

# Titchmarsh Times

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## June/July 2009

**Titchmarsh Village Shop.** Thanks to everyone who attended the recent quiz night and/or who bought tickets for the Prize Draw. We have raised about £1000 which is a useful addition to our funds and will be used to help us create some additional storage within the shop. First prize in the draw was won by Joyce Leslie; second by Julie Cheney; third by Peter James and fourth by Jim Moules.

We have received grants from Welland Community Grants (£1549), Northamptonshire Community Foundation (£1800) and O2 "It's your Community" (£1000), so at the end of May we are going to be refurbishing part of the Shop so that we can sell a wider range of goods and in particular more fruit & vegetables. We have chosen to do the work during Spring Bank holiday week as we believe this is likely to have less impact on customers. We will attempt to give as full a service as possible during that week but will keep you posted of any changes via notices in the shop.

At the start of this year the turnover levels were down, and we were concerned whether the shop could continue operating. However, the good response from the "£10 per Household per week" campaign has improved takings, and together with better margins and tighter overhead control have contributed to the shop being in the black (just!) for the first quarter. We hope that villagers will continue to support the shop in the next few weeks with strawberries and asparagus coming into season.

One of our committee members – Sue Toon - has had to stand down from the Committee because of family commitments. Thank you Sue for all your valued contributions both as Manager and then as a committee member. We have lost two committee members in the last year – careless I know – and the rest of the committee have been in place for over 3 years. We need some new blood and so if you are interested in joining the committee and helping to develop and influence the future of your community shop please contact Jackie Rowe for more details.

We are also looking for more volunteers to help in the shop and in particular to help with preparation of food during late morning or over lunchtime. If you could spare even 30 minutes to an hour once or twice a week it would be a great help. If you are interested please speak to the Manager, Jane Newman, at the shop.

Look out for our ice cream and sweet stall at the Fete on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June! We will probably take along some batteries as well for those who need them for their cameras.

Other dates for your diary – barbecue on **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July** and Shop AGM on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July.**  
*Jackie Rowe*

**Titchmarsh School.** On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, we celebrated May Day. We began with the traditional church service, followed by the village walk and open air concert. The weather remained kind all day. Our royal party this year was lead by King and Queen, Daniel Gambrell and Millie Eve. Thank you to all involved in its smooth running. We have some lovely photos which can be found on our website.

Special dates in the school diary for the rest of the summer term are:

The School Open Afternoon has changed to **16<sup>th</sup> June** as the original date clashed with the TES Schools Award ceremony in London, where the school has been shortlisted for the Outstanding Achievement in Numeracy Award. Other special days are Transfer Day 6<sup>th</sup> July, Sports morning 9.15am 7<sup>th</sup> July, Leavers Assembly at Church 9.15am 15<sup>th</sup> July and School closes for summer break 17<sup>th</sup> July.

*Mrs J Milton. Head Teacher*

### **Playing Field News**

A big thank you to all those who helped and supported the recent road races which has raised a healthy £1,700 for our general fund. Runners come from all over the country to enter our 10K and from the feedback we receive in Runners World magazine and our own questionnaire, we know it is extremely well-received. We would also like to thank you not only for your patience whilst the road was closed but also for those who moved their cars from the High Street; again, this was very much appreciated by the runners. Some of the money raised will go towards new equipment and improvements in the children's play area.

Our next big fund-raiser will be the Midsummer Music Evening which will be held in the school field on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll be firing-up the big barbecue for you to cook your own meat and there will be two live bands plus a DJ to entertain you whilst you enjoy your picnic. Tickets at £10 each are selling fast and gazebo space is limited, so call Gina to reserve your place.

We are also thinking of organising film nights in the Pavilion's Community Room and a survey will soon be coming round to gauge interest.

We hope you can make it to the Playing Field Association's AGM which takes place on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at the Pavilion. This is a chance to see what we've done over the past year and to hear about plans we have for the future.

The new facilities seemed to have had a positive effect on our footballers this season as Titchmarsh FC achieved a double by winning the Marriotts Junior Cup as well as being crowned champions of the Rushden and District Sunday League Division 3. Well done lads!

Finally, a reminder the Community Room is available to hire (at discounted rates for Titchmarsh residents) for private parties of up to 70 people. Call Melvyn Chapman for further details.

**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. Walks are normally on the first Saturday of the month - meeting at 10am at the D&P Green. We generally take a circular route from a local pub, where refreshments will be available afterwards. All welcome.

The June walk takes place around Old Weston area on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, finishing off with a picnic and BBQ at Watergates Farm. Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July is the date of the next walk – venue to be decided. Throughout June, July and August, we shall also be venturing out mid-week.

Phone Maggy Chapman or email [melandmag@btinternet.com](mailto:melandmag@btinternet.com) for further details. Also details are posted on the Walking Group page on the village website [www.titchmarsh.info](http://www.titchmarsh.info)

**Titchmarsh Village Fete. Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June from 12 noon – 5pm** on the School and Church Fields. Look out for flyers and posters giving a taster of what will be on offer. The flyer will also give details of how you can contribute goods to various stalls. About 1-2 weeks before the Fete a programme will come through your door giving you more details of competitions and timings. We look forward to seeing you on the – hopefully sunny – day.

As always if you would like to help or need further information please contact Sylvia Prestwich at [SylviaPrestwich@aol.com](mailto:SylviaPrestwich@aol.com).

**Friends of Titchmarsh School.** Firstly I would like to thank everyone for their support of the jewellery recycling. We have recently received a cheque for £107 so that was great. Thanks also go to all those that attended the school disco and made a huge effort with their costumes. I now a great time was had by all and we raised over £75.

Our annual Fun Day was held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009. As usual there were craft stalls, refreshments- including a governor's barbecue, a bouncy castle, stalls and tombola etc. The wind finally died down enough to enable us to have the marquees erected and the day stayed dry. A great time was had by all and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as they seemed to, so huge thanks go to all that attended, those that had craft stalls, the governors for their barbecue and the preschool, all who supported the school.

I have to say a HUGE THANKS from FOTS to Sylvia Prestwich, Michael Alderman and Rob Jones for their help putting up the marquees, taking them down and transporting them, without their help the event would not have gone as smoothly as it did. Thanks also must go to those that came along on Friday night to help and those that made it early Saturday to set up. These include, Simon Eve, Jonathan Hope, Jenny and Matt Smith, Stephen Levick, Karen Kinman and Penny Bailey. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

Many people gave up their time to help on the day, they know who they are, so many thanks. I would like to thank Karen Kinman for sparing her day to set up and run the refreshments, Richard Lenton for allowing children to kick a ball at him all day, Sarah for helping on stalls all day and Mrs Milton for being on stalls and helping. The day was a great success and all the money raised will go toward to children and their education.

We are planning to hold a children's Teddy bears picnic in conjunction with the pre-school on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. Hopefully the weather will stay nice so the children can enjoy their picnic and entertainer. The next fundraising event will be a **Barn Dance and Pig Roast for September 19<sup>th</sup>**. The evening will be held between 6-10pm and will cost £10 for an adult, £5 for under 16 and free for under 4. I hope you can all attend. Details will be coming your way in late June.

Your continued support enables us buy extra toys and equipment for the school and support the day to day running of the school. So Thanks.  
*Tracy Levick*

**Titchmarsh Football Club.** Since our last report we have been involved in various cup competitions and important league games. Our first important game was when we played in the County Cup final against Netherton at the Raunds Town ground. Unfortunately we narrowly lost 2 -1. However the lads gave a great account of themselves we would like to thank the great support we received. The Northants FA commented on the large crowd on the night and was very pleased.

That was followed by a 4-0 defeat in the Gordon Howes cup semi-final to Kweensway. Unfortunately we only had 11 players available on the day and against a Division 1 side the lads again gave a good account of themselves. However, the season did finish up with some fantastic news as we won the Marriotts Junior Cup Final at Raunds and have finished up as League champions with a game to spare. To reach 3 cup semi-finals, and progress to 2 cup finals and the league champions is a really excellent achievement and it must be said, unprecedented in the history of Titchmarsh Football Club.

Many thanks go to the Manager and his assistant for actually getting a team to every game. With it being such a young squad, and Saturday nights spent socialising in the nightclubs of Kettering and Northampton, it is no mean feat to actually get them out of their beds!!!

Thank you also to our committee members for their sterling work throughout the season and we look forward to playing in the second division next year.  
*Wizz*

**Titchmarsh Pre-School.** Pre-school opened its doors on 20<sup>th</sup> April for the start of a new term. Our theme for this term is People who help us and we are hoping a nurse will visit and a policeman has already visited. The children enjoyed our annual Easter egg hunt which took place around various locations in the village the children collected colourful eggs and chicks and had lots of fun.

Open day at preschool on **June 9<sup>th</sup>** – we welcome all parents and children to come and look around preschool and take the opportunity to ask the staff any questions about preschool life.

Our annual sports day is booked to take place at the school this year – children will be taking part in a variety of games and races and there may even be a staff race at the end!

We would like to say congratulations to our members of staff who have worked hard over the last year and are near completion of their CASHE level 3 qualifications; this is a great asset to our preschool

We are at present planning a number of fundraising events and some of the are as follows:-

Bags2school was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May and thanks go to the villagers and parents for supporting the event as usual. We also had stalls at the FOTS fun day and as usual we were well supported and helped on the day. We are also looking to hold a fathers day raffle for the 21<sup>st</sup> June. We will also be at the village fete supporting the village as usual to hope to see you there with your teddies.

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 would like to thank again the clubroom committee who have kindly assisted the preschool in replacing the front gates which are there for all to see and in boxing off the bin area and the side of the shed.

We still have vacancies for a new chair and vice chair for the pre-school committee and would welcome anyone who is interested in taking an active part in their childs education and support the pre-school throughout the year. Again if you wish to receive further information please contact Caroline.

**Toawst** Thank you to all who attended the Rioja evening in April which was a great success with the best attendance ever of 43 people!!!!

Next gathering will be at The Pavilion on Friday, 26th June when the focus will be on New Zealand wines with an accompanying BBQ.

*Jo Hunter.*

### **Parish Council.**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April in the Club Room with about 40 villagers in attendance. We heard brief presentations from the Church, the School, the Shop, the Youth Group, the Club Room and from our District Councillor Philip Hardcastle. They each told us about their activities, achievements and future plans and the evening was rounded off with informal discussion over a glass of wine.

**Keeping in touch.** A reminder that the Parish Council meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Club Room. We are keen to keep in touch and encourage your attendance at 'public open time' at the start of every Parish Council meeting, which is an opportunity for parishioners to address the Parish Council about local matters that concern them. We display the minutes of each meeting on the Parish Council notice board outside the Clubroom and on the village website at [www.titchmarsh.info/minutes.htm](http://www.titchmarsh.info/minutes.htm)

**Parents, do you know where your children are?** We have received reports of some mischievous and anti social behaviour in the village, thought to involve young people. Anti social behaviour will not be tolerated and a recurrence will lead to police involvement. We hope that a reminder from parents will see an end to this misbehaviour.

**Titchmarsh Flower Club.** The Flower Club is 'blooming'. Our first three demonstrations and workshops have been interesting, informative and most enjoyable. Attendances have been good since we introduced the discounted annual fee, and we've had some fun evenings.

Our next meeting is after the summer break on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, when Diane Northwood will demonstrate the Ikebana style of arrangements. The meeting start at 7.30pm in the Club Room and lasts a couple of hours; everyone is welcome. If you haven't been before, don't be put off, you can still pay on the door (£5) and enjoy an informal social evening. More information from Terry or see the flyer on the village notice board the week before the meeting.

*Terry Higgins*

**Titchmarsh Gardening Club.** The small but perfectly formed Gardening Club is still struggling on and is planning some events for the future to enable us to continue to contribute to village gardening themes. We are hoping to arrange a Gardener's Question Time some time later in the year, late September, early October and plans are underway to possibly have the involvement of Radio Northampton. Watch this space for further details in the next issue of Titchmarsh Times.

In the meantime as a group we hope to visit some local gardens that are open under the National Gardens Scheme. The first visit is to Greenway at Desborough on Thursday 28 May between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. We realise that this issue of TT will be too late for anyone wishing to join us but we did want you to know that we are alive and kicking! Our second trip is to 67-69, High Street, Finedon on Thursday 11th June and we will be leaving Titchmarsh at about 6.30 p.m., if anyone is interested in joining us they would be very welcome. The admission fee is only £2.50 and includes a glass of wine. Please feel free to give Pauline or Bert Ash a ring.

We would be delighted to welcome new members to our little band and if you are interested please come along to our next informal gathering on Tuesday 2nd June 09 which is to be held at Mary and Peter Montague's house in Islington starting at 7.30 p.m. *Pauline Ash.*

**From the Rectory.** Last month saw two licensing's of interest to the parishioners of Titchmarsh. On May 12<sup>th</sup> Charles Jefferson was licensed as Rector of Thrapston, Denford and Islip. From the outset he and I have agreed to work a 'twinning' arrangement whereby we aim to work together as far as will help both his group of parishes and ours. Already, I'm aware of many of their children coming to Titchmarsh School. And several wedding couples and bereaved relatives that I see also come from Thrapston and Islip.

Then on May 16<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Brawn was licensed as a Lay Reader at the Cathedral. Although Carolyn is already well known in this area in a number of capacities, I'm delighted for this formal recognition which allows her to play a fuller part in the life of these churches including Titchmarsh.

With all good wishes, Jim Mynors. Tele: 720613 (usual day off – Friday) [Jim@mynors.me.uk](mailto:Jim@mynors.me.uk)

### **Titchmarsh Church Services**

June 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 Morning Prayer
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion & 4.30pm Family Service
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am Communion
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	No service in Titchmarsh so that we can join St Peter's, Clopton for their 'Patronal' at 11am (St Peter's Day falls in the week before)
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion & 4.30pm Family Service
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion

Please note Family Services are at **4.30pm** – the same time at all-age services at Oundle (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) Thrapston (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) and Barnwell/Polebrook (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) – more details in porch

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>	<b>Readers</b>
31st May 2009	Mrs J Bussens	9.15am	Mrs K Williams	Mr D Williams
7th June 2009	Mrs B Ray	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mrs A Dunn & Mr J Fieldsend
14th June 2009	Mrs S Hankins	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell
		4.30pm	Knight family	James Edwards
21st June 2009	Mrs J Powell	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr J Fieldsend
28th June 2009	Mrs S Prestwich	9.15am	Dr S Bell	Mr T Higgins
5th July 2009	Clopton Patronal Service	11am	no service	
12th July 2009	Mrs W Jeffries	9.15am	Mrs J Bussens	Dr G Webster
		4.30pm	Mrs Hope & family	Jessica Knight
19th July 2009	Mrs M Cranch	9.15am	Lady Harper	Sir Ewan Harper
26th July 2009	Mrs S Prestwich	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mr T Higgins

**Noel Allen MBE.** A natural historian long associated with Titchmarsh died in April 2009. Notes of his life by Rev. David Payne can be found on the shelf just inside the church

**New Bible Study - For any in the locality, not just for churchgoers.** We are currently looking at Psalms – those songs widely sung thousands of year ago and still popular today (e.g. at weddings & funerals) - different types of psalm, the history behind them and what they mean for us today. We meet every other Monday 7.45 pm - 9pm 8th June, at Tavern Cottage, Lowick Lane, Aldwinckle and on June 22nd Rectory Farm Achurch

**Confirmation.** 5 candidates from Aldwinckle are due to be confirmed at St Peter's Oundle at 7.30pm on June 9<sup>th</sup>. They are; William and Libby Nicholls, Alan and Lucy Hankins and Ellie Raby-Smith.

**Thrapston Town Band. Saturday, 13th June** at All Saints, Aldwinckle at 7pm. Tickets available at door (including refreshments)

**Cheese & Wine Evening. Sunday, 5th July.** All Saints Aldwinckle. Tickets needed in advance telephone Faulkner on 720233

**Stoke Doyle Concert.** Northampton Festival Opera Choir. **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm. Concert performance of Puccini's Gianni Schicchi and Purcell's Dido and Aeneas. Tickets (£12.50) from Harry Faure Walker on 273543 or at the door

**Stitchmarsh.** Another year of meetings for this group draws to a close and we have seen a fluctuation in attendance. Those who have been to our meetings, I trust have had enjoyable evenings.

There are just two meetings in June and they will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Clubroom.

Stitchmarsh will then take a summer break and return on **9<sup>th</sup> September.** *Eleanor Greig*

**Titchmarsh Show.** This years Flower and Vegetable Show is on Saturday. 8<sup>th</sup> August at the Clubroom – why not put it on the calendar now?

It's a popular event open to all, and an opportunity to show off your growing and cooking skills, along with handicraft, painting and photography opportunities.

This year adults are asked to enter 'a Seasonal photograph', children 10 to 14 'a Sport photograph' and children under 9 'a Feathered Friend(s)' photograph, so do get clicking!

The Painting or Coloured Drawing theme for the children 9 and under is 'Creepy Crawlies' this year. Full details of timings, categories and how to enter are in the Show programme, which will be delivered to every house at the end of July, so look out for it and do join in.

*Titchmarsh Show Committee*

**Titchmarsh 200 Club.** We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 200 Club this year. We have raised £654.00 for the FOTS and the same for the Church funds which is very much appreciated.

The winners for April were:	12	Mrs M. Seery	£412.00
	151	Mr. & Mrs. Lawman	£ 10.00
	11	Mrs. J. Powell	£ 10.00
	55	Mr. & Mrs. McNeelly	£ 10.00

The winners for May were:	61	Mr. S. Wisniewski	£ 10.00
	136	Mrs. J. Milton	£ 10.00
	57	Mrs. E. Knivett	£ 10.00
	81	Mrs. J. Newman	£ 10.00

We wish you all Good luck this year.

*Mary Cheney and Ruth Knight*

**Clubroom.** Any day now we will take delivery of our new Bouncy Castle available for hire for children's parties; initially just those held within the Clubroom itself (but this policy will be reviewed in due course). If you are considering the Clubroom as a venue for a children's party please contact Val Sorrel, our Bookings Clerk, or via [bookings@titchmarsh.info](mailto:bookings@titchmarsh.info) for availability and hire charges.

The recent works carried out in conjunction with the Pre-school to the outside area of the Clubroom have enhanced the appearance and appeal of the facility. Unfortunately this has lead to our first incident of mis-use and petty vandalism for several years: discarded beer cans and cigarette ends have been found around the covered seating/play area and the plants tendered by the children of the Pre-school have been pulled out of their pots.

The Clubroom is a village facility that attempts to be available for all to use – but in the right manner. Please could everyone who uses it, whether formally or informally, please do so with due respect and consideration of others.

*Paul Milner*

**Titchmarsh Youth Group.** Programme for June/July 2009

5 <sup>th</sup> June	Orienteering and BBQ – details to be emailed
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Club Night/Games Night

For any young person in the Titchmarsh, Clopton and Thurning who are school Year 7 and above wanting to join the youth group, membership forms must be signed prior to attending TYG. The yearly membership fee is £10 which covers the cost of the hall hire, training, CRB checks and insurances. Session fees are £2 for the two hours. We shall be handing out renewal membership forms at the end of this term ready for September. For those starting in Year 7 in September, a membership form can be downloaded from the [www.titchmarsh.info](http://www.titchmarsh.info) website or you can contact Sue Shapland or Julie Ray for further information.

**Titchmarsh Local History Group.** Regrettably there will be no more meetings of the Group until October 2009. I had arranged an outside visit for June but recently received a telephone call informing me that unless we could guarantee at least 20 attendees they would not entertain a private visit.

As many of you will know I am no longer retired but I am in work again, almost full time. As a consulting/management engineer I seem to be doing more and more.

Trying to find speakers at a reasonable price is getting more difficult and I need a bit of a break to organise a longer term programme for the group.

Thank you for bearing with me.

John Greig

Just out of interest here is a table copied from "**Titchmarsh Past & Present**", a book written about the village by Helen Belgium which was first published by the author in 1979. This shows the population and trades of the village from the census returns of 1851.

<b>Men</b>		<b>Women</b>	
<i>In Agriculture:</i>		<i>In Agriculture:</i>	
Farmers	10	Farmers' daughters	3
Farmers' sons	5	<i>In Domestic Service:</i>	
Cottagers	7	Domestic servants	35
Labourers at least		Housekeeper	1
15 living in	139	Charwomen	6
Farmers' boys	30	<i>Professional:</i>	
Retired farmer	1	Schoolmistress	1
Landed proprietor		<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	
presumably retired	2	Errand woman	1
Shepherds	5	Nurses	2
Woodmen	3	Governess	1
Gardeners	2	Dressmakers	5
House servants	2	Lacemakers	17
<i>In Building and Fitting:</i>		Annuitants all widows	7
Brickmakers	2	Almswomen	7
Builders inc. 2 appr.	4	Paupers	8
Builders' labourers	5	Visitors	4
Carpenters & joiners	7		-----
Mat makers	3		98
Masons (all lodgers)	4	Total shown above	385
Sawyers	2	(men 287, women 98)	
Well sinkers	3	Housewives, scholars	
Wheelwrights	3	and infants	447
Wheelwrights' appr.	2	No employment	
Blacksmith	1	(mostly children	
Blacksmith's appr.	2	over school age	
<i>In Provision Trades:</i>		sons & daughters	
Bakers (one also sold		of labourers and	
beer)	4	tradesmen)	50
Grocers	4		
Butchers	6	1 deaf and dumb	1
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	258	Total Population	883

**Finally.** Thank you to all who have contributed to and delivered this edition. The TT has now been going for 9 years and attempts to bring to you all "whats going on in Titchmarsh". Remember that this publication is delivered to every house in the Parish and it is a great way to advertise your event for free.

The final date for copy to be received at the above address for the August/September Edition is the evening of **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009.** Enjoy Summer.

John Greig (Editor).