

Titchmarsh Times

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News from the Dog and Partridge.

Good Bye ... As you may or may not know Mick, Carol, Amy and Liam sadly, will be leaving the Dog and Partridge. Their last day is the 13th March and new tenants will be taking over. We wish them well... However, as you can imagine we won't be leaving without a party on the last weekend. Look out on the boards for more info nearer the time

What's on? The February Sunday evening quiz night is moving to **February 21st** (not many of you romantics wanted a quiz on valentines night) & at the moment there will be no quiz in March.

The last acoustic night will be **February 24th** and again there will be no acoustic night in March.

Finally thanks goes out to everyone for supporting us during our time in Titchmarsh, as you know many of you have become friends, more than customers and you will all be missed.

Titchmarsh Walking Group. You are welcome to join our friendly group of walkers on routes of approximately 4 to 5 miles around the local area. We generally take a circular route from a local pub, where refreshments will be available afterwards. All welcome.

The next walk will be on Saturday 6th February – meet at 10am at the D&P Green.

We shall be walking around the Warmington area, starting and finishing off at the Red Lion. The next walk will take place on Saturday 6th March. Phone Maggy Chapman email: melandmag@btinternet.com for further details. Also details are posted on the Walking Group page on our village website www.titchmarsh.info

Titchmarsh Gardening Club. Following our successful Green Wellys Gardeners Question Time, we had a short meeting to decide how the small profit would be distributed and decided on the following.

£30.00 to Maggie Chapman to help with the stocking of the village planters.

£30.00 to the school for topsoil for the temporary planters that will be used by the school gardening club during the building of the school extension

£50.00 was used to purchase gardening tools as a gift to the village and will be used by Margaret Wilson who has volunteered to undertake the maintenance of the Village Pound.

We have now gone into hibernation until April when we resume our meetings, date and venue yet to be decided.

Pauline Ash.

200 Club Results. December 2009
January 2010

M. Roach , P. Dunn, Mrs. S. Wells, Mrs. R. Watts.
Mrs. Cranch, Mr. T. Haynes, Mrs. James, J. Moules..

All the above won £10.00 each.

Well done.

Caroline Hope.

Titchmarsh Pre-School. Titchmarsh pre-school opened its doors on 4th January for the start of a new year. We would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new children and parents. Our theme for this term is the Chinese New Year, which has proved of immense interest to the children in the past. We are also looking at "healthy eating/lifestyles"

We would like to extend our appreciation for the continued support of the village at our annual Preschool Christmas Bazaar. We raised over £700 and with the money raised from the wreath night, we have already purchased some new IT equipment for the children.

We are at present planning a number of fundraising events for the New Year including a Family Bingo afternoon on 27th February from 2-4pm at the Clubroom and a raffle for Mothers Day. We are also looking to hold a ladies fashion show on the 30th April, details of which will be given closer to the date. Anybody wanting further information on any of these events please contact either Fiona Love or Danielle Sharrock.

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 on 07879 072796, or call in during session time

SIDKIPPER

Thank you to all who supported the recent very successful 'do' at Titchmarsh Clubroom. A special thanks to Mobile Promotions who provided the stage. Also thanks to all who helped on the night.

A donation has been made to Lorraine Scaines & Colin Alder who are running in the 2010 London Marathon for the Stroke Association & Parkinsons Disease.

Maybe another act will be booked later this year to give us villagers the chance to experience something "different".

Evelyn Sadler.

Bonfires and Fireworks. I am writing this on behalf of a number of owners of thatched properties in the village.

The period around 5th November can be a time of real concern for some owners as sparks from nearby bonfires can be carried some considerable distance by strong winds. Similarly, and perhaps of even greater concern, is the release of fireworks, especially rockets, which can burn very fiercely and again can travel long distances.

We respectfully ask, that around Bonfire Night in particular, but also at any other times of the year, consideration is given to the weather conditions at the time that any bonfire is to be lit and to it's proximity to nearby thatched homes.

Whilst it is not common for fires to thatch to be started in this way, it is by no means unknown. Anything that reduces the potential for damage to people and properties in the village would be greatly appreciated by us.

John Gaskin

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club. Future events:

Monday January 25th club night with a Scottish flavour.

Monday February 15th Cheese and Wine/Valentines evening.

For your diary:

Saturday, June 19th. Charity Barn Dance with Geoff Cubitt and Kellys Eye.

Saturday, October 16th Annual Dance with Chris Turner and Occasional Few.

The club has a live music night monthly. All are very welcome to our club nights especially those with two left feet. Our members are very sociable.

For more information contact George

Pancake Party. This event will not take place this year.

Jackie Rowe

Friends of Titchmarsh School. .Bags2Schools was a great success again this year; a huge thanks to Emma Cooper, Sam Hazel and Julie Ray for their huge contribution which meant that we raised a massive £416. Thanks to all the villagers and parents in Titchmarsh for the great amount of donations received.

Other Christmas events included the carol services, at which FOTS provided refreshments and the children's Christmas dinner.

The children's performances at the carol service were brilliant; and thanks go to them and the staff for making it such a great event. Thanks also should go to the Church and especially to Mrs Bussons for helping us to set up and for the use of their tables.

The Christmas dinner was a great success, and everyone's help on the day was very much appreciated as was everyone's offer of food and cooking. There are too many people to name and thank personally, but they all know who they are!

A great time was had by all at the wreath night and some great wreaths were created. I hope you all got a chance to see some of them hanging from the villager's doors.

Thanks also go to all who turned out for our Annual beetle drive and, as usual, a great time was had by all. Future events are planned, including:

Pamper Night – Friday 12th March
Fun Day – Saturday 8th May
Children's catwalk evening - 8th July

Please make a note of these dates, so you can continue to support your local primary school.

If anyone would like any further information about these events, or about FOTS, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or Mrs Milton at the school.

Tracey Levick (FOTS Chair).

TOAwst. We are currently arranging meetings for 2010 and are awaiting confirmation of venues.

There are four *provisional* dates for your diaries - 16th April, Clubroom. 9th July, Pavillion. 24th September, Clubroom & 5th November, Pavillion.

Looking forward to some interesting evenings and continued "support" from the regulars plus we are hoping to welcome some new faces.
Cheers. *Jeff & Jo.*

PCC. The PCC would like to thank all the people who helped to make the Quiz night such a success and helped to raise £850. Without the support of the cooks who made the pies and the Pavlov's; the quizmaster; the scorer; the raffle expert and many others we would struggle to provide this fun event. Thank you all again.

(après)Ski Evening – Saturday, 20th February. Come and enjoy all the fun of après ski without the broken bones! There will be an evening of fabulous food & drink, games & quizzes in the Titchmarsh Village Ski Hut (aka Clubroom) at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £12 to include 3 course supper and welcome drink. There will be a bar with appropriate beverages, a raffle and a silent auction of some interesting promises. Ski/winter wear appreciated but not obligatory and there will be a prize for the daftest ski hat.

Can you afford to miss this exciting evening? Your friends will be talking about it on 21st! Contact Jackie Rowe or Anita Dunn for more information or to reserve your tickets.

Churchyard Tidy. Sunday 21st March at 10.30. If you feel like helping to do some gardening/tidying in the churchyard and then have lunch at Julia's afterwards please do come and join us. There is usually enough food to go round, but some idea of numbers would be useful otherwise I cater for 40 and Alan spends the next week eating leftovers. Contact Julia or Jean.

Annual Church Barn Dance. Saturday, 27th March, 7.45 to 11pm in the Clubroom with [Knitters Jig. Bar and Raffle.](#) Tickets £5.00. Please bring a plate of food to share. For tickets or more information please again ring Julia or Jean.
Julia Powell

Trees & Trimmings. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise, and who attended, this annual village event.

Particular thanks to Lucy Milner who has led the team for a staggering 9 T&Ts. Lucy (and some other members of the team) now wants a well-deserved rest. If this event or something similar is to continue then a new group of villagers is needed to take it forward. Please contact Lucy if you want to take on the role.

It is the intention that the Hillsborough House trophy for best decorated house, which was won in 2009 by the Jones family, will continue to be awarded and will be presented at carols around the Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve.

There is a balance of funds that will be made available to any new group, but failing this then these funds will be used for the next major village celebration.

Jackie Rowe

The Wheatsheaf. We have recently changed our a la carte menu, for those of you whom have not seen it here is a few of the new dishes we have to offer, to start we have, pan fried scallops and king prawns in garlic and lemon butter with a rocket salad £7.00, breaded Thai spiced chicken strips with a coriander and yoghurt dip £5.50 and Atlantic prawns and roasted peppers in a lightly curried risotto £5.50. For the mains, char grilled medallions of fillet steak on dauphinoise potatoes and wilted spinach with a wild mushroom sauce £19.50, oven roasted haddock topped with Welsh rarebit on an aubergine and courgette Ratatouille with buttered new potatoes and a pesto dressing. £12.50, savoury pancake filled with leeks, wild mushrooms and spinach, topped with a Mornay sauce £10.00

As you are probably all aware Valentines Day is on a Sunday this year, therefore we will be celebrating it on Saturday, 13th February by offering a three course meal for £22.00 per person (reservation required), we will still also be running our a la carte menu as normal on this evening.

A final little note to make is that we have a couple of changes to our opening times in that Monday to Friday we will be opening at 6.30pm and Sunday's we will be closing at 6.00pm. Don't worry this is only temporary, we will be back to normal in the summers so you can spend those lazy afternoons relaxing in our beer garden.

Amy

Historical Charity Event in Aid of Cransley Hospice.

The evening will be slide presentations by local historian Bill Warren, from Woodford. There will be two shows:

"Peep Around Thrapston" & "Nostalgic Glimpses of Ketterings' Past".

Woodford Working Mans Club on Saturday, 20th February at 7.30pm.

Tickets for the event are £3.00 that can be obtained from Mick Warren or pay at the door on the night, There is seating for 120 at the venue.

Clubroom. Thanks to all those who attended what turned out to be a fairly *alternative* puppet pantomime - not quite what we'd imagined but still enjoyable in its own way. Thankfully we have been contacted by the acting group we've used in previous years to let us know that they have reformed and will be touring a pantomime for Christmas 2010, so hopefully normal service will be resumed.

If anyone had a New Year's resolution to get a bit more involved in making sure that Titchmarsh continues to be thriving, busy community it is, then please give the Clubroom a thought. We have vacancies on the Committee for anyone associated with the village who wishes to give a little time and effort to a very good cause. Feel free to contact myself or John Gaskin (Co-Chairs) to have a chat about what might be involved, or come along to our next meeting: 7.30pm on 25th February

Our Bouncy Castle is starting to become a regular hire item for parties within the Clubroom and we've had a couple of enquiries about whether it can be hired for use outside of the Clubroom as well. We are checking our insurance to understand the cover our policy gives us for hiring it away from the premises, but the Committee have decided that for the time being we will limit its use to within the Clubroom or for village events such as the fete, school fun days, etc (subject to insurance).

Paul Milner

Titchmarsh Local History Group. Come and find out more of past in your County.

History on Your Doorstep.

An illustrated talk by Ian Addis from Kettering about the history of the County of Northamptonshire.

Thursday, 11th March & 7.30pm at the Clubroom. £3 including refreshments.

For more information contact John Greig

Stitchmarsh. Meetings are on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Clubroom. The actual dates for February and March are as follows

10th February 24th February 10th March 24th March

The theme this year is 'knitting' and the use of yarns for techniques such as crochet and weaving but if this is not for you please do come along and explore other crafts.

For further details contact Eleanor Greig

From the Rectory.

Sunday, 14th February 2010. - St Valentine's Day falls on a Sunday this year. We are therefore inviting all those who have been married in Titchmarsh Church to join each other and the Parish in a special celebration of marriage and family. But others are of course welcome as usual.

There will be the usual two services to choose from;

9.15 am Holy Communion (modern language) with hymns often used at weddings. Do you have a favourite to suggest?

4.30 pm Family Service with an emphasis on children and their participation

After both services there will be refreshments

We have sent individual invitations to all those married in Titchmarsh Church from 1990 onwards, but any couples and their families married there earlier than 1990 are especially welcome

Church Improvements. Readers of Titchmarsh Times will know that we have been working on plans to make St Mary's Church more suitable for community and other functions. As we go to press we are in the last stages of agreeing a plan for improving both flooring and seating. At 8pm on Tuesday March 30th there will be an open meeting in the church to discuss with our architect and others where we go from here. This will include consideration of later phases, timing and funding

Jim Mynors (Rector). Jim@mynors.me.uk

Titchmarsh Church Services

Feb 7th 9.15 Morning Prayer

Feb 14th 9.15am Communion & 4.30 Family Service (see above)

Feb 21st 9.15am Communion

Feb 17th 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Communion

Feb 28th 9.15am Communion

March 7th 9.15am Morning Prayer

March 14th 9.15am Communion & 4.30pm Family Service

March 21st 9.15am Communion

March 28th 11am Palm Sunday procession & Communion starting from the Green
(By the Shop).

Details of other services (including Easter) on notice boards

From the Registers.

Sybil Beeby of 14, Drydens Close died on 22 Nov 2009. Her funeral was on 30th November.

Gordon Watts of 2, St Andrew Close died on 31st December aged 72. His funeral was on 14th January.

Church Rotas for February and March 2010

Date	Flowers	Time	Sidesmen	Readers
7th February 2010	Mrs S Prestwich	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell & Mr T Higgins
14th February 2010 Valentines Day	Mrs W Jeffries	9.15am	Mrs K Williams	Mr D Williams
		4.30pm	Edwards family	James Edwards
17th February 2010 Ash Wednesday	No flowers	7.30pm	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr J Fieldsend
21st February 2010	No flowers	9.15am	Mr P Dunn	Mr T Higgins
28th February 2010	No flowers	9.15am	Dr S Bell	Dr G Webster
7th March 2010	No flowers	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr J Fieldsend & Mrs A Dunn
14th March 2010 Mothering Sunday	No flowers	9.15am	Mrs J Bussens	Mr S Barber
		4.30pm	Knight family	Jessica & Caitlin Knight
21st March 2010	No flowers	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell
28th March 2010 Palm Sunday	No flowers	11am	Mr J Fieldsend	Mr S Barber

Date for your Diaries. Church AGM 8pm April 21st in Church

Titchmarsh School. At present, we are preparing for the commencement of our very exciting building project. The mobile classrooms are being removed during the half term break. Please may I ask if you need to visit the school during the construction work that you enter via the pupil gate and knock on the Main (green) door, as the car park entrance will be closed to the public from Friday 12th February until completion of the project.

School closes for half term on Thursday, 11th February and reopens on Monday, 22nd February.

Church services will be held on the following Wednesday mornings at 9.15am, 3rd February, 24th February, 10th March and 24th March. Do feel welcome to come and join us.

The school website is constantly being updated. Please have a look. See what the children have been doing through children's work and photographs. There is also a calendar of dates to keep you up to date with what is happening at school. www.titchmarshprimaryschool.com

Notable dates are Thursday 6th May
Tuesday 7th July
Wednesday 21st July

May Day
Sports Morning
End of Term Assembly

Mrs J. Milton Head Teacher

Theatre trip to London to see Chicago - There are just 3 places left for this exciting trip. We leave Titchmarsh at 11am on Saturday, 27th February, have a sandwich lunch on the coach and arrive in plenty of time to see the 3pm performance of Chicago. After the Show there is an option of having a meal at a local restaurant, before we leave London at 8pm for the journey home.

The cost is just £45 per person (for the coach, lunch and theatre ticket), plus the cost of a meal should you choose to join the rest of the party at Porters Restaurant.

Further information from Sylvia or Terry – sylviaprestwich@aol.com

Titchmarsh Village Shop. This Christmas was a successful one for the shop thanks to those who ordered fruit, veg cheese and meat and took advantage of the Christmas goods. We will again be taking orders for Easter - just see Jane in the shop for a form.

Thank you to all who supported us; the shop turnover is above that of last year and above that forecast in our original plans. We now have over 60 Reverse Credit accounts and 33% of our income comes from this facility, so if you would like to set up a shop account just come in for a form.

We're already planning for this Spring's special events so do come in and see what we have for Valentine's day, Mothers Day and Easter. We will have gifts for that special someone including flowers, chocolates and cards.

We still have slots available on the rota for young people so if someone you know is considering Duke of Edinburgh Award, ACE at Prince William School of Cadet star training then just come in and talk to Jane to get a Volunteer slot booked.

Anita Dunn

Titchmarsh Flower Club. The Flower Club restarts after the winter break with a meeting in the Clubroom on Wednesday March 17th. Maison Fleur from Higham Ferrers will be demonstrating the making of a pedestal for us.

The annual fee for the 6 meetings this year will be £18, as it was last year. This prepayment is due before or at the first meeting on 17th March. Those choosing not to pre-pay are welcome to attend any meeting for a £5 attendance fee, payable at the door. This meeting dates for 2010 are:-

Wed 17th March, Wed 21st April, Wed 19th May, Wed 15th September, Wed 20th October and Wed 17th November

New members are always welcome, just turn up on any of these dates ready for a 7.30pm start.

Terry Higgins

Titchmarsh Youth Group. Below is a list of forthcoming activities for the next few months.

5 th February	Club Night	Making Pancakes
26 th February	Ice Skating in Peterborough (further details at youth club)	
12 th March	Club Night/Cooking	
26 th March	Club Night/NAYC - Craft night	
23 rd April	Tennis Night at Thrapston	

Session fees are £2 for the two hours (7pm-9pm) - however there will be an additional cost for the evening at the ice rink. For further information please contact Sue Shapland or Julie Ray.

On 23rd December we took a group of 18 young people from the youth club to see *Joseph* at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. We were a little unsure if the coach was able to get through the ice and snow at the time - and following frantic calls with the coach company and the theatre about exchanging the tickets - luckily we did manage to get there. After the performance, a woman who had been sitting behind us in the theatre approached the leaders to congratulate our group of young people on their behaviour and attitude whilst in the theatre and during the performance. Julie and I would really like to let everyone know how others view us when we are outside the village. Well done to all those who attended.

Sue Shapland

Concessionary Fares. Once again East Northamptonshire Council are offering a choice of concessionary travel for the over 60's and disabled residents. You will be able to choose between a national bus pass or travel tokens, but you cannot have both.

If you already have a national bus pass it is valid for 5 years and you will not be entitled to travel tokens during this period. If you chose to have tokens in 2010, you can opt for this again or you can change to a bus pass for 2011.

More information is posted on the notice board outside the Clubroom or is available from the Parish Clerk on 07507 684451

Parish Council.

Affordable Housing. A planning application has now been submitted by Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association for the development of five affordable houses on the land adjacent to Tofts Close in Titchmarsh. The application can be viewed on the website www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk.

A public meeting was held on 7th January where a lively discussion took place from those members of the public that were present. An informal vote took place to provide a snapshot of the views of the public that attended. Of the 66 members of the public present, 2 voted in favour (3%), 54 against (82%) and 10 abstained (15%).

At the Parish Council meeting on 21st January the Council voted in favour of objecting to the planning application. It was also agreed to instruct a professional planning adviser to act on behalf of the Council to ensure that the interests of the Parish were best represented in the planning process.

It was also decided, following the Public Meeting and the Parish Council meeting, to undertake a survey of the whole Parish to better understand the current view of villagers to affordable housing in general, and to the Tofts Close site in particular. You should have received a questionnaire which needs to be returned to the village shop by 31st January. We would ask that as many of you as possible take time to complete the questionnaire as it will be used to inform future debate on the subject.

Conservation Area Review. Certain areas of Titchmarsh have been identified by East Northamptonshire Council for possible designation as conservation area status. The documents to support the designation can be found on the website www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk. At the Public meeting held to discuss the proposals a number of villagers expressed their concern about the errors in the consultation documents and the lack of consultation by ENC with the whole village.

At the Parish Council meeting on 21st January the Council voted in favour of the Conservation area designation, but with a request for greater public consultation throughout the process, and for specific errors in the documents to be rectified.

February Parish Council Meeting. The February Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 19th in the Clubroom at 7.30pm. We would welcome parishioners to join us for Public Open time to inform us of any issues they wish to raise, or to sit in on the meeting. *Geoff Love*

Nearly there..... I deliberately led this edition with the sad news that Carol, Mick and family are leaving the D&P. They came to Titchmarsh as "rookies" in the licenced trade and I feel that they should be congratulated for their successes whilst they have been in the village. Many of us have enjoyed the Beer Festivals, Halloween Parties, Acoustic Nights and other themed events over the past few years, as well as a decent pint. On behalf of the village I would thank you and wish all the family success for the future, no matter what you do.

I understand that new tenants are coming to the pub. I invited Charles Wells to give the TT some details of the brewery's future plans for the D&P but unfortunately I have had no reply. We all need to use our village facilities. If we don't we are going to lose them.

.....**and finally.** A couple of points:

My apologies for the Arial 10 font type size. To keep costs down we have to keep the TT in multiples of 4 pages. To print it in a larger font would mean going into an odd number of pages and it would cost a lot more.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition and those who deliver the TT. I am sorry it is later than usual but publication was delayed due to the Parish Council article. The final production could not take place until after the meeting of 21st January and was finally put to bed on Sunday, 24th.

Thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to your further contributions. There are other organisations in the village. Lets hear what you get up to!!!!

The deadline for the next edition, April/May 2010 is 8pm Friday, 19th March.

John Greig (Editor & Publisher).