

Titchmarsh Times

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August/September 2011.

Clubroom News.

Thank you to everyone who helped us to celebrate the Clubroom's **150th Anniversary**. The participation of so many people from the village showed how important a part of village life the Clubroom is. Attendance at all three events – the Children's Party, Afternoon Tea and Celilidh with Hog Roast – exceeded our expectations; we hope no-one went hungry or thirsty.

I would like to thank the organising team of Jude Collini, Hayley Wood, Di Ellis, Geoff Love, and Gina Gaskin and for the support of Liz Townson, Maggy Chapman, Fiona Love, Kate Moules, Natalie Beer and Derek Ellis on the day, for all their hard work in making the events such a success. A further note of thanks goes to all those in the village who gave us permission to use their photos and memorabilia in our 'Clubroom through the years' display – hopefully all originals have now been safely reunited with their owners.

Whilst I'm thanking everyone I must recognise the distribution to the Clubroom of £912 from the proceeds of yet another very successful village fete.

The contribution will be put to good use as it will go towards the costs of a redecoration of the Clubroom interior this summer. We've tried to choose a quiet time of year to minimise inconvenience but the Clubroom will be closed between 17th and 23rd of August. If you have any questions about the timing of this closure on planned events, or general enquiries about hiring the Clubroom this summer, please contact Val Sorrell on 735448 or via bookings@titchmarsh.info.
Paul Milner

Music Makers Summer Sessions. Music Makers, the popular music and movement group for under 5's, will be running two summer sessions at Titchmarsh Pavilion during August.

The 45-minute sessions of singing and fun with instruments and colourful props, will take place on Thursdays August 11th and 25th at 10am. The cost is £3 per child.

Music Makers also runs at the Pavilion during term-time every Thursday from 10am and is suitable for babies up to pre-schoolers. Music Makers birthday parties are also available.

To book your child's place on the Summer or term-time sessions or to find out more about a Music Makers birthday party, contact Naomi Cooper on 731953, 07815 293893 or e-mail tc.coops@virgin.net

News from the D&P

The offer of “**Free Chilli**” with your first pint of ale/lager/cider or 175g glass of wine, 7pm to 9pm (subject to availability) is ongoing but not as popular as we thought it would be. There is no catch!! We thought this would help increase the number of visitors to the D&P on a quiet night. The chilli is homemade with locally sourced ingredients; go on give it a go !!!

“**Find Homer Friday**” seems to be causing a bit of a giggle and just to stir it up a bit we’ve added Buzz Lightyear into the mix, you know what they say, “a change is as good as a rest”.

Woodstove Pizzas on a Saturday evening is proving very popular. Many thanks to all of you who have supported this, I know Dale (we call him Dale A Pizza) is very impressed with the response and this is spurring him on.

Music Nights – these are still being held every other Wednesday and the dates are as follows; 27th July, 10th August, 24th August, 7th September and 21st September. Cheryl Cole is stuck for something to do these days; you never know she may fancy her chances in Titchmarsh.

Landlord’s Quiz Nights – Sundays 14th August and 10th September, 8.30pm start. I’ve spotted Kelvin deep in a pile of intellectual looking books (which I don’t recognise, obviously!), I recommend a couple of nights watching Open University.

Theme Nights – Tuesday 9th August is Moroccan Night at the D&P so bring along your fez and add a bit of spice to your evening. Our food inspired travel around the world is returning to Europe on Tuesday 6th September and stopping off in Italy, **bellissimo!** Curry Night in June was well received, thanks for your support.

The D&P **Kitchen Challenge** has not been accepted so I need to apologise to you all on two counts – one because I’m still chief cook so you’ll have to put up with my cooking for a bit longer, and two because if I’m in the kitchen I can’t be in the pub chatting etc. I am not in the pub as much as I would like but I hope you understand and hopefully the situation will be rectified in the near future.

Charity Events – To celebrate “National Speak Like a Pirate Day” (yes there actually is one, usually on 19th September) we are holding a Pirate Treasure Hunt and a Pirate Party afterwards on Saturday 17th September. All monies collected during the day will be donated to local charity. There will be treasure to find and prizes for the best dressed pirate. It’s got to be worth putting this date in your diary even if it’s just to see Kelvin dressed as Jack Sparrow! Jonny Depp, eat your heart out!

Sunday 25th September – Pub **Olympics Evening**, games to include crib, dominoes, skittles, darts. We would like to include table football but it’s proving to be a challenge finding a football table. Prizes for winners and monies collected are to go to local charity.

Food at the D&P. We are trying desperately to cut down on wastage. We would love to see you but please book tables 24 hours in advance. Telephone 732546

Barley now goes to work with me most days and loves his job as paper shredder, the electric one has now been made redundant!
Jo & Kelvin

Vandalism !!!

I was extremely annoyed last month when I went to the wood at the top of Birds Lane to see that a "wooden den" built by 10 year old son had been totally destroyed, together with a number of tables and chairs. Henry (age 10) asked me who had done this and why? Frankly I did have any answers immediately.

Over the last few years I have been pretty tolerant of children entering my property, I now feel that this trust has been misplaced and will strongly discourage future intruders. If anyone feels their conscience pricked and would like to apologize and help to rebuild please come and see me at 8, High St .
Charles Wilcox

From the Rectory.

Our village school naturally focuses on change at this time of year. Although August may seem a 'quiet' month for many of us, it's certainly not for those engaging in harvest, even with the yields sadly so reduced by drought this year. And for many young families this is when children move on to the next stage in the education.

I'm reminded by the passages in the Bible that describe what happens when change occurs – the opportunities and also the need for encouragement. It's good to have more time to reflect on both.

On October 2nd we celebrate harvest in Titchmarsh (late morning & lunch) - a great all-age occasions as well as a coming together of the farming communities and those of us who may not farm but still eat!

With all good wishes Jim Mynors
60 Main St. Aldwinckle 720613 (Day off Friday) *Jim@Mynors.me.uk*

Titchmarsh Church Services

7 th August	9.15am Morning Prayer	
14 th August	9.15am Communion	NO Family Service
21 st August	9.15am Communion	
28 th August	9.15am Communion	
4 th September	9.15 Morning Prayer	
11 th September	9.15am Communion	
	4.30pm Family Service	
18 th September	9.15am Communion	
25 th September	9.15am Communion	

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

From the registers

Wedding

Jon Coggins & Deborah Upex on July 23rd

Church Rotas for August & September 2011

Date	Flowers	Time	Sidesmen	Intercessions	Readers
7 th August 2011	Mrs A Dunn	9.15am	Dr S Bell	Mrs J Powell	Dr G Webster & Mr J Fieldsend
14 th August 2011	Mrs S Prestwich	9.15am	Mr P Dunn	Mr P James	Mr T Higgins
		4.30pm	Knight family		Jessica Knight & Caitlin Knight
21 st August 2011	Mrs W Jeffries	9.15am	Mrs K Williams	Mr D Williams	Mr D Williams
28 th August 2011	Mrs G Gaskin	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell	Mrs J Powell
4 th Sept 2011	Miss J Finlayson	9.15am	Mr P Dunn	Mr J Fieldsend	Mr J Fieldsend & Mrs A Dunn
11 th Sept 2011	Mrs J Powell	9.15am	Mrs J Rowe	Mr P James	Mr S Barber
		4.30pm	Hope family		Hope Family
18 th Sept 2011	Mrs B Ray	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell	Mrs J Powell
25 th Sept 2011	Mrs M Cranch	9.15am	Lady Harper	Sir Ewan or Lady Harper	Sir Ewan Harper
2 nd October 2011	Mrs J Powell	11.30am	Mr A Powell		Mrs Julia Powell

John.

Would you so kind and put the following short note in the next Titchmarsh Times

Michael & Margaret Alderman would like to thank all friends & relations who helped

Michael celebrate his birthday on July 1st, the generosity of you all is very much appreciated

Donations from the party amounted to £1,180.00 which has been passed onto the

Church Restoration Fund

Thank you all once again Michael & Margaret

Titchmarsh Gardening Club. We continue to soldier on, a very small informal group just meeting at member's houses. We are pleased to welcome Rosemary Franklin to our little band. New members are always welcome.

After unsuccessful attempts to arrange a village trip to Highgrove Estate (a group of 26 required) we finally decided to keep the trip to a smaller number and I am pleased to announce that 8 Titchmarsh residents will be travelling to Highgrove on Wednesday 5th October for a tour conducted by one of the Estate gardeners.

In the mean time the gardening club continue to meet and our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 24th August at 7.30 pm at Peter and Mary Montague's house.

We hope to be able to arrange another function with a gardening theme and also decide how we are to distribute some funds we are still holding from our last Gardeners Question Time.

Pauline Ash

Parish Council.

Planning applications. When it is considering a planning application, East Northants Council normally consults your parish council and those residents likely to be most affected. Like the district council, we can only look at an application in terms of planning requirements, and concerns such as the impact on house values cannot be taken into account.

When a copy of the application is received our clerk puts it on the next available agenda. There is an opportunity for your opinion to be heard at the beginning of each of our meetings. We value this because it helps us in our decision. A reminder that meetings are held in the pavilion at 7.30 on the third Tuesday of the month.

Play Ranger Scheme: All parents are only too well aware that the summer holidays are again with us. So what can the family do this summer? One answer is to let your child join in one of the play ranger sessions being held in the clubroom. For the under sevens there are afternoon sessions on the 2nd August (Messy Play) and 26th August (Pirates), and for the eight to twelve year-olds, morning sessions on the 10th and 26th August. Sessions are free. They are two hours long and those in the morning start at 10 am and those in the afternoon at 2 pm. For further details see the village noticeboard or ring Linda Savage on 01933 350324.

Parking: Although we were very sorry to hear that United Learning Trust was moving from the village, it did mean an end to one particular grouse - the parking congestion in and around Chapel Street. But it has not put an end to all the complaints the council receives about parking. We would ask you to have a concern for others when parking on pavements or near to junctions. Parking on pavements can be a real hazard, especially for the parents of young children who have to move out into the road to get round vehicles.

Village website: Thanks to the efforts of our county councillor, Bob Seery, we have been given a grant to enable us to update the village website, titchmarsh.info. Geoff Love is working on improving the site, so look out for a new exciting website sometime soon.

Agricultural Centre: There is little more to report on this project as - at the time of writing - no formal planning application has been submitted. The parish council has written to express its worries over any increase in traffic. As ever, we would like to hear your views on a scheme which is inevitably going to have an impact on the village.

Mobile library: From August the library will visit the village on the second Wednesday of every month. It will be open from five to six o'clock and be parked outside the clubroom. If you want to broaden your reading or carry out some research, please do use the library. As ever these days, I am afraid, it remains a case of use it or lose it.

Ian Curtis

200 Club Results

June Mrs C F Hope (181), Mr D Buswell (78), Mr B DeBell (82), Mr M Sallabanks (34)

July Mrs S Wilcox (115), Mrs Y Hooks (197), Mr J Greig (162), Mrs M Seery (12)

All the above won £15.00 each. Well done.

Caroline Hope

The Wheatsheaf at Titchmarsh

Pig Roast and Disco

August Bank Holiday Sunday 28th 6pm 'til late

Adults £11.00 or £14.00 on the day

Children £7.00 or £9.50 on the day

Children under 4 free

(Food included)

Join us for a great night.

Charity Run, Please Help. David Ellis from Polopit is running in the Royal Parks Half Marathon in London on 9th October 2011. He is raising funds for Build Africa who do a great deal of work regeneration, especially schools in Kenya & Uganda, plus other community projects to help local industries.

To help him raise much needed funds for this worthy cause he has kindly been allowed to leave some sponsorship forms in the Titchmarsh Village Shop and would be pleased if visitors to the shop would consider helping him for any amount they feel they can afford. Any money raised will be matched equally by his employer so it can be really worthwhile.

He also has a Just Giving website, which some people may find more useful, which is www.justgiving.com/Dave-Ellis5 and again this sum will be matched as well.

Titchmarsh PCC. Forthcoming events.

See how many churches you can collect on the **Historic Churches Cycle Ride on Saturday 10th September**. This is a great day out for families, groups of friends or individuals. Details and sponsorship forms available from Alan Powell 732283 or pick up a leaflet in the Church.

Harvest Festival will be held on **Sunday 2nd October** – there will be a service in the Church at 11.30 followed by lunch in the Clubroom at 12.30. Tickets: £8 for adults (£4 for children under 12) available from Julia Powell. Following lunch there will be an auction of produce, pictures and promises so if you would like some home grown fruit & veg, haven't yet got a memento of Jean or would like your garden tidying up for Winter make sure you come along.

Date for your diary: If you are looking for a fun evening with atmosphere and something a little bit different, we will be hosting a **Murder Mystery Supper** in the Church on **Saturday 12th November**. Look out for more details in the next TT.

Can anyone help please? There are two careworn, slightly dilapidated benches in the churchyard which are for the use of visitors. We are looking for volunteers to see whether it is possible to rescue and restore these. If you think you might be able to help could you please contact Julia Powell on 732283 or Stephen Barber on 734435.

Thank you to everyone who helped with or attended the **Celebration Weekend** at the end of May. The whole weekend was a great success despite the weather and overall we raised around £2400 towards Phase 2 of our refurbishment project. It was wonderful to see the newly created space within the Church used to such good effect including an Art Exhibition; wonderful floral decorations and a fantastic Swing/Jazz Supper

And finally, John Gaskin has told us that the making of pews is coming to an end as the pews that are left are those in poor condition. However, he is able to make benches and garden coffee tables from the redundant floorboards from the Church. If you are interested in having something made, please contact John on 732430.

Jackie Rowe

Car Boot Sale in Titchmarsh.

Sell your unwanted items at the D&P Mammoth Car Boot Sale to be held in the car park at the rear of the pub from 8.30am 'til 2pm on Sunday 28th August.

Please book in advance by phoning 732546.

Titchmarsh Village Fete.

The weather stayed fine yet again and we had a record breaking fete. In all we were able to distribute £5500 - £1850 to the Church and £912.50 each to the Clubroom, Playing Fields, FOTS and Pre-School.

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 again contributed to the success of the day.

Thanks also go to our regular attractions - Titchmarsh Folk Dancing Group, Rushden Town Band, and the Dog Agility Display - and also to newcomers Vanessa Burzinski's ballet dancers who certainly produced a lot of oos and aahs from the crowd!

All these events, together with our famous Parachuting Teddies, make our fete one of the most popular and successful around. If you still need to retrieve your teddy then there are still a number in the Church awaiting collection. The Church is open every day between about 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Next year's Fete will be on **Saturday 16th June 2012** – a change from the 2nd Saturday in June because of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations earlier in the month. We look forward to seeing you there!

Editors note. If anyone left a pair of sunglasses by the Bar-B-Q order desk on that day please contact John Gaskin on 732430.

Village Assets and Storage. We have been thinking of buying some tables & chairs for the Fete but have nowhere to store them? Can anyone help? Are any other groups in the village concerned about storage? Should we be looking for a "village solution" to both resources and their storage? Please contact Sylvia Prestwich 732712 or sylvia.prestwich@aol.com

Titchmarsh Fete Committee

Queen's Diamond Jubilee. 2nd - 5th June 2012.

Titchmarsh intends to celebrate! Look out for news about events and how you can take part.

Anyone for Cricket? With England about to go into battle with the world No.1 ranked team India, discussion in the Dog and Partridge recently turned to the fate of the Titchmarsh team, which folded some years ago.

I was wondering whether anyone would be interested in re-forming a team for two or three fixtures each summer? We could if sufficient interest try and find a fixture before the summer is over.

If interested/ curious, could any potential players aged 16 to 106 contact me by email at charles.wilcox@rathbones.com . I will then attempt to organise a meeting at the D&P to try to take it further.

Titchmarsh Village Shop.

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who has responded to our plea for each household to try and divert £10 per week of its supermarket spending to *your* local village shop. We have definitely noticed a greater footfall through the door, and several people have told us they are making every effort to spend £10 per week at the village shop as they would not want to lose the facility and can't imagine being without a shop in the village now.

In the last issue of Titchmarsh Times we quoted some of our most competitively priced products and stated that many of these were "price marked", a term which may have caused some confusion. Price marked goods are those whose selling price has been dictated by the manufacturer and is printed on the product's packaging. They represent excellent value for money and must be sold at the marked price by the retailer.

Our best selling and/or best priced products right now are:

- Strawberries *local* - £2.25 a punnet
- Milk *local* - 1L 88p, 2L £1.48
- Honey *local* - £4.09 per jar
- Fairy Liquid - £1 Price Marked
- Coco Pops - £2.49 Price Marked
- Persil Powder - £2.99 Price Marked
- Birds Eye Fish Fingers - £2.50 P/Marked
- McVities Rich Tea Biscuits - £1 P/Marked
- Raspberries *local* - £2.50 a punnet
- Eggs *local* - Free Range, £1.05 for 6
- Stamps - prices as per Royal Mail
- Tropicana - 2 for £3.50 Price Marked
- Cornflakes - £2.19 Price Marked
- Daz - £2.29 Price Marked
- Robinsons Squash - £1.25 P/Marked
- McVities Hob Nobs - £1 P/Marked

We are delighted to announce that **Hambleton Bakery**, which has recently opened a new retail outlet in Oundle, is willing to supply us with its delicious baked goods. This service will supplement our existing supplier, Kingscliffe Bakery, to give customers the wider choice you have requested. We intend to start with pre-orders only, to be delivered to the village shop on Friday mornings, for which we need a minimum order of £50. Do call in to the shop to have a look at the Hambleton Bakery brochure and make your choice from a range including olive bread, sour dough, English muffins to name but a few. The samples tasted at the AGM were very well received!

The shop's AGM was held on 11 July and attended by around 30 shareholders:

- If you have still to pay your subscription renewal, please pass this to Sue Greasley at 26 Chapel Street.
- If you are not already a shareholder and would like to be, any village resident is invited to subscribe for a £5 share and become a joint owner of the shop.
- New committee members are actively being sought as some of the original members have now spent in excess of five years on the committee and are looking to stand down. If you can contribute some time and would like to make a difference, please contact any of the committee members or Jane Newman at the shop.

As usual at this time of year we reduce our opening hours slightly as trade dips during the school holidays. Our amended opening hours, which take effect from 23rd July to 4th September inclusive, are:

Monday – Friday	8am to 5pm
Saturday	8am to 1pm
Sunday	8am to 12.30pm





Thank you to all our customers and volunteers, we couldn't do it without you!

Jane Teague, on behalf of the TVS Management Committee

Friends of Titchmarsh School. We are at the end of another academic year and it has been another successful one for FOTS!

We, along with parents, villagers and staff, have been able to support the school in many ways.

The funds from our events this year, including the village fete, have enabled us to:

-  purchase 10 new laptops for the children
-  pay for the buses for school trips & swimming
-  contribute towards the fabulous tapestries in the new hall
-  pay for the Christmas presents, Easter eggs and Royal Wedding gifts

We can also contribute to the everyday items such as the rent for the playing field, the purchase of shelving units and games; we have also contributed money towards the installation of a new water fountain in the playground.

We rely on support from the village, as well as parents of pupils at school, and this has been great again this year. So, Thank You Very Much.

As we come to end of one year we look forward to the next and we have pencilled in the following events which we hope will be of interest to you, so please make a note of the dates and come along and have a great time!

16 th September 2011	FOTS Coffee Morning
19 th September 2011	FOTS AGM and Meeting
21 st October 2011	Halloween Party
November 2011	Bags2School Collection
19 th November 2011	Quiz Night, at the Clubroom
12 th December 2011	Wreath Night
11 th February 2012	Valentine's 80s Themed Disco
10 th March 2012	Beetle Drive
12 th May 2012	FOTS Fun Day

Thank you for your continued support.

Tracey Levick. Chair of FOTS

Titchmarsh Youth Group. We have now finished Youth Club for this school year. The next session will be on **Friday 9th September 7pm-9pm.**

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 in Year 7 or above, 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 make sure you let us know? The membership form can be downloaded from www.titchmarsh.info website or please contact Sue Shapland on 734467 or Julie Ray on 720308. Alternatively, forms will be available at TYG.

The youth group has now split into two age categories. Sessions will continue for year group 7, 8, 9+ as before where cooking, art, craft sessions etc will be arranged. There will however be an alternate session for those in school year group 10, 11, 12+ that will be meeting on the first Friday of each month with the first session on 3rd September. Age appropriate activities will be organised for this older group and we will continue as long as the young people feel they want to attend. Details of the programme will be emailed out. However if you are in year group 10+ and want further details please contact Sue Shapland on sueshapland@hotmail.com

Titchmarsh Pre-School.

As the academic year draws to a close we celebrate a bumper year – we have had more children than ever before, with over fifty children registered with us until the end of term – we would like to wish all those children leaving us to start school in September good luck with the next chapter of their lives and say thank you to them for their support whilst at Pre-School. With these sentiments in mind, Titchmarsh Pre-school would like to say a big thank you to our out-going Chair-Lady Dee Cole, Dee has been Chair for the last two years and has been fantastic, giving her time and enthusiasm to help the Pre-School thrive – thank you Dee. This does also leave a vacancy for the role of Chair, which as yet has not been filled and without which, the Pre-school cannot open, so if anyone is interested please let us know as we're starting to panic!

This year Pre-school has added to the outdoor play equipment through a grant we managed to secure, meaning that the children really enjoy the outdoor space that has been created for them, we've also invested in some digital cameras and video cameras, to use with the children to help us record their time at Pre-school and for them to learn about new technologies – these items have all been purchased through fundraising, so thank you to all those who have contributed. Next year, our focus is IT; we're hoping to purchase some new computers for the children to use and maybe even some iPads if we raise enough money!!

Talking of fundraising we have our annual Christmas Bazaar scheduled for Saturday 26th November between 11-2pm in the clubroom, we're aiming for the Christmas Bazaar to end all Christmas Bazaars, so please put it in your diary – there will be stalls selling lovely Christmas presents – toys, plants, cards stalls already booked – plus we're hoping Father Christmas will drop in, there will be games for the children and all this washed down with lunch and maybe a festive tipple!

We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and we're looking forward another successful year come September.

Fiona Love

Titchmarsh Flower and Vegetable Show – Saturday 13th August 2011. You will have received this year's Show programme by now and are hopefully planning your entries! It's fun to enter and, as all exhibits are identified by number rather than name (the only entrants identified are those who come 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Class), any embarrassment at not being placed is yours alone!

Your entry form, in the back of the programme, must be delivered to a committee member by Thursday 11th. You will need to take your exhibits to the Clubroom before 11am on Saturday morning, when the doors are closed for judging, and then just keep your fingers crossed!

The Show opens to the public at 2.30pm and 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 takes place at 4.30pm, followed by the raffle.

The end of the afternoon brings the 'Auction of Produce' which is a great opportunity to buy fresh, locally grown produce at amazing prices! Come along and enjoy a great afternoon.

The Show Committee

Titchmarsh Babes. Thank you to everyone who supported our book stall at the village fete with donations and purchases. The stall was a great success and we raised £90 for new equipment.

Our Monday sessions continue over the school summer holidays 1.30-2.30pm in the Clubroom for play, craft, singing and a cuppa. £1/family. We may join the activities of other groups at Barnwell Country Park on the 1st and/or 8th August so please check what's happening on our Facebook group page or call Judith Collini on 730587.

Titchmarsh Playing Field Association

Street Quiz.

On Saturday 10th September the PFA will be hosting the annual Street Quiz in the Village Hall. Quizmeister general Paul Cooper will be in charge so expect an evening of wit and banter with a generous dose of dissent thrown in for good measure!

In a change to the usual format we're taking the theme of the quiz beyond the boundaries of the village. Teams no-longer need to represent each Titchmarsh street but can be formed along whatever lines you choose. Team *names*, however, will be allocated on the night and will play an important part in the proceedings. It's still a street quiz - and will test your general knowledge - but with a bit of a twist!

Thanks to recent changes to the Village Hall licence, this year's laurels will be contested by no fewer than 12 teams of 8. Tickets cost £8 which includes a hot meal during the half-time break. We'll also be running a fully stocked bar. There'll be a raffle and we can expect Paul Cooper to add a few games along the way. Doors open around 7.00pm for a 7.30 start.

If you'd like to put together a team please get in touch with me, Antar Howarth, at info@perchpolemedia.com.

Midsummer Music

Despite the rather unsettled weather, this year's Midsummer Music turned out to be another great evening. There was a bit of rain but with everyone either on the dance floor or huddled together in their gazebos it really didn't matter. Indeed, the harder it rained the cosier it all seemed to get!

Many thanks to *C'est la Vie* for their music. The band has undoubtedly cemented their reputation amongst villagers and I'm sure we'll see them back again soon. We'd also like to thank everyone who helped organise the event especially that ever-reliable bunch who always turn out - rain or shine - to put up the marquees.

Antar Howarth

Any help greatly appreciated

Titchmarsh Primary School is currently making plans to establish a community wildlife garden utilising some of the existing school field. It is intended that the garden will provide an educational environment for the school and a relaxing area for all members of our community to enjoy.

The children of the school have been actively involved in the ideas and design of the garden and have been led by the ECO Action Team. They will continue to be involved throughout the length of the project and will help to maintain and support the garden once it is in place.

Some funding has been secured towards the cost of the project but as we view this as very much a community project we would welcome any support or expertise that residents may feel able to provide.

The type of assistance that we are looking for includes willing labour; anyone who may be able to assist in sourcing appropriate fencing at a 'special' rate, or has any particular design skills that they feel could assist in drawing up some working design plans for the project.

We are hoping to commence work in September so if you feel that you may be able to assist or would like to find out more about the project please contact me on 734467.

Kevin Shapland. Vice-Chair of Governors

Northamptonshire Police Crime Update. PCSO Tim Butter

Titchmarsh continues to enjoy a low level crime and during the last couple of months only two crimes have been reported.

In August 2010 there was some vehicle crime in the area and I will be stepping up evening patrols in Titchmarsh this summer to deter and combat this.

We also urge people to not make it easy for thieves - the most basic home security measure - lock up – gets overlooked more often than one would think.

The same advice, of course, applies to property - keep front and back doors locked at all times – even when you are at home. If you open windows for air, make sure that they are closed before you go out or leave the room.

Keep keys out of sight and reach from cat flaps, letterboxes and downstairs doors and windows. Leave a light on or use a timer switch to turn on lamps so that your house looks occupied if you are out after dark. If you have a burglar alarm, don't forget to turn it on.

Don't forget garages, sheds, stables and outbuildings – make sure they're locked and secure too.

Contact Northamptonshire Police.

Visit www.northants.police.uk or call 0300 111 222. Always dial 999 in an emergency.

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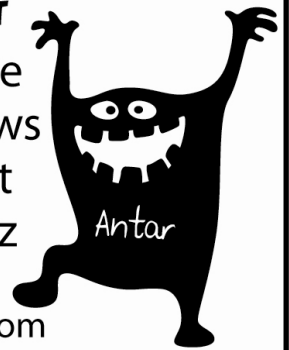
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