

Merry
Christmas

Don't forget the traditional singing of carols on Christmas Eve around the tree on the Village Green at 7.00pm.

Find out more about what's on over the festive period in the village, including details of all the church services, in this anniversary edition of Titchmarsh Times.

Happy
New Year!

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Pre-School and Village Shop join forces for Christmas Fayre

ON **Sunday 4th December** we have our Christmas Fayre — a joint event organised by Titchmarsh Pre-School and The Village Shop. Join us at St. Mary's Church from 12.00 noon for a Christmas Extravaganza.

Alongside a tempting offering of festive goodies from the Village Shop we have a range of stalls selling jewellery, homemade crafts, decorative gifts, face painting and of course a visit from Father Christmas. There is also a chance to win some wonderful Prizes in our Christmas Raffle — so turn out your loose change (only 50p per ticket).

New for this year, we have our unique “Beer-ometer” to help you choose between our excellent ales from Nobby's & Nene Valley Brewery ... and for one day only a selection of indulgent & inspiring whisky liqueurs with tastings courtesy of John Wilde Spirits.

To keep out the winter chill we have Sarah's homemade soup, or if you prefer teas, coffee, cake and mince pies, and — hot off the Barbeque — our venison burgers and sausage dogs are not to be missed.

For your entertainment we have our two “Choirs of Angels” — our fabulous ladies choir & of course our charming children's choir!

So make sure you join us for an afternoon of Festive Fun (and food) on Sunday 4th — see you there...



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100 not out...

As well as sending season's greetings to all our readers, we are also celebrating this 100th edition of Titchmarsh Times.

The first edition of the magazine was published in June/July 2000. There were four editions that year and six in each subsequent year.

Thank you to all contributors and distributors for your continued support — here's to the next 100!

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PARISH COUNCIL

Anti-social behaviour

At the meeting on Tuesday 18th October 2016, we received an e-mail update from the police. After reports in September of anti-social behaviour involving youngsters and cars, PSCOs had spent time patrolling the village in October. As a result things appeared to have calmed down, however at November's meeting we received more complaints of anti-social behavior in the village, but of a different nature. This has been reported to the police.

The advice to parishioners is to report any concerns to the police as they occur on the 101 number.

Fly Tipping

If you see any fly tipping around the village, please report it to East Northants Council on 01832 742000 or use the form on the website <http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk> and search for "fly tipping".

The council are very good at removing illegal fly tipping. So please report any tipping and keep our village looking good.

Village Daffodils

On Sunday 30th October 2016 and Sunday 6th November 2016 volunteers planted about 7 thousand more daffodil bulbs. As in

previous years this was kindly organised by Michael Alderman.

New areas planted up were opposite the school, around the perimeter of the church field, the bottom of St Andrews Close, the road out to the A605 (Plum Pudding Road) and the Lower Green.

So thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their Sunday mornings, so Titchmarsh will be even more colourful next spring.

Website – Mailing List

As mentioned in the last edition of the Titchmarsh Times, we are going to have a mailing list on the village website. This will only

Neighbourhood Watch and Police

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 lbp101@btinternet.com

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be available to village residents and will allow information to be disseminated rapidly. There are checks and balances in the system to protect recipients' identities and to ensure that the system is only used responsibly.

This is being tested at the moment using the parish councillors as guinea pigs.

If you are registered on the village website, you will receive a request from the website administrator asking you if you want to opt in to receive these village emails.

If you have not yet registered on the village website and would like to receive this sort of information then go to www.titchmarsh.info and register. This will also then allow you to add news, details of events and comments to the website.

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Christmas tree

On a happier note the Parish Council have ordered a Christmas tree from a local garden centre and this will be erected on the Green by the shop on the 10th December 2016. Additional Christmas lights have also been bought, so all will be very festive in time for Carols around the Christmas Tree at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

And finally a Very Happy Christmas and New Year to all the residents of Titchmarsh.



AS POLICE and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, my primary aim is a simple one: to make Northamptonshire safer.

In order to ensure that everyone is working towards the same shared goal, I've already undertaken a great deal of work to ensure that Northamptonshire Police will play a central role in both the development and delivery of the new Police and Crime Plan for the county, rather than this simply being a strategy set by my team and I.

This is why — for the first time — a joint workshop for members of staff from the Force and my Office was held to develop ideas for a joint strategy. I want the force and my team to deliver the Police and Crime Plan, but I also want everyone to want to deliver it.

Northamptonshire is a large place. It's home to nearly a quarter of a million people, there's over 300,000 domestic properties and 268 parishes, which are joined together by a network of over 2500 miles of highways. Our current budget for policing Northamptonshire is around £122million. Although this might sound a lot, given the size of our county and ever increasing challenges we face, it means we'll have to make some difficult decisions on how our limited resources are allocated.

This is why the opinions and experiences of every single person in the county matters. Please do head to www.YourPCC.co.uk and let us know what you think.

Finally can I wish you all a Happy Christmas and should you need any help or assistance, please contact me at: commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk.

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FROM THE RECTORY

I WRITE on the day of the American presidential election result – and conscious that only last issue I wrote about ‘change’ albeit of a local kind. Ironically I suspect many look forward to this coming Christmas season as an opportunity for nostalgic reflection on a celebration that we like to imagine has changed little over the years. Some of us like the same decorations we’ve always used – or a similar pattern of events and food. And woe betide the church that fails to include all the right carols. Maybe that’s why Christmas remains increasingly popular.

Yet ‘Advent’ — the lead up to Christmas — and the Christmas story itself, is arguably about the greatest events changing our global history, even though they’re surely also about an antidote to the instability which marks years like the one now ending.

With all good Christmas wishes

Jim Mynors

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Thursdays in Titchmarsh Church Breakfast and informal conversation from 9am – or come around 9.30am and skip the breakfast! Come and go as you like – we generally run on until 10.30am but some leave much earlier than that. December 1st Advent in Mark. Then restarting January 12 & 26 when we shall be looking at the stories in our windows. Newcomers welcome

Revived choir for Christmas

If you’d like more details of this please contact David Buswell 733737

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding

Jamie Gibson & Donna Starsmore September 24th

Forthcoming Wedding

Ali Falconer & Katy Wills December 17th

Church services

| December 2016 | | | | |
|---------------|--|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| 4th | 9.15am Communion | Isaiah 11:1-10 Matthew 3:1-12 | Titchmarsh | Jim |
| 11th | 9.15am Communion 4.30pm Carol Service | Isaiah 35:1-10 Matthew 11:2-11 Clopton (no Titchmarsh Family Service) | | Liz Carolyn |
| 18th | 9.15am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Family Service | Isaiah 7:10-16 Matthew 1:18-25 | Titchmarsh Achurch | Jim Carolyn |
| 19th | 7.30pm Carol Service | With Thrapston band, choir, children, organ before & mulled wine etc after | Titchmarsh | |
| 24th | 11.30pm Communion | Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:8-20 | Titchmarsh | Jim |
| 25th | 10.00am Family Communion | Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:8-20 | Achurch | Jim |
| January 2017 | | | | |
| 1st | 10.45am Family Communion for benefice | Psalms 8 Luke 2:15-21 | Titchmarsh | Liz |
| 8th | 9.15am Communion 4.30pm Family Service | Isaiah 42:1-9 | Titchmarsh Titchmarsh | Jim Carolyn |
| 15th | 9.15am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Family Service | Isaiah 49:1-7 John 1:29-42 | Titchmarsh Achurch | Carolyn Jim |
| 22nd | 9.15am Family Communion | Isaiah 9:1-4 Matthew 4:12-23 | Titchmarsh | Jim |
| 29th | 9.15am Communion | 1 Corinthians 1:18-end John 2:1-11 | Titchmarsh | Liz |

200 Club winners

The winners for October were:

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Mrs E Knivett (57) | £200.00 |
| Mr & Mrs M Alderman (36) | £14.00 |
| Mrs S Baile (75) | £14.00 |
| Mrs E Roe (128) | £14.00 |

The winners for November were:

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Mr O Grange (100) | £14.00 |
| Mr A Powell (7) | £14.00 |
| Mr & Mrs I Curtis (160) | £14.00 |
| Mrs C Guy (86) | £14.00 |

A BIG thank you to everyone who has supported the 200 Club this year, and well done to all the lucky ticket holders!!

In March we will be delivering letters with details of how you can take part in or renew your 200 Club ticket. The

tickets cost £24 each for the full year and will be on sale throughout March. Half the proceeds benefit Titchmarsh Church and Titchmarsh School, and the other half is paid back in prize money.

There are four lucky winners every

month, each winning £14.00. There are also four big cash draws throughout the year, each one is £200 !!

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Mary Cheney and Caroline Hope

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CHURCH ROTAS FOR DECEMBER 2016 AND JANUARY 2017

| Date | | Flowers | Time | Sidesmen | Intercessions | Readers |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 4th December | HC | Mrs A Dunn | 9.15am | Lady Harper | Sir Ewan Harper | Sir Ewan Harper |
| 11th December | HC | Mrs A King | 9.15am | Dr S Bell | Mr P James | Dr G Webster |
| 18th December | MP | Mrs R Franklin | 9.15am | Mr A Powell | Mrs J Powell | Mrs J Powell Mr J Fieldsend |
| 19th December | Carol Service | | 7.30pm | tba | tba | tba |
| 24th December | Midnight Mass | Mrs J Powell | 11.30pm | Mr A Powell Miss J Rowe | Mr S Barber | Mrs J Powell |
| 1st January Benefice Service | HC | Mrs E Cawdell | 10.45am | tba | tba | tba |
| 8th January | HC Family Service | Mrs G Gaskin | 9.15am 4.30pm | Mrs K Williams Hope Family | Mr P James | Mr D Williams Hope Family |
| 15th January | MP | Mrs W Jeffries | 9.15am | Miss J Rowe | Mr S Barber | Miss J Rowe Mr J Fieldsend |
| 22nd January | FC and Sunday School | Miss J Finlayson | 9.15am | Mr P Dunn | Mrs A Dunn | Mrs A Dunn |
| 29th January | HC | Mrs J Rowe | 9.15am | Dr S Bell | Mr D Williams | Dr G Webster |

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

Strictly for St Mary's...

Below: Who-dunnit? Guests interrogate the cast of Strictly Murder in order to work out who the culprit was.



THANK YOU to everyone who supported the recent Murder Mystery event in the church. A splendid evening was had by all and our thanks particularly to "Strictly Murder" who waived their fee. We raised just under £1400.

You will have noticed scaffolding outside the church. This is because major work is going on to some of the windows. The work on the chancel windows is complete and the newly restored and cleaned stained glass looks splendid. Unfortunately the damage to the west window is more extensive than first thought so this work may not be finished until early next year.

At the time of writing the organ is being reassembled and should be ready for Christmas. The service of lessons and carols is being held on Monday 19th December at 7:30 p.m. with Thrapston Town Band, adult and children's choirs and mulled wine and mince pies

afterwards. On Christmas Eve there will be Midnight Mass at 11:30 p.m. and on Sunday 1st January there will be a Benefice service at Titchmarsh.

Orient Express 2 – that Riviera Touch! Those of you who joined our previous trip aboard the "Orient Express" from "Venice to Paris" will recall what an entertaining evening we had. Delicious food was eaten, curling competitions were won and lost, a murder solved and Kiki de Legges (Lynne Tetley) stole the show.

In 2017 we are embarking on a new adventure from "Paris to the Riviera". We are not sure yet what food and entertainment will be enjoyed en route but we are working on it. Two things we have decided the time and date – 7 for 7:30 p.m. on Saturday 18th February 2018 and the dress code — Riviera Chic (whatever that means). All in aid of St Mary's Church.

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Theatre trip to London

THIS year it's KINKY BOOTS, a local cobbler's story!! We will see the matinee performance on Saturday 4th February 2017, at the Adelphi Theatre, in London.

The plan is to leave Titchmarsh by coach (max 53 seats) at 11am, we will have our pre-ordered sandwich lunch (freshly prepared by Titchmarsh Village Shop) on the coach and arrive in plenty of time to see the 2.30pm performance of this fabulous musical.

After the Show we have a five minute walk to Café Rouge restaurant for our pre-ordered meal. After the meal we will leave London around 8pm for the journey home, arriving back in the village between 10 and 11pm.

The cost is £81.50 per person, which includes the cost of the coach, packed lunch, theatre ticket and a two-course meal.

Details of this year's trip have already been sent out via our mailing list to previous theatre goers. If you want to hear about future theatre trips at the earliest opportunity, please contact us and ask for your name to be added to the mailing list.

At the time of writing this article there are just 4 seats left for this year's show, so if you are interested in joining us, please contact us immediately:- Sylvia Prestwich 07850 841696 sylviaprestwich@aol.com, or Terry Higgins tel 734215, 31 High St, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF.

All you need for Christmas is available at your village shop



It's that time of year again...

Here comes Christmas! — and Titchmarsh Village Shop is bursting with exciting gift ideas and finishing touches for your festive season...

Not everyone can live in Titchmarsh, so why not share the magic with your friends and family and treat them to a Titchmarsh Shop branded gift, some local Titchwinle honey — or maybe our sugar mice stocking fillers?

For the big day, we have Grasmere Hampers with Pigs-in-Blankets, glorious gammon and beautiful bacon all available to order before Friday 9th December. We can also put together a bespoke order for vegetables and dairy which can be delivered free of charge in the village, or collected on Christmas Eve from the shop — last orders Monday 19th December.

Fancy some pudding? Why not order one of Liz's Lovely Recipe Christmas Puddings; muslin wrapped and delicious — perfect for setting fire to before adding a large dollop of brandy cream.

And don't forget our range of fine ales from Nobby's and the Nene Valley Brewery if you want to add a little Titchmarsh Sparkle to your Christmas table.

So pop in to the shop soon, and treat yourself to a tasty Titchmarsh Christmas.

Note for your diary – the first quiz of the year, in aid of TVS will take place on February 25th at the Clubroom. Details on the back page.

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The idea is yours and we'll do the rest.

There are 48 spaces, so for a **minimum** donation of £10 reserve your space.

First come, first served!

Packs with full instructions and a backing card will be available from the Village Shop in October.

Donations in advance please to reserve your space.

Louise Stokes. Louise Jeffries. Shirley Curtis.

At the time of going to Press, the following people have kindly donated to this year's charity telephone box display

Shirley and Ian Curtis
Louise and James Stokes
Louise and Kev Jeffries
Naomi and Tim Cooper
Alan and Julia Powell
Jackie and Stephen Barber-Rowe

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Michael and Margaret Alderman
Charlie Brown
John and Viv Wills
Peter James
Richard and Emma Roe

Caroline Henderson
Myrtle and Bob Seery
Maggie and Mel Chapman
Lucy and Gary Whiteside
Pauline and Bert Ash

We will be manning a stall at the Christmas Fayre on the 4th December, if anyone wishes to purchase a window then

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Recipes

These are the final two old village recipes taken from a notebook inherited by Jean Newman. We suspect that the Mrs Wood was the mother of Joan Wood who died last year.

MRS WOOD'S LEMON CHEESE

Ingredients:

2 lemons, 5 eggs, half a pound of butter, half a pound of sugar

Method:

Grate the rind and squeeze the juice of the lemons then put all together in a double saucepan and simmer for twenty minutes.

LOGANBERRY JAM

Ingredients:

Use three-quarter pounds of sugar to one pound of loganberries. No water.

Method:

Put the fruit and a little sugar on the fire [heat]. When the fruit is done add rest of sugar and boil for three quarters of an hour to an hour, stirring occasionally.

To test, try a little on a saucer.

In times past...

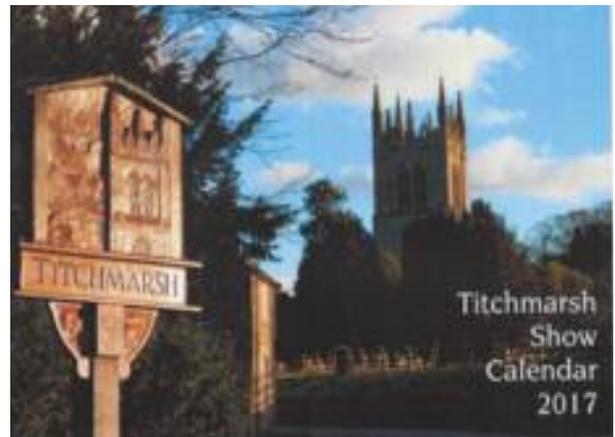
READING old newspapers, one is often struck by the differences in the ways that our ancestors lived their lives. For example, compare our energetic celebration of the Diamond Jubilee with this contemporary report of the rather more sedate celebration of the crowning of William IV in 1831.

Entertainment was provided in a central place in the village for all the women and children where a plentiful supply of tea and bread and butter was made to which all who were able contributed either by giving something to provide it or by waiting upon those who partook it.

The greatest mutual goodwill and unanimity prevailed. The church bells had been ringing at intervals throughout the day. A band of musicians attended and the whole company assembled and joined in the national song of God save the King. As soon as the labourers returned from the harvest field, they were supplied with ale to drink the King's health. All possible means were used to prevent excess. The day concluded by assembling in the parish church where suitable lessons were read, psalms sung and some of the prayers from the coronation service for the king's succession were read.

Christmas gift idea...

IT'S STILL not too late to get your hands on a special village memento — the 2017 Titchmarsh Show Calendar. There are just a few left priced at £6 available from the village shop...



The Titchmarsh Flower & Vegetable Show 2017 calendar is now available at Titchmarsh Village Shop at a cost of just £6. The full colour calendars reflect scenes from Flower & Vegetables shows over the years, and from the village.



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Alan Titchmarsh's Visit



ON 13th September 2016, Alan Titchmarsh came to Titchmarsh Primary School to celebrate the opening of the new building. All the staff and children, as well as their Mums and Dads, were there to meet him on the playground. We started the afternoon with a song, 'All Things Bright and Beautiful.' This was followed by a Year 5 and 6 musical rendition of the Ground Force theme tune, supported by Mrs. Campbell on the saxophone.

Mr. Alan Titchmarsh was presented with a framed piece of artwork by some of the children from Year 5 and 6. He talked to the crowds about his childhood memories and what school was like back then. He also talked about how great Titchmarsh Primary School is and was even brave enough to climb onto the roof to raise the Eco flag.

Alan then spent the rest of the afternoon walking around the building, meeting the staff and pupils and had a well-deserved cup of tea with Mrs. Milton.

It was a memorable afternoon, not bad for my second week at Titchmarsh Primary School.
Chloe Flavell, aged 9

We now look forward to Christmas and sharing as much of it as possible with our local community.

- **Christmas Musical Spectacular!** in St Mary's Church at 2.30pm on Friday 9th December
- **Twilight Carol Service** in St Mary's Church from 6.30-7.30pm on Wednesday 14th December
- **Morning Carol Service** in St Mary's Church at 9.30am on Thursday 15th December
- **School re-opens** for Spring Term 1 - 4th January 2017

This will be my last Titchmarsh Times contribution, as I leave Titchmarsh School to take up a new headship in January. I would like to thank you for all your support over the years and the good times shared. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of such a positive, vibrant community. On behalf of everyone at school, I wish you a very merry Christmas and prosperous new year.

Mrs Milton
Executive Headteacher

Friends of Titchmarsh School update



CHRISTMAS is just around the corner and this term has been very busy for the FOTS team and the school.

We have raised money in a number of creative ways, including children filling a tube of Smarties with 20p coins over the summer holidays, after they enjoyed eating them of course. Also many of you should by now have received your Christmas Puddings. Thank you for your support and enjoy eating them.

The children also attended a super spooky Halloween disco. This year, for the first time, we had to split the discos between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Both were well supported and the children took part in some spooky activities and dancing; there were also prizes for the best costumes.

The next event FOTS is organising is our annual Christmas Wreath Night on Monday 12 Dec, 7pm in Titchmarsh Church. Tickets are £20 and available from Fiona Love (Fiona.love@me.com) or Julia Fletcher (jmefletcher@sky.com). Come along for mince pies and mulled wine and go home with your very own beautifully created Christmas Wreath.

In the New Year we will also be holding another Curry Night at the Bengal Brasserie, everyone is invited and posters advertising the details will be up nearer the time.

A new venture that we are trialling is with easyfundrasing.org. Parents and teachers have joined in and you can help too. Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Friends of Titchmarsh School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoftitchmarsh/> and join for free. Then every time you shop

online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to FOTS for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Titchmarsh School (FOTS) will be really grateful for your donations.

Our recent fundraising has recently purchased Bibles for the new Owlets and any child that has joined during the school year. Also Bookbags and document cases for Owlets and Year 5. We continue to support the school by helping fund the school swimming buses and recently purchased 6 brand new laptops for the classrooms and iPad Minis for Years 5 & 6 to use.

Finally, if you are on Facebook please sign up to our group FOTS-Friends of Titchmarsh School Group to get updates on all things FOTS.

Thank you all for your continued support and we will hopefully see you at an event in the near future.

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News Round-up



Latest from the Pre-School

IT'S HARD to believe Christmas will soon be here again. As always this is a very busy term, with lots of events and celebrations.

During Nursery Rhyme week we looked at different nursery rhymes and themed our activities towards these.

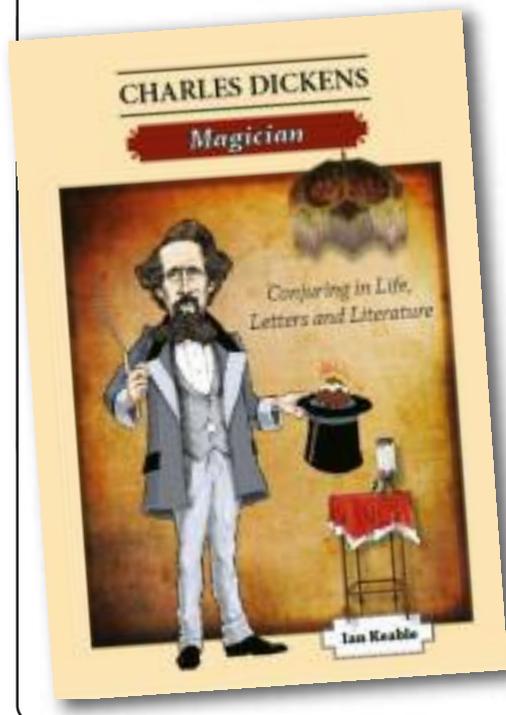
Children In Need was spotty themed and many children and staff joined in with wearing a spotty outfit.

The term will end with a trip to the Winter Wonderland at West Lodge and our Christmas party will be held on the last day of term.

We also look forward to our joint Christmas Fayre with the village shop on Sunday 4th December from 12 - 3.30 in the church. There will be a selection of stalls and refreshments. There will of course be a visit from Father Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all then.

The staff and committee would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Television personality starring at The Clubroom



THERE IS still time to get your tickets for 'The Secret World of Charles Dickens' on Saturday 3rd December. Ian Keable, who has appeared on numerous TV shows, reveals the secret side of Charles Dickens and recreates his favourite tricks and the spooky practices of the Victorian psychics. The show starts at 7.30 p.m. and is suitable for adults and children over the age of 12. Price £10.00 per person. The bar will be open and a meal will be served in the interval. For tickets, please contact Diane on 01832 735881 or Hayley on 01832 732488 or Julia on 01832 732283 or email dihellis@yahoo.com

Don't forget the Pantomime on Sunday 11th December. This year we will be presenting 'Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood'. Great entertainment for young and old! Doors open at 2.30 p.m. for a 3 p.m. start. Adults £6.00, children £4.00, family of 4 £15.00. Contact Diane on 01832 735881 or Hayley on 01832 732488 or Julia on 01832 732283 or email dihellis@yahoo.com

Come along for a Christmas edition of the Pop-Up Dog on Friday 23rd December at 7.30 p.m. Happy hour from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Festive snacks will be available.

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.

The Clubroom committee



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Titchmarsh Flower Club



OCTOBER'S meeting was again under the guidance of Sarah Williams, of Errismore Flowers, The Wharf, Oundle when we learnt how to create a 'modern arrangement'. This striking creation wasn't as easy to achieve as it looks, but it was a great success resulting in a glorious array filling the room.

November's meeting saw us creating a floral Christmas tree which makes an unusual Christmas arrangement. Great festive fun was had by all.

This completes the year's demonstrations, so a big 'thank you' to our members for their support.

Terry Higgins
07866 987039

Thomas Knight Charity

THE Titchmarsh 'Thomas Knight Charity' is an amalgamation of half a dozen charities whose combined income is about £450 per year. This is divided annually between half a dozen couples and a dozen others who live alone; these are Titchmarsh people who are elderly or in need. The current trustees are Mel Chapman, Cheryl Godfrey, Rev Jim Mynors and Sylvia Prestwich. We would be glad of suggestions (in confidence) of anyone in Titchmarsh whom you think might be eligible to benefit from this charity.



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. At our charity cake night in September we raised over £160 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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/titchmarshfolk-danceclub/>

- 05 Dec Club callers with recorded music
- 12 Dec Guest caller Phil Cambers
- 19 Dec Christmas Party with live music led by Kevin (7.30pm start)

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- 09 Jan Club callers with recorded music
- 16 Jan Guest caller Kevin Mears
- 23 Jan Old favourites with club callers
- 30 Jan Club callers with live music led by Kevin

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.

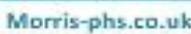
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Join us for Christmas Drinks and Nibbles on December 3rd

THE NEW Titchmarsh Playing Fields Association (PFA) has now been formed and is well underway.

First and foremost, a big thank you to the previous committee for all of their continued hard work over the years. We are reassured that you support the new committee in its early days, should we need you!

The new PFA committee members are Nick Abraham, Martyn Tiney, Chris Yates and Matt Foley (who we welcome from Thrapston Town Football Club), Mark Noakes, Tracey Levick, Adrian Jones, Fiona Swan, Sarah Fortescue and Paul Fletcher. We will be meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. Anyone other than the committee is welcome to attend these meetings with their thoughts and concerns and ideas.

The most exciting news as we move forward, is our new collaboration with Thrapston Town Juniors Football Club. They will be using the pitches for training and home matches between September and the end of April. The football club will be responsible for the maintenance of the playing fields (except grass cutting) and the upkeep of the changing room areas.

As a youth centre for football (no adult teams), it is hoped that we can encourage more children (girls and boys) to be playing football and get residents involved with coaching, as the relationship with the club grows. TTFC have a big presence on the new committee, which should result in users sharing the ownership

responsibilities at the venue.

We are able to inform everyone that a new heating and air conditioning system is now fully installed and up and running. We hope this can now encourage more bookings. Naomi continues to use The Pavilion on Thursday mornings for her Music Maker group, however there is plenty of availability, so we would like to hear from anyone who is keen to use the Playing Fields and Pavilion as a venue.

The Titchmarsh 10km Road Race and The Sportive have been discussed at length at our last meeting. We are keen to keep both of these on the calendar, however these two events alone, consume so many man hours, it really will depend how much help we receive from volunteers, as to whether it is viable to run them.

Within the new PFA we have formed a sub-committee, solely responsible for the refurbishment of the play area. We are in the very early stages, but excited, learning what funding is available and what potential there is, for a new play area.

To discuss all of these subjects and more, the PFA are holding a welcome 'Christmas Drinks and Nibbles' on 3rd December between 4pm and 6pm. This is your opportunity to join us for an informal chat and to let us know what you would like to see in the play area and what we can all use the playing fields and Pavilion for.

We Look forward to seeing you on the 3rd December and take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

Village Shop Quiz 2017

Don't miss the first quiz of the year, the Titchmarsh Shop Quiz will take place on Saturday February 25th at the Clubroom. Teams of 8 — Reserve your tickets today

Just email Sarah Fortescue
MargotHarrell@Hotmail.com or
telephone her on 07919 005987.

Monday Morning Café

MONDAY Morning Cafe continues through the festive season with the exception of 26th December. Escape the winter blues with friends old and new every Monday 9-11 in the Church. Refreshment, cakes, toys and crafts for little ones.

Experienced and novice knitters of all ages are invited to a special "huddle" on 2nd January to teach, learn and share their skills. Bacon rolls and mince pies also highly likely!

Look out for posters with details of other special events. Suggestions for activities are always welcome.

A warm welcome awaits.

Judith Earle

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