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Community Initiatives

AT THE recent Annual Parish Meeting the Chair of Titchmarsh Parish Council — Jackie Rowe — launched a series of Community Initiatives. One of these is being taken forward by the Playing Fields Association and one by the Shop Committee — both with support from the Parish Council — and no doubt these organisations will share details as and when they are ready.

In addition, the Parish Council wants to look at some other initiatives which could have a favourable impact on life in Titchmarsh. Some might be quite simple, cheap and easy to implement; others may be a bit more complicated.

We are looking for parishioners to help us develop some proposals, look at funding issues — grants are available for some things — and then develop plans to implement. Of course, nothing would be implemented without giving parishioners the opportunity to comment.

Defibrillators — most villages now have at least one defibrillator located in the village. They are easy to use, won't work if the person is not suffering from heart failure and can save lives. Titchmarsh is a long way from the nearest A&E. The tragic death recently of a junior footballer in Thrapston has brought this issue even more into focus.

Where would be put a defibrillator? How much would it cost? How would we fund it? What is needed to make it work efficiently? Just a few questions a small team of dedicated people could address so that Titchmarsh has its own emergency response equipment.

CCTV — PC Minchinson attended the APM and advised us that CCTV is now being installed in a number of villages to help combat crime and that the cost of the equipment has now reduced. Unfortunately, although Titchmarsh is a safe and relatively crime free village we have had a few issues over the last couple of years. If we had CCTV where would be put it? How much would it cost? How would we fund it?

Speeding — we already have Community Speedwatch which operates each year and has demonstrated that it can have at least a temporary impact on speeding through the village. Is there anything else that could be done? What impact

is it likely to have? How much would it cost us? How would we take it forward and fund it?

Parking — a contentious issue — particularly around the school at the beginning and end of the school day. What short term and long term solutions could there be? How could these be taken forward? Who would need to be involved?

"If you are interested in helping to take any of these initiatives forward then please contact Jackie Rowe by e-mail Jackie.rowe@dsl.pipex.com or come to a pre-meeting of the next Parish Council at 7.15pm on Tuesday 22nd June at the Pavilion.



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PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

The Titchmarsh Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Clubroom on April 20th. The meeting is an opportunity for villagers to hear about current activities, issues and initiatives happening in the community. The meeting opened with the annual report given by Parish Council Chair, Jackie Rowe. She was followed by speakers including Councillor Wendy Brackenbury as well as representatives from the Titchmarsh Youth Group, Church, Village Shop, Clubroom, PFA and Pre-School.

Ian Curtis spoke about the Titchmarsh Emergency Plan which was recently adopted by the Parish Council. This is an initiative to help our community prepare for an emergency and reduce

its impact. In extreme conditions, such as heavy snow or a serious accident, there is a possibility that the emergency services may not be able to reach the scene immediately. In such circumstances, the initial response may rely entirely on local people. The Emergency Plan helps co-ordinate such activity by providing details of people, buildings and resources which will enable the community to respond more effectively to specific incidents. The Emergency Plan will be published later this year and will be downloadable from the website.

The final speaker of the evening was Sgt Paul Minchinson from the local police. Whilst there have been several incidents reported over the last 12 months, Sgt Minchinson reminded

everyone present that Titchmarsh has less crime in a year than many local towns have on a single evening. He praised the village for its sense of community and can-do attitude. He was also very impressed with the Village Facebook page and encouraged people to use it more often to report suspicious activity and anti-social behaviour.

Parish Council AGM and May Meeting

The latest meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 16th of May in the Pavilion. It was preceded by the Council's AGM. This is held every year to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, as well as to appoint committee members to other roles and bodies. Almost all the roles

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**We are still looking for co-ordinators for Dryden's Close and Polopit.
If you would like to help please contact Louise at the address below.**

First point of contact to report any crimes or suspicious behaviour is to call the police on 101.

Or you can email them at

SCT-EastNorthantsNorth@northants.pnn.police.uk

If you want to get involved with neighbourhood watch or want to know who your street co-ordinator is then you can email

Louise Benton-Pascoe who is the co-ordinator for Titchmarsh on lb101@btinternet.com

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Village Farm in North Street.

An application to develop this area has been received, full details of which are available on the East Northants website — see link below.

remained unchanged with Jackie Rowe returned as Chair and Sara Wilcox as Vice-Chair. The only changes were the role of Internal Scrutineer, which is now to be undertaken by Yvette Hooks, and the person responsible for preparing material for the Titchmarsh Times which is now Antar Howarth.

Village Farm -

As anticipated the planning application for Village Farm proved to be a major talking point. Two villagers also attended the meeting to voice their own concerns. Whilst it is unfortunate to lose

another working farm in the village, the proposed conversion of the old barns and outbuildings into 5 dwellings ensures that much of the current site will be maintained in its present form. The Parish Council supported the proposal subject to certain planning conditions being put in place. Details of the planning application and comments made by the Parish Council can be seen on the www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk website.

Allotments -

Titchmarsh is fortunate to have not one but two allotment sites! What is

perhaps less well known, however, is that until recently, the arrangement with the landowner to use the land was entirely informal. The Parish Council is pleased to report that it has now entered into a formal lease with the landowner which secures the future of both allotment sites until at least 2040.

Finally...

The Parish Council would like to congratulate the Playing Field Committee for the success of the 3k and 10k fund raising events. A very well-organised day that promises great things for the future!

Comment

HAVE YOUR SAY...

IT HAS often been said in these columns what a pro-active village Titchmarsh has become.

As a result of Parish Plans undertaken in the past a number of clubs, societies and organisations have become firmly established.

Many of these groups feature their events and meetings here in Titchmarsh Times, but there are others you may not know about.

I would like to create a list of all the different clubs with contact names to appear regularly here so people moving into the village are made aware of what's on offer.

If you are the main contact for a village organisation and would like your name on the list, please contact me at the email address at the bottom of this page.

Thank you.

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THANKS FROM JIM AND HELEN MYNORS

Helen writes:

We had an amazing April of different farewells. Thank you to all for your planning.

But more than that we have enjoyed ten years of welcome and hospitality in all the 7 benefice parishes from Rogation teas at Clopton to concert interval refreshments at Stoke Doyle and all stops inbetween. The lead up to

Christmas with all the different carols and mulled wine has been a special treat I will long remember!

These activities of services, fund raising events and many others help to build the Kingdom of God and we have seen how alterations to our buildings make hospitality easier.

Jim writes:

Thank you again for all your different

gifts and cards, which now decorate the cills in our conservatory reminding us of you all.

We are renting on the edge of Faringdon, Oxfordshire with fields behind the hedge but only a few minutes walk into town.

Best wishes from both of us,

Jim and Helen

Church services

June 2017					
4th	9.15am Communion	Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23	Titchmarsh	Canon G Jessop	
11th	9.15am Communion 4.30pm Family Service	2 Corinth 13:11-end Matt 28:16-20	Titchmarsh Titchmarsh	Rev M Whawell Chad Chadwick	
18th	9.15am Morning Prayer	Exodus 19:2-8a Matthew 9:35-10:8	Titchmarsh	Stephen	
25th	4.30pm All Age — Patronal	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Matthew 10:24-39	Clopton	Carolyn	
July 2017					
2nd	10.45am Patronal Communion	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Matthew 10:40-end	Aldwinckle	Rev Liz Waller	
9th	9.15am Communion 4.30pm Family Service	Zechariah 9:9-12 Matt 11:16-19, 25-30	Titchmarsh Titchmarsh	Rev M Whawell Carolyn	
16th	6.00pm Evensong (Choir)	Isaiah 55:10-13 Matt 13:1-9, 18-23	Titchmarsh	Carolyn	
23rd	9.15am Family Communion	Isaiah 44:6-8 Matt 13:24-30, 36-43	Titchmarsh	Rev G Bell	
30th	9.15am Communion	1 Kings 3:5-12 Matt 13:31-33, 44-52	Titchmarsh	ArchD G Steele	

From the Registers

Patricia Jacqueline Pillay of St Andrew's Close died on 31st March 2017 and was buried on 12th April

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200 Club winners

Very many thanks to everyone who contributed to the 200 Club this year. 132 tickets were sold and £792 has been raised each for Church funds and Titchmarsh School. This is very much appreciated, thank you!

This year the four winners every month will each win £17.50. There will also be four big cash draws this year, in April, July, October and January. These lucky winners will each win £200!!

The winners for April were:

- Dr Albin Wallace (27).....£200.00
- Mr Nick Partridge (71)£17.50
- Mr & Mrs Alan Dexter (126)£17.50
- Mrs Linda Hawkins (37)£17.50

The winners for May were:

- Mr Robert Wenman (29)£17.50
- Mrs Pauline Ash (76).....£17.50
- Mrs Sarah King (112).....£17.50
- Mrs B Jenkinson (62).....£17.50

Well done everyone and good luck for this year!!

Mary Cheney and Caroline Hope

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CHURCH ROTAS FOR JUNE AND JULY 2017

Date		Flowers	Time	Sidesmen	Intercessions	Readers
4th June	HC	Mrs S Prestwich	9.15am			Mr T Higgins
11th June	HC All Age Service	Mrs E Cawdell	9.15am 4.30pm	Mr A Powell Hope Family	Mrs J Powell	Hope Family
18th June	MP	Miss J Rowe	9.15am	Dr S Bell	Mr D Williams	Dr G Webster M R Fieldsend
25th June	All Age	No service here	4.30pm	Clopton	Patronal Service	
2nd July	HC	No service here	10.45am	Aldwinkle	Patronal Service	
9th July	HC All Age Service	Mrs S Wilcox	9.15am 4.30pm	Lady Harper	Sir Ewan Harper	Lady Harper
16 July	Evensong	Miss J Finlayson	6.00pm	Miss J Rowe Mr A Powell	Mrs J Powell	Mr S Barber
23rd July	FC & Sunday School	Mrs A Dunn	9.15am	Mrs K Williams	Mr D Williams	Mr D Williams
30th July	HC	Mrs A King	9.15am	Mr P Dunn	Mrs A Dunn	Mrs A Dunn

If the date doesn't suit please contact me on 732283 or email: ju.powell@btinternet.com

REMINDER about the Titchmarsh Village Fete and the Parachuting Teddies on Saturday 10th June 2017. The fete opens at 12.30pm by the church.

Collections of Tombola prizes and the selling of Draw Tickets will take place over the next couple of weeks, so do be kind to the person knocking on your door.

Donations of books, CDs, White Elephant items and maps can be dropped off at either Julia Powell at 10

Church Street or Sylvia Prestwich at 31 High Street.

Please deliver Cakes and Plants to the Church on Saturday morning or if this is not possible, take to Julia on Friday afternoon.

If baking a cake or donating a bottle or growing a plant is not your thing then maybe you would like to help erect the marquees on Friday afternoon at 3.30pm on the School field.

We do rely on the whole village supporting this Fete as the profits go to improving all our wonderful facilities and it generates Community Spirit.

Entry is FREE with FREE car parking and FREE Programme. Where else could you get such a bargain.

Open Garden Scheme – Sir Ewan and Lady Harper's garden will also be open during the afternoon with teas being available in the church.

The Organ Concert — was a wonderful evening enjoyed by the many who came, listened and chatted. Thank you to everyone who helped to get the organ project to fulfilment.

The Oundle School Organists are doing some training sessions in July, culminating in a free concert at 4pm on Friday 14th July. Afternoon tea will be on sale from 3pm with tea, coffee or something stronger along with all manner of teatime treats.

The Big Lunch — on Sunday 4th June will again be hosted in the church from 1pm. We will provide all the cutlery, crockery and glasses and tables and chairs. All you need to do is bring food to share in an open buffet and any drinks you need. Coffee, tea and milk

will be provided on a help yourself basis. If it is a nice day you may prefer to picnic outside or play games after lunch.

The Midsummer Masquerade Ball in the church on Saturday 24th June at 7.00 for 7.30pm. A young and vibrant team are organising this event and the evening will consist of a welcome drink, canapes, a two course meal and live music. There will also be a cash bar. Tickets are only £25 and can be secured from Sarah at margot.harrell@hotmail.com or Helen at helen.lb.rowe@hotmail.co.uk. Tickets are going well so book soon.

American Choir — will be singing a full Evensong in Church on Sunday 16th July at 6.00pm. This choir is

currently touring the UK and through a special contact they are coming to join us after leaving Ely. We are truly honoured to have them as our guest in our Church.

Jim & Helen's Farewell on Sunday 30th April went very well. 150 or so people turned up to wish them well for their future and in their retirement. They both served Titchmarsh very well over the last 10 years and will be greatly missed. We have interviewed a new priest, but at time of going to press the outcome is unknown.

Sponsored Floodlighting — Thanks to the Dunn family and to the Harper family for sponsoring the church floodlighting for the month of May.

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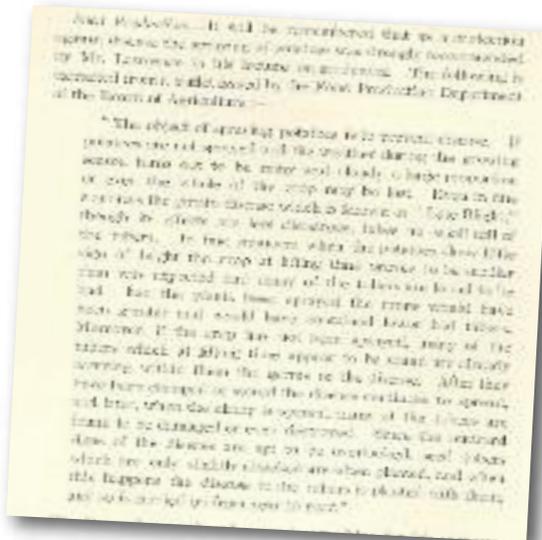
What's On at a glance...

JUNE 2017

Sun 4th	Big Lunch	Church	12.30pm
Mon 5th	Term starts		
Tues 6th	PFA meeting	Pavilion	7.30pm
Thurs 8th	Election day	Clubroom	7am-10pm
Sat 10th	Titchmarsh Fete	School field & Church	12.30-4.30pm
Sun 18th	Father's Day		
Tues 20th	Parish Council meet	Pavilion	7.30pm
Wed 21st	Summer Solstice		
Wed 21st	Mobile library	Opp Clubroom	4.35 – 5pm
Sat 24th	Masquerade Ball	Church	7pm
Sun 25th	FOTS Treasure Hunt & Cream teas	Village/Church	2pm – 4pm
JULY 2017			
Tues 4th	PFA meeting	Pavilion	7.30pm
Tues 18th	Parish Council meet	Pavilion	7.30pm
Wed 19th	Mobile library	Opp Clubroom	4.35 to 5pm
Fri 21st	Term ends		

From the archives...

This cutting is from the Parish Magazine exactly 100 years ago. The story was that the Rector had purchased a new spraying machine for himself, but was willing to lend it out to allotment holders...



How well do you know the village?

Here are a few more obscure questions and a puzzle picture in our regular quiz feature.

Answers below

- 1 What were The Poors and where were they located?
- 2 What was unusual about the church in the century following 1861?
- 3 Why do so many of the older villagers remember Stella Skinner?
- 4 There is an image of a king high up in the chancel of the church. Which king is it believed to be?
- 5 What was the only thing that a burglar at the school in 1936 is reputed to have stolen from the headmistress?



Sight The Site...

There used to be two of these big 'pebbles' to protect this building from vehicles catching it. One mysteriously disappeared a few years ago, but where is the one that remains?

ANSWERS

- 1 They were fields on the road to Bidwell that were owned by the church, the profit from which was originally distributed among the poor.
 - 2 It only had two rectors, Revd. Stopford and Canon Luckock.
 - 3 She was the headmistress of the school from 1937 to 1962
 - 4 Edward IV
 - 5 A kiss.
- The stone is on the corner of The Green and Chapel Street and is colloquially known as 'Pebble Corner'.

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A warm welcome from the Executive Headteacher at Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School

HELLO,

My name is Ed Carlyle and I am delighted to be working with you all as the Executive Headteacher of Titchmarsh Primary School. I'm pleased to have settled into the school so quickly, working with the staff and the children and meeting as many parents and carers as possible. I'm even more pleased to have been appointed as the permanent Executive Headteacher and to be working with you all over the years to come.

As with Mrs Milton before me, I am working in Warmington School as well but am based in Titchmarsh for at least two days a week and will always aim to be available at the school gates before and after school on those days to have a chat and to answer any questions you may have. You can also ring the school if you'd like a more detailed discussion



Ed Carlyle

and, of course, you can speak to my fantastic teachers and support staff with any questions you may have about your child's education.

So, the big question: who am I??

I have been teaching for 25 years, teaching both Politics and English and then I spent several years working for a local authority as a School Improvement Consultant. More recently, I have been both a Deputy Headteacher and a Principal so bring a wide range of experience to my work with you all at Titchmarsh. All the way through my career, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with young people and helping them achieve their very best. Being a teacher is a great job and being a Headteacher is an absolute privilege and I am delighted to have such a wonderful opportunity here – I can truthfully say that applying for the permanent post

was a very easy decision because of the warm welcome I received and also because of how fantastic both of the schools I oversee are.

Away from the classroom, I am a keen tennis and badminton player, I enjoy reading and cooking and, after my various assemblies with the children, I am sure they will also tell you that I like Doctor Who and travelling. They seem to remember that I like cake the most, though!!

I look forward to working with you over the years to come and warmly invite you to visit the school and see the wonderful work the children and staff are doing. I'd also like to thank you all for the fantastic welcome and warm wishes that I have received from so many people connected with the school and the local community.

With very best wishes,

Ed Carlyle.

Titchmarsh School Ofsted Report

THE PUPILS, staff and governors of Titchmarsh Church of England Primary School are delighted to announce the outcome of their recent Ofsted inspection on March 28th 2017.

'This school continues to be good'.

The report outlines the successes of the school in maintaining the 'good quality of education' since its last inspection five years ago, stating that 'parents and staff value the school's positive and encouraging culture. Their pride, in being part of the Titchmarsh Primary School community, is striking.'

The report also looks at the leadership of the school, saying 'high ambition characterises leadership at all levels' with the new Executive Headteacher, Mr Ed Carlyle 'wisely continuing to work

through the leadership and management systems that have served the school successfully in recent years' whilst using his 'own skills and experience to bring fresh impetus to the school's drive for continuous improvement' and noting 'the rigour with which you check on the effectiveness of additional support being provided for pupils'.

The report notes the 'range of expertise' of the governing body and the impact of their contribution was noted as 'governors are scrupulous in carrying out their responsibilities' and have 'an accurate understanding of (the school's) strengths and relative weaknesses.' Safeguarding was also highlighted as being effective.

Titchmarsh's close links with Warmington School were described as being 'an important factor in improving the quality of

leadership and teaching throughout Titchmarsh' and that the school 'values the opportunities the Unity provides for sharing best practice.'

Mr Carlyle paid tribute to the staff and pupils at the school – 'The staff at Titchmarsh are a highly-skilled and dedicated team who always strive for the very best for our children and I am delighted that the report reflects their hard work so clearly. Our pupils made the inspector very welcome and were keen to share how much they love their school with him and he was clearly impressed by their enthusiasm and love of learning.'

The school's report is now available on the Ofsted website and its next Open Week for prospective parents is the week commencing June 26th.

Contact us at: titchmarshtimes@gmail.com

Clubroom looking for a new caretaker

AFTER 10 years, John Fieldsend is retiring from his position as caretaker of the Clubroom. The committee would like to thank John for all his dedication and hard work. You will be sorely missed! We are therefore looking for someone to take over from John in July. If you are interested in finding out more about this paid position and what it entails, please contact Geoff Love on 07719944790 or Geoff.love92@gmail.com

Coming up

Our next **Pop-Up Dog** will be held on **Friday 26th May at 7.30 p.m.** Happy hour from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Snacks will also be available, so come along for an evening of fun and chat.

Dates for the diary.....

Garage Sale — This was very popular last year, so we will be holding another on Sunday 17th September from 10a.m. to 1p.m. More information will be available soon. Meanwhile, why not make a start on clearing out and putting aside all those things you keep but don't want or never use?

Quiz Night — Our next quiz night will take place on Saturday 7th October at 7.30 p.m. Look out for more details nearer the time.

If you would like to hire either the large clubroom or the smaller meeting room, please contact our bookings clerk, Val Sorrell at v.sorrell@tiscali.co.uk for details of prices and availability. Don't forget you can also hire our bouncy castle for children's parties.

The Clubroom committee

HISTORY ASSOCIATION

NEXT YEAR is the hundredth anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Over the years we have become aware of an unusual act of generosity to returning soldiers — the gift of an apple tree. The rector, Canon Luckock — himself a relatively young man at the time — was a keen gardener and wanted to give something that was useful and lasting, hence the trees.

Some of these trees still survive and bear fruit a hundred years later. One is in Alison and Antar's garden in Chapel Street. Alison has been investigating its provenance and seeing if viable cuttings can be taken from it. It is proposed that in order to mark the anniversary of the end of the conflict, saplings from these cuttings be planted for the benefit of future generations.

The History Association is leading the project and is keen to discover as much as we can about the original gifts and to identify all the remaining trees. You will already have received a leaflet about the project. If in any way you can add to our knowledge of the trees, we will be delighted to hear from you. Contact: Sylvia [sylvia@prestwich.aol.com] or 07850 841696, Terry [31 High Street] or lan [jcurtis@sky.com] or 732999



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In Times Past...

Danger on the road

A SAD FEATURE of life in these days of modern fast transport is the frequency of horrendous accidents on the roads, at sea or in the air. Contrast that with a slower time when accidents of a relatively minor scale were deemed newsworthy, as these items for the Northamptonshire Mercury bear witness.

In this one from 1925, a lad from the village has a tumble from his bicycle.

While cycling into the village on Friday afternoon, Mr A Bright, a young man of Titchmarsh was thrown over his handlebars, and received a nasty cut on the head, causing slight concussion. He had a basket on the handlebar, and it is thought that his knee caught it as he was descending the hill near the small-holdings.

Potentially more serious is this one from 1888, though one suspects that it generated more humour than harm. And in case you are wondering, the present Mr Marriott is not that old!

An accident occurred on Sunday to Mr John Baker and Mr John Marriott, of Titchmarsh. They were proceeding to Thrapston in a four-wheeled carriage, and after going safely down Sandpit Hill, a certain crash was heard, and the vehicle parted in two, the horse trotting off with the forepart. Both gentlemen were pitched rather violently into the road, but escaped with a slight shake. The horse took the matter quietly, and pulled up after proceeding a few yards.

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News from the Village Shop

THE FIRST few weeks of Spring have already slipped past. The delightful daffodils have come and gone, but if you were watching closely, you will have seen the blossoming of some brand new ranges in the shop...

If you haven't yet tried baking with our "Wessex Flour" you may have tasted the results in one of the delicious cakes made by our volunteers for the Open Garden Teas which were served in the Church on Bank Holiday Monday. Our thanks go to Ewan and Jenny Harper who attracted over 140 people to look round their glorious garden, many of whom came up to the Church for "tea & cake" and helped the shop raise over £350 on the day.

We are now enjoying fresh local produce as the growing

season picks up pace. We've started with asparagus from Mike Ashby in Polebrook — perfect with a great big dollop of Mary Berry Hollandaise.

Our succulent strawberries are a real treat, especially with our marvelous meringues — Eton Mess anyone? The raspberry season surely can't be far behind...

...and if you appreciate an occasional glass of wine on a Friday evening...and who doesn't? (this is Titchmarsh after all), you might like to try a bottle of our "Three Mills Reserve" from the Broadlands Winery in Norwich. Choose from Red, White or Rose at just £5.50 per bottle — got to be worth a try?

In other news — the shop has

just said farewell to Helen Mynors who has been a shop volunteer for nearly nine years. We would like to thank you for all your hard work & wish you and Jim all the best for your new life in Oxfordshire. The support of all our volunteers cannot be underestimated — you are the glue that holds our little enterprise together, and helps us to provide an invaluable service to the village. New volunteers are always welcome; it's a great way to meet new people in the village — so don't be shy — give us try. Just pop in to the shop, see us at the Village Fete on Saturday 10th June, or splash out £5 to become a shareholder and join us at the Shop AGM on Tuesday 4th July at the Pavilion (what a great way to spend Independence Day!



A BIG thank you to all the villagers who came to our annual quiz and also bid on our online auction. Such was the success of these events, not only did we raise enough to help fund the swimming buses to take the children to swimming lessons this term but we also have agreed to purchase 2 iPads and some new laptops. This additional IT for the school is amazing, we didn't expect to raise anything like the amount we did. Now every child in the school will benefit from these additional pieces of IT equipment. Perhaps we will see you at next years quiz?

Other events we have coming are:

On the afternoon of **Bank Holiday Monday 29 May**, we are providing the **Cream Teas** for the Open Gardens at Titchmarsh House. All the refreshments for the Open Garden will be in aid of FOTS, so please come and see us. We will be set up at the church, hopefully basking in glorious sunshine.

Another Cream Tea event is **Sunday 25 June**. This time we will be on the school field. This event is open to everyone and if you would like to we are also running a **Treasure Hunt** around the village. The Treasure Hunt is suitable for all ages and there will be prizes at the end. Please come along and support the school.

Further into the future we will also be hosting an **End of Term Party at the Playing Fields and Pavilion, on Friday 21 July**. This is the 1st time we will have Year 6 leavers and we plan to make this party an annual event. Currently planned are games,

a hog roast and ice cream van. We have booked the pavilion from 3 – 10pm. So do come along for some family friendly fun at the end of term.

We will also be selling refreshments at the **Village Fete on 10 June**.

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News Round-up



If you have something to sell, why not try the Titchmarsh village buying and selling group on Facebook?

Gardening Club

THE FETE is our biggest fund raising event of the year and the Plant Stall makes a significant contribution. We rely heavily on donations of plants, cuttings and other gardening items for the stall from village residents. This is just a gentle reminder to everyone that any donations of plants, cuttings etc. would be most welcome and can be left with Pauline and Bert Ash at 13 Dryden's Close or delivered to the Plant Stall on the morning of the Fete (June 10th). It would be most helpful if the plants could be labelled with their name and a suggested price. Many Thanks

Just a reminder for members our next meeting is on **June 6th** 7.30pm at Peter and Mary's. Please try and attend so that we can finalise details for the Fete.

Pauline

01832 735769 if any queries.

Thanks from the Pre-school

WE WOULD like to start by thanking everyone who came and supported our fashion show. It was a fun evening and we hope you all enjoyed it. It was lovely to see so many people from the village supporting us.

We are now in our final term of the academic year and have a packed few weeks ahead. We have our sports day on Thursday 8th June and then we will be at the village fete on the 10th June. We will be face painting and have some fun games for the children. As always there will be the coconut shy.

As we go into July we will be saying goodbye to our children moving on to big school. We wish them good luck. We will be holding an open morning to welcome new parents for September.



Boobs and brass another big success

THANK you to everyone who supported the event which was a total sell out.

The final total, which has been divided between Dementia and Breast Cancer research, was £4416.00 — which for a small village such as ours is fantastic — but I couldn't have achieved this without the help of the amazing people of Titchmarsh.

Thanks also to the girls from Boobs and Brass, some of whom travelled from Doncaster and Grimsby

making a total of 47 players plus the wonderful singers Jonathan and James Reynolds (Father and Son). **June Dove**

Flower and Vegetable Show

IT IS nearly that time of the year again. The Show will be held on **Saturday 12th August in the Church.**

There are some exciting new classes in the Floral Art section so look out for the Show schedule which will be delivered to every house in early July.

As is usual the Committee announces the theme for the photographic classes in advance to enable you to get snapping. The themes will be:

- ★ **Under 6 — Animals**
- ★ **7-13 — A Day Out**
- ★ **Adults — A Dramatic Sky**

For all allotment holders the competition for 'Best Allotment' will be judged during July.

Unfortunately there is one piece of bad news and that is the Church Field will not be available this year for parking however help will be available during the times which you can bench your exhibits and afterwards. There will also be a number of wheelbarrows available for use.

It is an enjoyable day which culminates in the auction of produce so please do come along and give your support.

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Picture of Youth Group evening making Mother's Day bouquets in March.

Titchmarsh Youth Group needs you...

OVER THE next few months Youth Group will be spending their Friday evenings mostly outside playing Tennis in Thrapston and Canoeing at the Frontier Centre.

Our final meeting will be on Friday 7th July from 7pm – 9pm at the Titchmarsh Playing fields where we will be playing fun team games and eating hot dogs! This evening is also an opportunity for new members to come along, so we would like to invite any children who live in Titchmarsh, Clopton or Thurning who will be moving up to school Year 6 from September 2017 as a free taster session.

We will also be holding our AGM on the 7th July starting at 9pm in the pavilion. Our Committee comprises of a small and dedicated group of volunteers from the village, however we really do need some new volunteer helpers to keep the Youth Group running. We meet every other Friday and the more helpers we have the less time commitment required from everyone.

If you are interested in helping the Youth Group in any way please either come along to the evening on the 7th July or contact Geri Elliott on geri@teamelliott.co.uk or phone or text 07768 902024 for more information.

Gerri Elliott, Youth Group Secretary

Did you find the napping cat?



AS PART of our quiz section in the last issue of Titchmarsh Times, we asked if you could find this cat embedded into a stone wall somewhere in the village. It's along the High Street at the bottom of number 45A. Some people have asked who created it and how it got there. If anyone knows its origins we'd like to hear the full story...



OUR GUEST callers have all kept us on our toes by bringing some exciting new dances to Titchmarsh, as well as calling many of our traditional favourites to ensure we always enjoy a varied and interesting programme. We are lucky to have quite a few musicians within our ranks who are always happy to provide plenty of foot-tapping tunes on live music nights.

We regularly update our website with information about our club and details of other local dances and events. It also contains a link to our facebook page which can be viewed at <https://sites.google.com/site/titchmarshfolkdanceclub/>

Our June / July programme for Monday evenings is as follows

- 05 June Summer Dance with Roy Garrington and the club band
- 12 June Club callers with live music led by Graham Prigmore
- 19 June Club callers with recorded music
- 26 June Guest caller Janice Holland
- 03 July Club Callers. American night with strawberries & cream
- 10 July Club callers with live music led by Graham Prigmore
- 17 July Club callers with recorded music
- 24 July Guest caller Graham Foster
- 31 July Club callers with live music led by Graham Prigmore

We meet at 8pm in the clubroom every Monday evening and regularly book guest callers and live music, with many social events throughout the year. New members are always welcome, no need to bring a partner as we're a very friendly bunch. Contact Kev on 01536 514023 or Jane on 01933 401349 for more info, or just come along and join in the fun.



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THE Playing Fields Association were overwhelmed with the response to the 3km and 10km run.

The turnout was fantastic; the largest number of (combined) entries to date. The weather hosted perfect running conditions. The feedback has been phenomenal. There were a few minor teething problems that the new committee encountered, but hopefully these went unnoticed!

We would not have been able to run this event without the huge amount of help and advice from those that have been involved in the past. So from the PFA, an enormous thank you to those of you who helped us to get this off the ground. Bring on 2018. **SUNDAY 13th MAY!!**

Easter seems a long time ago, however the Good Friday football and Easter egg hunt went well. At least 30 children turned up to play football, play on the bouncy castle and penalty shootout, enjoy hot dogs and refreshments and to meet with their friends.

Going on from the Christmas and Easter 'Play Dates, we are in the early stages of organising some

other dates for your diaries during the summer holidays. Please keep an eye on the village website and Facebook page for further information.

Another meeting was held last week to discuss the plans of the new play area. We are still in the throes of applying for funding. This is a long and slow process, however we are heading in the right direction.

The football season is coming to a close, training on the pitches continues into the beginning of July, at which point the players and coaches will be looking to enjoy a well-earned break. Training starts again in August.

We are also currently looking for a cleaner at the Pavilion. 4-6 hours per month depending on the bookings. If there is anyone local who may be interested, please contact Fiona 07779 713073 for more details.

The evenings are getting longer and warmer!! Fingers crossed for some warm and sunny days.

The PFA

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