivan (a Co-op management trainee) will be brought in as management cover until Jane returns, mended and refreshed! In addition, as trialled last year, in August the shop hours will be reduced on week days to 9 to 5 (weekend hours remain the same). However we still need volunteers to help over lunchtimes and fill the red gaps on the rota. Please support your local shop as much as you can during the holidays – thanks to grant funding, we now have a fruit & veg chiller and improved range, so we may be able to save you a trip to the supermarket.

In September we will be reminding you that it is "Back to Shop" time as well as "Back to School". To kick this off we will be holding the first **Titchmarsh Apple Festival** over the weekend of 5th and 6th September when presses will be available to crush your excess apples into apple juice, as well as apple themed foods, toffee apples and apple dunking. Look out for the notices nearer the time.

September is also the second anniversary of our opening, and there will be some promotions in the shop to mark the occasion. We will also hold a special 'thank you' function for volunteers in late September.

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club. We do meet every Monday 8 until 10pm (Club Room) in a friendly relaxed atmosphere. All dances are walked through and you don't need to bring a partner. First night is free and is only £1.00 thereafter. Light refreshments included. In the programme we have guest callers, live music monthly and theme evenings throughout the year which include, Irish, Scottish American, Cheese and Wine, Fish and Chip night, Garden evening, Christmas party and a Christmas dinner.

Looking to forthcoming events. Our annual dance is on Saturday October 17th 7.45-11.00 at the Clubroom. MC is Frances Richardson, band is Orange and Blue. Please bring a plate of food to share and own alcoholic drinks.

The Scottish Ceilidh is on 26th October with guest dancers from the Rushden Caledonian Society, Highland dancers from Corby and special guest musician Peter Scatterry. We all make an effort to wear something tartan. Always a good night and village folk are particularly welcome.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 21st. We ask every to bring a plate of food to share. Live music. Mulled wine. Display by Northampton Morris. Always a lively evening.

If anyone requires any further information please contact George or John.

Friends of Titchmarsh School. Well thanks to everyone who gave for the jewellery recycling back in March, we earned £107.00, which was great and we raised around £60.00 from the fancy dress disco. The fun day went well, and huge thanks go to all who helped and supported the school on this day. A lot of hard work was put in for the event to run as smoothly as it did, and hopefully all who attended had a great time. Attendance was down from previous years, which showed in the takings; we made just over £400.00 for the school, which was half the amount of last year.

Thanks to all who attended the Village Fete which was a great day and we were kept busy in the teas tent all day. As a result the whole event was a success and we were handed a cheque for £750.00. Thanks to the Fete committee for their support and of course thanks to all who supported the event.

An event to look forward to will be a Barn Dance and Pig Roast being held on Saturday 19th September, between 6pm and 10pm. This event is open to everyone in the local area and will be held on the school playing fields. Tickets are now on sale, and will be priced at £10.00 for an adult, £5.00 for children between the ages of 5 and 18, and children aged 4 and under will be free.

Please buy your tickets as soon as possible to enable us to have an idea of numbers; with the event being so close to the start of the new academic year. This is a family event so please come along and have a great time dancing and eating!

We will also be holding a raffle with some great prizes including, Santa Pod tickets, a Luxury Hamper, Theatre and Cinema tickets, Designer Sunglasses, Tickets for a Rushden & Diamonds game plus many more. Tickets are now available, so please contact either Tracey Levick or Caroline Hope to get yours! In October we will be having our annual Halloween party, and then we will be looking at events for Christmas; time flies when you're having fun! We also have a bags2school collection booked for November, so please start collecting those clothes!

Please support the school and you may find yourself enjoying raising money for the benefit of our children! Thank you for your continued support.

Titchmarsh ABC Pre-school. As we head to the end of the school year, we have been pushing hard on the fundraising department. We have the pleasure of collecting a cheque for £750 from the village fete and would like to thank all those that helped on the coconut shy and Fiona for being on the face painting all afternoon. We of course would like to thank all those that attended the event and supported the village community. A great time was had by all.

This year we also decided to have a stall at the Thrapston Charter day and thanks to the hard work of Sue, Fiona, Karen and Tracey Morris we made a profit of £78 despite the rain, so well done ladies!

Thanks also go to all in the village who supported our recent bags2school we received a cheque for £233 which was excellent.

We look forward to the new academic year and the start of new children. We wish all our leavers the best as they start in the new schools and hope to continue to see them at events. The pre-school's AGM is arranged for the 15th September at 7.30 in the clubroom. This is open to anyone who wishes to see how the pre-school is run and what we have planned for the coming terms. It is also the time when we welcome new members to the committee so if anyone is interested in helping please do not hesitate to join us.

Future events planned for the year are 1st October a Pampered Chef night and on the 28th November will be our Annual Christmas Bazaar

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

Titchmarsh Gardening Club. As part of our efforts to continue to contribute to village gardening themes, I am pleased to give you early warning of an event to be held in October which I hope you will support.

We are holding **THE GREEN WELLYS GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME - BBC Radio Northamptonshire with Presenter Johnnie Amos and a panel of experts** in the Pavilion on Wednesday 28 October 09 at 7.30 p.m.

You can ask anything you like, the choice is yours, and questions which introduce humour are especially welcome, please feel free to bring along a sample, the more exotic the better. The team will be very knowledgeable with a wide experience of all types of gardens, big, small, country, town, landscaping, planning and design, water gardens, fruit and vegetables and blooms and greenhouses- a really good chance to solve your problems.

We look forward to seeing you and hope you enjoy being part of BBC Radio Northamptonshire's highly popular gardening programme.

Tickets will be available early September from any member of the Gardening Club, further information regarding costs etc will also be available in the next edition of Titchmarsh Times, **but in the mean time make a note of the date, Wednesday 28th October 09 in your diary.**

A few of the group recently visited a garden in Finedon that was open under the National Garden Scheme, this was only a small garden but beautifully designed and with a huge variety of plants and vegetables, we enjoyed a very pleasant visit with a glass of wine and the opportunity to buy some plants at very reasonable prices.

A visit to Easton Walled Garden near Grantham also proved very enjoyable on Sunday 5 July with the weather being kind to us, time to relax and enjoy the lovely gardens that are still being developed, well worth a visit.

If you would like any further information regarding the group please give me a ring.

Pauline Ash

Titchmarsh Youth Group. We have now finished Youth Club for this school year. The next session will be on Friday 11th September 7pm-9pm when it will be Club night and there is also an opportunity to make jewellery.

Can I remind all current members that the £10 yearly membership will be due at the beginning of next term? Youth Club fees will remain the same at £2 for the two hour sessions. For new members, can you ensure that a parent/carer attends with you at the first session for completion of the relevant forms? Also for current members, if there are any changes to contact numbers, can you please let us know? Thank you. The membership form can be downloaded from www.titchmarsh.info website or please contact Sue Shapland or Julie Ray.

A number of adults from Titchmarsh and Clopton 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. If any adult would like to get involved with the youth group please contact Sue Shapland.

On Sunday 12th July, Paul Milner, Imogen Stokes, Sue and Rob Shapland took part in the British London 10km race to raise funds for the youth club. It was a fantastic experience and we all enjoyed the race where we were just 4 of over 27,000 runners. Thank you to all those who sponsored the 4 runners - we will be contacting those of you who were kind enough to help us raise funds for the Titchmarsh Youth Group.

From the Rectory.

Floors and seating. We are making progress with our plan to remove the pews and replace them with more adaptable seating arrangements. Our architect has now prepared a detailed scheme with options for carrying out all or part of the work. How much we do now will depend on what we can afford.

With all good wishes Jim Mynors

60 Main St, Aldwinckle. Tele: 720613 (usual day off – Friday) or Jim@mynors.me.uk

Titchmarsh Church Services

2 nd August	9.15 Morning Prayer
9 th August	9.15am Communion & 4.30pm Family Service
16 th August	9.15am Communion
23 rd August	9.15am Communion
30 th August	9.15am Communion
6 th September	9.15 Morning Prayer
13 th September	9.15am Communion & 4.30pm Family Service
20 th September	9.15am Communion
27 th September	9.15am Communion

Please note the regular time for Family Services is **4.30pm** – the same time at all-age services at Oundle (1st Sun) Thrapston (3rd Sun) and Barnwell/Polebrook (4th Sun) – more details in porch

From the Registers:

Daniel Collacott & Karis Mabbutt were married on 30th May

Steven Henson-Tyers & Laura Decaillet were married on 6th June

Bible Study -For any in the locality, not just for regular churchgoers

From September we shall be studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians restarting on 14th September at Rectory Farm Achurch and then on 28th September at Aldwinckle Rectory. All sessions run from 7.45 to 9pm

Church Rotas for August & September 2009

<i>Date</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sidesmen</i>	<i>Readers</i>
2nd August 2009	Wedding	9.15am	Mr P Dunn	Mrs A Dunn & Mr T Higgins
9th August 2009	Mrs S Prestwich	9.15am	Mrs J Bussens	Mr S Barber
		4.30pm	Hope family	Mr R Hughes
16th August 2009	Miss J Finlayson	9.15am	Mrs K Williams	Mr D Williams
23rd August 2009	Mrs S Wilcox	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr J Fieldsend
30th August 2009	Mrs S Hankins	9.15am	Dr G Webster	Dr S Bell
6th September 2009	Mrs B Ray	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell & Mr S Barber
13th September 2009	Mrs G Gaskin	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr J Fieldsend
		4.30pm	James Edwards	Jessica & Caitlin Knight
20th September 2009	Mrs M Cranch	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mr T Higgins
27th September 2009	Mrs W Jeffries	9.15am	Lady Harper	Sir Ewan Harper

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Harvest Celebrations will be held on Sunday, 4th October with the service starting at 4.30pm followed by supper in the clubroom at 5.30pm. Again we are having a Pig Roast, and there will be a bar. This will be followed by the auction of produce and some promises, and we would appreciate any donations of produce. Adults £7.50, Children up to 10 - £2.00 and 11 to 14 - £5.

The Quiz on Saturday, 21st November will again feature Duncan as The Quizmaster and promises to be another exciting, fiercely competitive evening. There will be a wonderful supper with dessert and a bar to impair the brains!! See you at 7.30 for a swift start. There will be 8 to a team and £8 per person. Please contact anyone on the PCC if you need help in filling your table as there is always someone seeking a place.

Sponsored Cycle Ride or Walk will be held on Saturday, 12th September. This is an annual event promoted by the Historic Church's Trust, half of the funds collected will go to Northamptonshire Historic Church's Trust and half will go to Titchmarsh Church.

We have benefitted from a grant from Northamptonshire Historic Church's Trust in the past and would like to continue to support their efforts in maintaining the historic churches in Northamptonshire.

Over recent years only a handful of people have supported this venture and we would like to see a lot more venture out on their bikes or walk to as many churches as possible. This is a rare opportunity to find many of the churches open. We can offer routes around the local benefice of 7 churches which avoid the main roads, or many other routes varying in distance and direction.

If like Alan Powell you fancy a real challenge you could do all the churches in the Oundle Deanery, he did this a number of years ago and had to start at 9.00 in the morning to arrive back at 6.00pm. Sponsor forms, route ideas and lists of participating churches will be in the shop or available from Julia Powell.

There will be a prize for the person who gets the most sponsors. If you do not wish to actually walk or ride you are also able to man the desk at the church and get sponsorship for that; but if you can't do that then perhaps you would like to sponsor one of the participants. Thank you for your support.

A date to remember to put in your 2010 diary – 28th February a Ski Evening with Auction of Promises.
Julia Powell

Titchmarsh School. This has been another very exciting year at school. At the beginning of the year we raised our ECO flag and then welcomed Ofsted inspectors who declared our school good with outstanding qualities. We received our ICT Mark from Phil Hope mp and Mrs Stopps, Mrs Knight and I attended the TES awards in London where we were finalists for an outstanding achievement award. Alas that time we did not bring home the prize! We have had a very happy year and we say a fond farewell to a fantastic group of children starting the next stage of their education at middle school.

We now look forward to the challenges that the next academic year will bring. Hopefully this will include the construction of a hall, classroom and kitchen. Plans will soon be ready and the architect, Colin Moore and the school governors will share them with you in due course.

We are now in possession of a fabulous new colour photocopier/scanner. We are happy to share these facilities with the local community. Competitive prices are available on request. All proceeds go to school funds.

All that is left for me to say is thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Have a relaxing summer! School will open at 8.50am on Monday, 7th September.

Mrs J. Milton (Head Teacher).

Clubroom. As mentioned in the last edition, the Clubroom Committee are now the proud owners of a Bouncy Castle. Aimed initially at our customers who hire the Clubroom for children's parties, the Bouncy Castle can be added to the room hire at a cost of £40 per session. Please contact Val Sorrel, our Bookings Clerk, via bookings@titchmarsh.info for availability.

Dates for the diary – a couple of events to put in the diary for later in the year, more details nearer the time:

40's Night – Saturday, 7th November – come along for a 1940s-themed evening of professional entertainment and refreshments. Enter the spirit of the time by dressing in the style of the era.

Jack and the Beanstalk Puppet Panto – Thursday 17th December – An early evening showing of this family favourite; something for children of all ages!
Paul Milner

Parish Council

Parish Enhancement Gangs. The transport and highways service has approached the Parish Council with a plan to introduce dedicated gangs to work with villages to provide services that will benefit the local community. It is intended that these works should be the kind of things that would improve the environment but would not normally be considered as meeting the criteria for routine maintenance. Examples would include minor kerb repairs, sign cleaning, resetting of slabs etc. It is envisaged that a parish gang will be visiting Titchmarsh once in the next year, so if you have any suggestions for minor works that will enhance the village then please send them to Emma Meen who will collate them on behalf of the Parish Council on parishclerk@titchmarsh.info

Carriageway Resurfacing. Northamptonshire County Council has informed us that they are planning to carry out carriageway resurfacing works on the A605 at Lilford. The A605 will be closed for all through traffic between the junction with the B663 and the roundabout at Oundle (Junction A427). The work is programmed to commence on Friday, September 18th at 8.00pm through to Monday, September 21st at 6.00pm, subject to weather and progress.

Maintenance of "The Pound". (Now the shop garden. Ed.) After ten years of sterling service, Brenda Durndall, who has been looking after the Pound garden, has decided to hang up her trowel. When the position was first advertised, it included the payment of £1.00 per year by the successful applicant to the Parish in recognition of the privilege associated with the role. Thank you very much Brenda for your efforts over the last ten years. If anyone is interested in taking on the voluntary position of looking after the Pound (no payment now required!), please get in contact with the Parish Council through Emma Meen or one of the councillors.
Geoff Love

Finally. Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition. We now regularly have eight pages, a bit more weight for our valiant distributors to carry around the village. A big "thank you" to them as well.

I do apologise for removing bits from some articles. Due to economy we need to print pages in multiples of two. As much as I would like 8 and three quarter pages 'aint on

The date for the final submission of copy for the October/November 2009 edition will be the evening of **Friday, 16th September** .

Thank you all in Titchmarsh and all those beyond the village who receive our news for your continued support.
John Greig. Editor.

