

# Titchmarsh Times

A bi-monthly village news letter sponsored by Titchmarsh Parish Council.

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## June/July 2008.

### ***Parish Council.***

***Electricity supply:*** Following the article in the last edition of the Titchmarsh Times, we are now informed that the work to upgrade the power supply at the west end of the village will begin towards the end of July. The present overhead wiring is being replaced by an underground high voltage cable which, we are assured, should improve the reliability of the supply. Some, but not all, homes in Islington, Church Street, Chapel Street, North Street and the west end of the High Street will be affected directly. A representative of E.ON will be calling on you to discuss the work if your home is one of those.

The work will take at least three months and we have asked that normal village life will be disrupted as little as possible. We are particularly keen that the roads are not once again dug up except where it is absolutely necessary.

***Speed checks:*** The most recent traffic surveys conducted by the Casualty Reduction Unit revealed a pleasing reduction in average speeds through the village. The great majority of people stick to the speed limit. For example, the average speed recorded in the High Street was between 24 and 26 mph. This does not mean that the problem has gone away completely and we still get the occasional irresponsible driver who seems to have little concern for others. To take one example, let us hope that the police eventually catch up with the driver who clocked 62 mph in Polopit at noon on 13<sup>th</sup> February.

***Dog owners:*** We know that this is becoming a regular moan, but it seems to be a problem that the few regularly inflict on the many - dog faeces. We have had complaints from residents in North Street about the way some areas are being used as a dogs' toilet; even those using 'poo-bags' do not seem averse to leaving them for other people to pickup. Dog faeces in the fields also contaminate the food for livestock; a bale of silage can be ruined by its presence.

Another problem is created by owners allowing their dogs to roam freely in the fields at the end of North Street. Not only are the livestock frightened by dogs but there are concerns over the disturbance of ground nesting birds, especially at this time of year. Most dog owners are very responsible. We just ask the others to show a little more consideration.

## ***Village News and Events***

***Titchmarsh Village. Fete Saturday. 14th June 2008, 12 noon to 5 p.m. on the school field.*** Come and hear Rushden Town Band, watch teddies parachuting from the church tower, whilst enjoying a glass of Pimms or tea and cakes. There will be a beer tent, tombola, prize draw, bouncy castle and bungee run, folk dancing and lots more fun and games.

This year we have a special display of dog agility and obedience put on in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. The afternoon will finish with wheelbarrow jousting!

The gardens of Titchmarsh House will also be open under the National Garden Scheme. **Probably the best fete in East Northamptonshire!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The plants and produce stall will also be selling second hand gardening books and good condition second hand garden tools. Donations should be left with Anita Dunn at Manor Farm House, 1, Chapel Street.

Donations for the White Elephant Stall should be left with Sylvia Prestwich at Ridgeon, Toft's Close and donations of cakes should be left with Ann King 13 Chapel Street. Offers of help or cakes for the tea tent please contact Pauline Gambrell.

Fete committee members will be knocking on doors shortly asking for donations for the bottle tombola and to offer the sale of tickets for the Grand Prize Draw. 1<sup>st</sup> prize 4 tickets to Billy Elliott in the West End with champagne in the interval. Many other great prizes.

If you feel you would like to join in the fun and help, we need volunteers for setting up at 5 p.m. on Friday evening, manning stalls or helping to clear up after the event. Please contact Sylvia Prestwich.

### ***200 Club***

Thank you to everyone who has bought a number for this years 200 club.

The first draw was held in April and the winners were:

Sue Davis No.65 £466.00, Stephen Fletcher No.164 £10.00, John Colby No.130 £10.00, Pat Cawdell No.58 £10.00

May Winners all won £10.00 each, the winners were Wendy Pritchett No.152, Mrs. Heafield No.21, D. Moffitt No.39 & Fiona Love No.103.

***Titchmarsh Youth Group.*** Programme for June and July.

6 <sup>th</sup>	June	Club Night/Cooking/Fathers Day Card
20 <sup>th</sup>	June	Orienteering and BBQ – details to be handed out at TYG
4 <sup>th</sup>	July	Club Night
18 <sup>th</sup>	July	End of Term BBQ/Craft Night/NAYC attending

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 Alice Dove for further information.

### ***Friends of Titchmarsh School - FUNDAY***

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, clear away and run a stall during our Funday.

We couldn't have asked for a better day, the sun shone very brightly!!! and brought with it hundreds of people who enjoyed themselves and spent lots of money! We raised £870 for Titchmarsh School which was fantastic.

Thank you also to Alan Powell who lent us a freezer to store, before selling the very popular ice lollies. THANKS again to everyone for supporting FOTS.

### ***TOAwST***

We celebrated our two year anniversary at the beginning of last month and had a fantastic time trying a variety of 'bubbles', including some delicious Cava and Prosecco.

Our next get together will be on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June. This will be a Californian evening in the garden of Chale Cottage.

For more details contact Jeff and Jo email [jo.hi@madasafish.com](mailto:jo.hi@madasafish.com).

Cheers!

### ***Clubroom.***

Bookings continue to be fairly healthy, with the Pre-school running additional full day sessions and the facilities building a reputation as a good venue for children's parties. Whilst we rely on local knowledge and word of mouth to spread the news about what our facilities offer we are hoping to build on our bookings by entering into a bit more proactive marketing of the Clubroom, the first efforts of this will be seen in the forthcoming edition of 'The Voice' which should drop through letter boxes within the next few weeks.

It is now well over three years since the refurbished Clubroom was opened and it's time for a bit of a redecoration. As soon as the summer school term ends in July we plan to repaint the interior and freshen the place up. If anyone would like to contribute time or materials (brushes, white spirit, use of scaffold tower, etc) to help us in this effort please contact me or any of the members of the committee. *Paul Milner*

### ***Titchmarsh Show,***

This years Flower and Vegetable Show is on **Saturday 9<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. In addition to the usual candidates, we hope to have entries from the enthusiastic new allotment holders in Islington. 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.

### ***Stitchmarsh***

There will be meetings on both Wednesday June 11th and 25th commencing at 7.30pm in the Clubroom. There will be no meetings in July and August and the next meeting will then be in September on Wednesday 10th at 7.30pm.

In previous reports it has been stated that attendance numbers have dwindled and for this group to continue we need new members, therefore the September meeting will determine the groups future. The aim is to do patchwork from September.

So please come along. For further details contact Eleanor Greig

### ***Playing Field News.***

Building work on the new pavilion is progressing well with a completion date scheduled for the beginning of September.

The new changing rooms are annexed by a function room which will be suitable for meetings or small parties of about 40-50 persons. Realising that people want to arrange venues well in advance, we are now taking bookings for events in the room which take place from the beginning of November 2008 onwards. Prices depend on what level of service required, but you can secure the room by calling Melvyn Chapman .

Tickets for our Midsummer Music Evening are selling fast and at the time of going to press there are only a few plots remaining for gazebos. There will be a beer-only bar and the village barbecue will be lit for you to cook your own meat. Two live bands and a DJ will provide the entertainment and tickets priced at £10 are available from any committee member.

The annual road race was again a great success with about £2,000 being raised for our general fund. Full race results and a great selection of photographs (courtesy Jeff Hunter) can be accessed on the village website. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers, particularly those from outside the committee who helped on the day — we have had some terrific feedback from runners with many positive comments to view on the Runners World website.

Finally, we would like to invite everyone to ***The Playing Field Committee's AGM which takes place in the Clubroom on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm.***



### ***“The Wheatsheaf “.***

The fight against the alcohol duty rises is hotting up, please come in and sign our petition. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is now barred from the Wheatsheaf and I have written to our local MP asking him to visit, discuss the issues and sign the petition.

The Titchmarsh hard court bowling championships start at the Wheatsheaf on the ***1<sup>st</sup> of June.*** Please come along and enter your team of two – lots of fun and an opportunity to raise much needed funds for the playing fields.

Quiz nights continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month - £1 to enter and free buffet, please come and join us and impress us with your general knowledge.

We have just started a carvery Sunday lunch (a choice of locally farmed meats, with all the trimmings for just £8.95). We hope to see you soon.

Winnie Clarke continues her residency and is looking forward to singing your requests.

Thanks to you all from David and the team

### ***Titchmarsh Pre-School.***

Titchmarsh pre-school opened its doors on 22<sup>nd</sup> April for the start of a new term. Our themes for this term are "Getting ready for school" and "self hygiene & Independence". We would like to welcome all the new children who have started this term and who have settled in well.

Our Easter School Disco was a huge success and we hope you had as much fun as we did, it was great to see everyone dancing & having so much fun! Along with the Easter Egg hunt - We raised over £700. This event was sponsored by Barclays who have pledged to match every £ we raise in order to develop our outdoor play area. We want to develop an exciting and stimulating environment for the children to play outdoors safely.

We would like to inform all parents of the recent promotion of our Deputy Supervisor Anne Roberts who is now sharing the position of Supervisor with Mandy Burton Aldous. We would like to congratulate Anne on her new position.

We would also like to inform you that you can now shop on-line and give money to the pre-school any time day or night. We have set up a new link on the preschool website which is [www.titchmarshpreschool.co.uk](http://www.titchmarshpreschool.co.uk) and at no cost to yourselves as you shop a percentage will go to the pre-school. If anyone wants any further information on how this works, please do not hesitate to let a member of the staff or committee know.

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 the pre-school could not provide facilities for the children or continue to flourish as it is able to right now.

Our opening times are 9.15 - 11.45 Monday and Fridays and 9.15 - 2.45 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We provide a safe and stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to learn through play, so if you have a child of 2.5 to 5 years old and would like more information about Pre-School, do please contact us, or call in during session time

**Titchmarsh School.** We had a delightful May Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. We were so lucky again. Yes it rained, but at the most opportune moments, such as just AFTER returning from our village walk and during lunch time. It was too much to ask for sunshine during the concert but there it was. Fantastic! We enjoyed May Day and if you were able to attend, we hope you enjoyed it too. Our royal party this year was lead by King and Queen, Finlay Swan and Madeline Forster. Thank you to all involved in its smooth running.

There is lots of work being done to the school building and equipment at the moment. The Foundation Stage outside area has been greatly improved with new fencing and play equipment. The garden is again being tended to by Mrs Stopps, Dr Montague and the gardening club. We have updated our external security lighting around the building. Our IT equipment is now protected with Smartwater and Selecta mark enhancing security.

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

School Open Afternoon from 1.45-3.15pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Transfer Day 14th July

Sports morning 9.15am 15<sup>th</sup> July

Leavers Assembly at Church 9.15am 16th July

School closes for summer break 23<sup>rd</sup> July

*Mrs J Milton. Head Teacher*

### ***Titchmarsh PCC***

Firstly a big “thank you” to all who supported the Barn Dance, another enjoyable evening that helped to raise £300 (that will cover the cost of the electric for a quarter).

Thanks also for those who helped with the churchyard clearing at the beginning of April.

The Boundary Walk raised £69 this year and we were blessed with a really lovely day, lots of sun-block was needed. I hope everyone who came enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Margaret and Michael for their hospitality and lunch afterwards, delicious and enjoyable as always.

***Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 7 for 7.30 p.m.*** – come and join us for a ***Murder Mystery Evening*** with Silent Auction of promises to be held in marquees at St Mary’s Church. Tickets are £20 each and this includes a welcome glass of Pimms and a two course supper as well as the entertainment for the evening. Dress: Black Tie. There will be 8 tables of 10. If you want to make up a table great but individual tickets are also for sale. Tickets are available from Anita Dunn. If you would like to donate a promise please contact Jackie Rowe. Licensed Bar.

***The Benefice Fete at the Rectory in Aldwincle on 5<sup>th</sup> July*** will be preceded by a BBQ lunch at 12.00 noon, for which tickets can be obtained from Mary Cheney. They are £6 or £4 for the under 16s. Hope to see as many from Titchmarsh as possible as St Mary’s will get a share of the proceeds For the actual Fete some help is required for the car parking (contact Revd Jim) and Mary could do with some help on the Titchmarsh stall.

***Item of interest.*** We have a modern copy of the Parish Register in our keeping, of all the Births Deaths and Marriages since 1663 and they are available under supervision for researching. There is a small fee of £5 and enquiries can be made to Jean Bussens.

### ***Notes for your diaries:***

The Harvest Festival will be Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am, followed by lunch and the usual auction of produce. There will be a bar.

The Quiz will be held on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November with all the usual shenanigans, but remember the Quizmaster’s word is law. Supper and prizes are included. Tickets this year will be £8 and there will be a bar.

On Friday October, 11<sup>th</sup> there will be Music in Quiet Places in the Church at 7.30, with refreshments on sale in the interval and at the end of the concert. More details later.

**From the Rector.**

**New website for churches in this area.** (including Titchmarsh)

www.oundledeanery.org.uk

Copies of the 'Pink Sheet' with details of the 7 linked parishes are now available each month in Titchmarsh Church and on the porch noticeboard

**Titchmarsh Church Services**

June 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am Morning Prayer
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion & 4pm Family Service
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am Communion
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Morning Prayer
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion & 4pm Family Service
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Communion

**From the Registers**

Frederick (Freddie) Hunt died aged 88 on 30 March 2008 and was buried at Titchmarsh churchyard on 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Jean Roberts (formerly of 22, Drydens Close) died on 14<sup>th</sup> April aged 80 and was buried in Titchmarsh on 24<sup>th</sup> April

Daniel Hughes of 3, Bidwell Cottages was baptised on 13<sup>th</sup> April

For christenings, weddings, funerals – and visits for any other reason - please contact Jim Mynors (Rector) 720613 (usual day off – Friday)  
email Jim@Mynors.me.uk

**Church Rotas – June & July 2008**

<i>date</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Sidesmen</i>	<i>Readers</i>
1st June 2008	Mrs A Dunn	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr J Fieldsend
			Mrs B Berry
8th June 2008	Miss J Finlayson	am:	am: Mrs J Bussens
		pm: Mrs R Knight	pm: Mr J Hope
15th June 2008	Mrs S Holland	Mrs J Bussens	Mr T Higgins
22nd June 2008	Mrs Ann King	Lady Harper	Sir Ewan Harper
29th June 2008	Mrs S Prestwich	Mr J Fieldsend	Mr T Higgins
6th July 2008	Mrs M Cranch	Dr S Bell	Dr G Webster
13th July 2008	Mrs B Ray	am:	am: Mr S Barber
		pm: Mrs C Blackman	pm: Phoebe Sadler
20th July 2008	Mrs R Franklin	Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell
27th July 2008	Mrs W Jeffries	Mrs K Williams	Mr D Williams

## ***Titchmarsh Village Shop.***

We hope you'll agree that the shop has now become firmly established as part of the village and the committee would like to thank the volunteers and customers for their continued support. If you haven't visited your community shop yet, why not call in and see what it sells? You might be surprised!

As a community shop, it will always require the commitment of our community to ensure its success and it is always delighted to welcome new volunteers. You probably know someone who already volunteers at the shop – if you haven't helped out before, why not come along next time your friend/neighbour is in and spend a few minutes just seeing what goes on. The work really isn't onerous – it's usually good fun and a great opportunity to meet new people and catch up with old friends. You are welcome to volunteer now and again when time allows or commit to a regular slot. The shop usually needs more volunteers at the weekends, probably because so many of us are busy with other commitments so, if you think you can help to build on the success of your village shop, do call in to have a chat with a member of the committee, one of the managers – Sue or Helen - or any of our wonderful volunteers.

Don't forget, if you have difficulty in getting to the shop you are welcome to telephone an order to us and we will deliver it to you. This has proved very useful when people have been unwell or are just finding it difficult to get out of the house, and we are delighted to be of service in this way.

Remember, if you can't see what you're looking for please do ask – we may well stock it or, if not, will do our very best to meet our customer's requirements.

After two years as chairman of the management committee, Jane Teague has stepped down from this role. She remains part of the committee, which has elected Jackie Rowe to take on the chairmanship. The committee would like to thank Jane for her drive and enthusiasm that helped to see the vision of a village shop become a reality. *The Management Committee of Titchmarsh Village Shop Association Ltd*

***Titchmarsh Local History Group.*** In the evening of **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June** we are making a visit to:

## **Lyveden New Bield**

### **Intriguing Elizabethan lodge and moated garden**

- Enchanting Elizabethan pleasure garden One of the oldest garden layouts in Britain
- Striking mansion-shell, never completed after 400 years

The cost of the evening will be £ 5 or free to National Trust members.

We would like some idea of numbers so we can share transport and we need to be there by 7pm. It would be appreciated if you could ring Janet Putley or email myself as soon as possible. Everyone is welcome. Let's have a pleasant Summer evening.

*John Greig*

***Finally.*** Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition. The closing date for articles for the **August/September 2008 edition will be Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> July.** Remember, the "Titchmarsh Times" is free and is delivered to every house in the parish so get your article about your event in your village newsletter to gain maximum publicity.

Enjoy Summer.

*John Greig (Editor)*