

Titchmarsh Times

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October and November 2009

Titchmarsh Gardening Club.

THE GREEN WELLY GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME

With the BBC Radio Northampton presenter Johnnie Amos and a panel of experts in the Pavilion on Wednesday, 28th October at 7.30pm.

This is your chance to come along and ask anything you like from a very knowledgeable team of experts and enjoy being part of BBC Radio Northampton's highly popular gardening programme. The programme will be recorded on the night and broadcast on 1 November 09 12 noon to 2.00 p.m.

The panel are Kathy Brown (Garden Designer), Ursula Buchan (Author and Gardening Writer), Philip Statner (Head Gardener of Collesbrooke Hall) and our old favourite Nicholas Warliker (Head Gardener to the Late Princess Alice).

Tickets are £5.00 including light refreshments, children under 12 free. Tickets are available from Pauline and Bert Ash

A flyer will shortly be circulated together with a question form, please take the time to fill in your questions and either bring it along with you on the night or drop it off to Bert and Pauline Ash.

We are looking for varied, amusing and unusual questions for our very knowledgeable panel and we look forward to seeing you and hope you will support this event which is to raise funds for village horticultural projects, e.g. planters, school gardening club etc. *Pauline Ash*

Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School. The children and staff have settled into the new academic year.

We are very excited about the project to build a new school hall, classroom and kitchen. After consultation with the village, which proved to be very positive, planning permission was submitted. Hopefully work will begin at the beginning of 2010. Thank you very much for supporting these fantastic improvements to our village school.

We are planning our Harvest Festival, which will be held at St Mary's Church, Titchmarsh on 7th October 2009. Our Open Morning for new pupils and their parents will be from 10-11.30am on Thursday 15th October 2009.

To get the Christmas festivities started, we will be holding our annual Christmas bazaar in the school building on Thursday 3rd December, from 3.00 – 4.30. Proceeds go to the Titchmarsh School Funds. Our Twilight Carol Service will be at 6.30pm on 10th December and the Morning Carol Service, the following day at 9.30am. *Mrs J Milton. Headteacher*

LOST. A ladies silver watch. If found please ring 07977 009314

Friends of Titchmarsh School. Well we welcomed a new academic year with a Barn Dance and Pig Roast that was held on the 19th September. We hope everyone had a great time and of course thanks go to all who helped and supported FOTS during this event. The AGM was held on the 23rd September where we hoped to be joined by eager helpers (this article went to press before the event). Our Vice Chair and Treasurer want to step down to enjoy the quiet life. Thanks go once again to Sarah and Pauline for all their support throughout the years and I am sure we will continue to see them at most events.

We always welcome ideas, so if anyone would like to suggest an event or how we should do things differently, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Other dates for your diary are the 22nd October, when we will be holding our annual Halloween Party at the clubroom and the 15th November when we have a Bags2School booked. Please start sorting through your cupboards now, ready for all those Christmas presents you hope you are getting and hopefully we can have another bumper collection. As with the last collection, we will be delivering bags to the village and coming around to collect them before the 15th, so please look out for further details.

We have also booked Barnwell Hall for the 6th February 2010, when we hope to hold a dance and buffet following the results of a questionnaire to parents. Please put this date in your dairies and further details will follow in due course.

Hope you all had a great summer break and here's to another successful year to enable us to continue to support the school and the children as much as possible.
Tracey Levick

Clubroom News.

40's Night. Saturday, 7th November. Get a dose of nostalgia and come along for a 1940's themed evening of professional entertainment, music and dancing. Feel free to enter the spirit by dressing in the style of the era (fancy dress optional). Tickets cost £10/head and include a chip supper. not spam and powdered eggs! Tickets are available from Julia Powell.

A weekly **Pilates exercise class** starts on **Tuesdays from 22nd September** (7.30 – 8.30pm). Open to newcomers and experienced Pilates practitioners the class is suitable for all fitness levels and ages. Contact Liz Reid for more details or to arrange a 'taster' session.

The start of the new school and pre-school terms usually signals a rush of bookings for children's parties; at the risk of repeating previous editions, could I remind potential hirers that the Clubroom now offers the use of our own **Bouncy Castle** at the competitive rate of £40 when booked with the Clubroom. Please contact Val Sorrel, our Bookings Clerk via bookings@titchmarsh.info for availability.

On **October 29th** the Clubroom Committee will be holding our **Annual General Meeting**. This meeting is open to all the community and our constitution requires us to elect a new Committee each year. If you would like to participate in the running of this essential village facility, have views about how it should be run, or simply want to learn a bit more about how the Clubroom operates, please join us at 7.30pm.
Paul Milner

200 Club Results.

The winners for August who all won £10 were David Williams (84), Lucy Cheney (5) David Williams (84) and Gay Teese (150)

The winners for September were Mr & Mrs Leslie (38) £412.00 The £10 winners were: John Greig (162), Mr A Cawdell (54) and Wendy Pritchett (152)

Well done everyone!

Caroline Hope

From the Rectory.

As always happens at this time of year, our normal pattern of church life is adapted to take account of first harvest, then remembrance – and soon we shall be on our way to Christmas (with advent at the end of November). Yet we need these festivals not just to give us some variety but because they help us celebrate things we really should be grateful for. The food we eat – the freedom won for us in wartime – and the coming of Jesus. I hope you'll join us.

With all good wishes, Jim Mynors:

60 Main Street, Aldwinckle. (Usual day off – Friday) or contact Jim@mynors.me.uk

Titchmarsh Church Services.

October 4th	4.30pm Harvest Service Followed by Harvest Supper in the clubroom at 5.30pm
October 11th	9.15am Communion (6pm re-dedication of Clopton Church)
October 18th	9.15am Communion
October 25 th	9.15am Communion
November 1 st	9.15 Morning Prayer
November 8 th	10.15am Remembrance Day Service. Ending with 2 minutes silence. 4.30pm Family Service
November 15th	9.15am Communion
November 22 nd	9.15am Communion
November 29 th	9.15am Communion

There are also all-age services at Oundle (1st Sun) Thrapston (3rd Sun) and Barnwell/Polebrook (4th Sun) – more details in porch

From the Registers. Lee Mabbutt & Kylie Chapman were married on 5th September

Bible Study. We shall be continuing to study Paul's letter to the Ephesians Oct 12th, Oct 26th, Nov 9th and Nov 23rd. See church noticeboard for venues. All sessions run 7.45-9pm. All welcome.

Church Rotas for October & November 2009

<i>Date</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Sidesmen</i>	<i>Readers</i>
4th October	Mrs S Holland	4.30pm	Mr A Powell Mrs J Cheney	Mr S Barber Harvest
11th October	Mrs B Ray	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mrs J Bussens
		4.30pm	Hughes family	Jessica & Caitlin Knight
18th October	Mrs S Wilcox	9.15am	Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell
25th October	Mrs W Jeffries	9.15am	Dr S Bell	Mr T Higgins
1st November	Miss J Finalyson	9.15am	Mrs J Powell	Mrs J Powell & Mrs A Dunn
8th November Remembrance Sunday	Mrs S Prestwich	9.15am	Lady Harper	Sir Ewan Harper
		4.30pm	Knight family	Mr J Hope
15th November	Mrs A Dunn	9.15am	Dr S Bell	Dr G Webster
22nd November	Mrs A King	9.15am	Mrs J Fieldsend	Mr J Feildsend
29th November	Mrs M Cranch	9.15am	Mrs K Williams	Mr D Williams

Titchmarsh Pre-school. Well we open our doors for another term welcoming a number of new children and of course those returning for another year.

We have a number of fundraiser's planned for the next few months. These include a Pampered Chef night on the 1st October at 7pm in the Pavillion in Titchmarsh and our annual Christmas bazaar in the clubroom on the 28th November. We would as always be looking for help by way of stallholders, cake baking, offers to help with refreshments, setting up and helping out on the day.

Details of both will be given closer to the dates, but should anyone wish to know more please contact anyone at the pre-school.

As you all know we are a charity and depend on fundraising to keep the pre-school open and to buy equipment for the children, so please if you can help in any way by attending events or helping at the pre-school we would be pleased to hear from you.

The new academic year also brings a change to our committee with Libby and Caroline stepping down as Chair and vice chair to be replaced by Dee Cole and Claire Wallace. We would like to thank Libby and Caroline for all their help and hard work during their time with us and wish them well as their children move on to the primary school.

Our staff have also been busy training to enable us to have well trained staff to look after our children. We have had 5 members of staff achieve their chosen qualifications over the past 12 months or so, which demonstrates that we are a highly qualified staff team who are committed to professional development and regularly update our knowledge in line with current government guidelines.

So if you are interested in attending the pre-school, we are open for 4 full days per week, from 9.15 am – 2.45 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday which also includes the option of attending an afternoon session 12.15 pm -2.45pm along with all our usual morning sessions still in place. 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.

Apple Weekend at the Shop. Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September. It was a dry, if not sunny weekend and lots of fun was had by a dedicated few who pulped and crushed apples and pears on the grass outside the shop. Pressing the fruit, in a purpose built machine, resembling the village stocks, produced gallons of juice. Some juice was drunk on the days but even more is now bubbling away in demi-johns in kitchens throughout Titchmarsh!!!!

Hot apple pancakes were made with copious fillings and cream by the Ellis duo. All things apple, including local cider, were on sale in the marquee in the Pound where advice on making fruit wine and cider was freely available from members of the Barnwell & Woodford Winemakers.

Over £160 was raised to support the shop. Thanks must go to Alan Powell, the organiser of the event and Julia the Master Baker. Kate and Jim for providing and operating the pulp mill and every one who donated, collected, washed and prepared the fruit. We are threatening to do it again next year, hopefully without the wasps.

John Greig (Event Engineer & Press Manufacturer).

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. The next two walks will be on Saturday 3rd October and Saturday 7th November - 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. Phone Maggy Chapman or email: melandmag@btinternet.com for further details. Also details are posted on the Walking Group page on our village website www.titchmarsh.info

Charity Music Night Friday, 2nd October. Mags is climbing Ben Nevis in aid of Kidney Research. To help with her fund raising we are holding a music night with live music from 8pm and a raffle
If anyone has any raffle prizes they would like to donate please hand them into Carol at the D&P

Halloween Disco Saturday, 31st October. Join us for the annual Halloween Party that is getting bigger and better every year. Disco from 8 till late & free drink for anyone in Fancy Dress

Art Exhibition. As Part of Northampton Open Studios and the new few months we will have various artists work displayed. We currently have In September we have amazing Sculptures on show crafted by Angie Snelling from Polopit, Titchmarsh.

Quiz Nights. Quiz night on Sundays the 11th October & 8th November . £1 entry, which includes snacks after the quiz

Bonus Ball. Weekly draw for the lottery bonus ball on Saturday Night. **Chase the Ace.** Look out for chase the Ace, a new game to the D&P, on Sunday Lunch

Acoustic Nights. Wednesdays 28th October & 25th November.
Our Host is on hand with amps, microphone and a spare acoustic guitar. He will help anyone from beginners to advanced to set up and perform.. Other instruments are welcome
It was so nice over to the summer holidays to see the youngsters of Titchmarsh joining in with bass guitar and drum kits. Watch out for future rock stars from the village, they were brilliant and more than welcome to join us again!!

Christmas Menu Bookings now being taken... Pop in for a menu or see the web site.

Opening Times. Mondays lunchtimes and evenings we are serving our usual menu.
Monday evening we have our traditional beer battered fish and chips for 2 and a bottle of wine for £16.50.
Tuesdays you get a free pint when you order sausage and mash.
Wednesdays is a free glass of wine with your fish and chips
Thursdays is a free glass of wine when you order a Sirloin, T Bone or Rump.
Sunday lunch now being served until 4pm

Lunchtime special offer 2 for £10. For a limited period we are offering a lunchtime menu with 2 main courses for £10
Call in for a menu or see our website for details...Monday to Saturday only
Don't forget our take away menu... £4.50 for either sausage, fish, scampi or burger and chips. Pre-order on 732546 and we will have it ready for you to collect!

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club. The club made a promising start on 7th September with 50 members attending, our best ever. .We always need new members who are made very welcome, we are a very social and light-hearted club.
We are sorry to lose Sandy and Jeannine who have done so much for the club. They are moving to the west country .
Future events this year include a Scottish evening on 26th October (7.45 – 10pm with Highland dancers, live music and the annual visit of the Rushden Caledonian Society. The cost of the evening is £1.00 !!!
The Club Christmas dinner is on 16th December at Stanwick and the Christmas Party, with live music and Morris dancers, is on 21st December. All are welcome.
We meet regularly on Mondays in the hall 8.00-10.00. First night free!! Musicians are also very welcome to join our monthly live music night. For further please ring George Hearnden.

Alms House Cottage to Let. 33, Islington, Titchmarsh. A vacancy has arisen at a two-bedroom cottage. The property is situated within a row of six Grade II listed cottages maintained by a local charity in Titchmarsh for the benefit of those in need in the local community.

Preference is given to single ladies who were either born in the Parish of Titchmarsh or are resident within the village at the time of their appointment, under a Governing Instrument authorised by the Charity Commission.

The property benefits from oil fired central heating, lounge, kitchen/dining room with oven and hob, downstairs cloakroom, two bedrooms and bathroom. Communal garden. The rent payable is £126.00 per week inclusive of central heating

Application forms and further details can be obtained from Secretary to the Charity Mrs. Emma Morehen

Titchmarsh Local History Group. The October meeting will take place on Thursday, 8th October at 7.30 pm in the Club Room

“Northamptonshire History in Stained Glass”.

This will be an illustrated talk by Paul Sharpling from Kettering who has made a study of stained glass in the churches of Northamptonshire, including Titchmarsh.

The cost of the evening will be £2.50 including refreshments. For more information please call John Greig

Playing Field News. Thinking of ideas to give relatives for Christmas this year? How about a framed or canvas family portrait? We have secured the services of a professional photographer who will set up his studio in the Community Room at the Pavilion on Saturday October 24th and will undertake sittings for individuals, families or groups of people for a fraction of High Street prices. For just £25 he will take a whole portfolio of shots and include an A4 print. Other prints and/or speciality products can then be bought separately. Or, you can buy the high-resolution images in a digital format. He can also photograph your crafts or products should you need high quality pictures for brochures, websites or any other professional purpose. For examples and more information visit our new website at: www.titchmarshplayingfield.org.uk

Congratulations to Chapel Street who are the new holders of our ‘Street Challenge Trophy’ following their victory in a tightly fought encounter at our annual quiz. The light-hearted evening, which included a lasagne and salad supper, was a great success and contributed a healthy £800 towards our general fund. The money will be used to maintain and improve the facilities at the Playing Field. Thank you to Clopton’s ebullient quizmaster Paul Cooper for providing the questions and making the evening so enjoyable.

At last the grass is growing at the lower end of the field! This area has been levelled and re-seeded in order to provide a training area and small pitch for the youngsters. Once they have relocated to the new area (hopefully next Spring), we are hoping to level, drain and re-seed the top of the field so we have two flat pitches for the 2010-11 season when we will be welcoming a new junior team to our facilities.

Finally, a reminder the Community Room with its fabulous facilities is available to hire (at discounted rates for Titchmarsh residents) for private parties of up to 70 people. We now have lovely new tablecloths and improved interior décor to make your event even more intimate. Call Melvyn Chapman for further details.

SID KIPPER

A Kipper Country Christmas with Sid Kipper. Teller of Tales, Singer of Songs and Jester of Genius. **Saturday, 12th December** at 8pm in the Clubroom. Tickets £10.00 Telephone 735434 and book early to avoid disappointment.

Stitchmarsh. Meetings resumed on Wednesday 9th September, the theme for this year being 'Knitting'. But if members are interested we can explore other subjects such as crochet and weaving, as the main idea is to look at yarns and their uses.

We aim to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Clubroom and forward dates are as follows

Wednesday 14 th October	Wednesday 28 th NO MEETING
Wednesday 11 th November	Wednesday 28 th November
Wednesday 9 th December	Then a break until January 2010

For further information please contact Eleanor Greig

Titchmarsh Youth Group. The Youth Group has again started for the Autumn Term with 20 young people from the village in attendance on our first night back. We shall once again be meeting alternative Fridays and our next meeting will be on 9th October. On that evening we will have Richard from the NAYC attending and he will be undertaking a craft session.

Sessions at the Clubroom are £2 per evening. The £10 yearly membership fee is now due. Our next sessions are as follows:

23 rd October	Games Evening - Cultural Community Partnerships attending
6 th November	Climbing Wall in Peterborough
20 th November	Club night - Cooking
4 th December	Club night – Christmas Craft with NAYC

Members wishing to bring friends along to TYG, the entry fee will be £3 per session. Can you please ensure that a visitor form per friend (available on the village website) is completed prior to attending (for insurance purposes – thanks). For further information please contact Sue Shapland or Julie Ray.

Titchmarsh Village Shop. Jane, our Manageress is now back at the helm, repaired, refreshed and keen to serve you. Kim and Ivan, the temporary managers held the fort well and August trading figures were better than forecast, 20 per cent up on last year. So a big thank you all for supporting the shop during the holiday period.

Now we are heading into autumn and winter we are resuming our popular home made soups and other seasonal delights. Jane is always open to suggestions (of a shop nature!) so if you have any ideas for products you think the shop should stock, please let Jane know. All we ask is that you then come and buy them.

Further good news came in the form of Claire Wallace who has joined the shop management committee and we welcome this fresh input. We are still keen to expand our volunteer base so that Jane has a few more people she can call upon to fill gaps on the rota. Please let us know if you can help.

We are now in our 3rd year of trading and we hope the shop has become a valuable village asset, but we still need your support. As a thank you to our volunteers and supporters we invite them to Drinks and Nibbles on Friday 2nd October in the Dog & Partridge.

A shop newsletter will be circulated in November with details of Christmas goodies and an order form.

Finally, an appeal to those of you who order newspapers from us (especially at weekends). We are getting in trouble with our supplier regarding the number of returns, so unless you let us know when you don't require a paper, we may have to charge you for it.

Titchmarsh Village Shop Management Committee.

Titchmarsh Flower Club. The first of our 3 autumn meetings saw Diane Northwood demonstrating the Ikebana style of Japanese flower arranging. It was interesting and to our eye very minimalistic but had deep philosophical meanings !! We all reproduced beautiful, simplistic arrangements.

The October meeting (21st October) will see the return of Keith Gubbins from Raunds, who will create numerous arrangements with an autumn theme. We know that Keith will present an exciting selection of seasonal arrangements, most of which will be raffled; so do come along. We will have a Christmas theme at our November meeting (18th November) with inspirational ideas for the festive season.

The meetings start at 7.30pm in the Club Room and last a couple of hours; everyone is welcome. If you haven't been before don't be put off, (£5 entry fee) come and enjoy an informal social evening; either just watch and learn or take part in the workshop as well. More information from Terry or see the flyer on the village notice board the week before the meeting.

Terry Higgins.

Trees & Trimmings 2009. Trees & Trimmings will be held on **Sunday, 20th December.** The T&T committee has decided to change the format this year and details are currently being finalised. Look out for an announcement in the next Titchmarsh Times.

Titchmarsh Flower and Vegetable Show. We enjoyed a hot afternoon for this year's Show, with lots of visitors admiring the abundant display of vegetables, flowers, handicraft items and some amazing entries from the children. Thanks to all exhibitors, visitors and helpers that make the Show such a spectacular and popular event.

The Show committee donate proceeds from the Shows from time to time and this year we were pleased to give £100 to Titchmarsh School Gardening Club and £100 to help towards the costs of stocking the 4 village planters. Next years Show is on Saturday 14th August 2010.

Sylvia Prestwich.

Parish Council

Affordable Housing. Following the recent Open Day on Affordable Housing, which generated much debate, the Parish Council would like to re-iterate its position on the matter. We remain in favour of Affordable Housing for Titchmarsh, but not in favour of the site as it has been presented at Tofts Close. A summary of the debate and vote can be read in the minutes of the January 09 Parish Council meeting. We will continue to work with Northants Rural Housing to find alternative sites to bring Affordable Housing to Titchmarsh. Affordable Housing is an important issue for Titchmarsh and we would welcome your input into the discussions. If you have any comments, please speak to one of the councilors, or come along to the Public Open Time at the commencement of each Parish Council meeting to voice your opinion.

Parish Enhancement Gangs. As you walk around the village, please take note of any small things that need fixing. Examples include broken slabs, dirty signs, overhanging trees and other minor irritants that will enhance the village if fixed. Please send them to Emma Morehen at clerk.titchmarshpc@googlemail.com who will collate them on behalf of the village and pass on to a Parish Enhancement Gang who will be coming to Titchmarsh.

Maintenance of The Pound. Unfortunately no-one has come forward to look after the Pound Garden following our request in the TT in June. If anyone is interested in taking care of the Garden, which should take no more than a few hours per month, then please get in contact with Emma Meen.

December Parish Council Meeting. Advance notice is given that the Parish Council meeting to be held on December 17th will take place in the Pavilion. This is to allow the Clubroom to hold a Pantomime (Oh yes it is!)

Geoff Love

Finally. As you can see we are a bit pushed for space on this last page. The TT seems to get bigger with every addition. Thank you to all who are involved. Copy for the December/January Christmas Edition needs to be with me by the evening of **Saturday, 14th November.** Lets make it 10 pages !!!

John Greig (Editor).