



Fluttering and dancing in the breeze...

VISITORS and residents alike couldn't fail to be wowed by the majestic display of daffodils this year along all the entrances to our village. Numerous compliments were posted on Facebook, and we have published a typical comment on page 3 of this issue.

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Titchmarsh Village Fête and the Parachuting Teddies

**Saturday
10th June 2017**

THE FÊTE opens at the slightly later time this year of 12.30pm with much to enjoy by all the family. There will be games of various sorts and suitable for all ages, including a brand new Assault Course, stalls including; home-made cakes, bric-a-brac, tombola, plants, books and more. There will also be a barbeque, teas and cakes, plus a licensed bar and Pimms tent. The Grand Draw returns once again with lots of fabulous prizes and a full programme of events in the arena, including new for 2017 a pony display and the return of the dog agility and of course the famous Parachuting Teddies are back – who will fly furthest this year?

Collections of Tombola prizes and the selling of Draw tickets will take place over three or four weeks prior to the fête, so please 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 6 North Street. Any cakes or plants can be delivered to the Church on Saturday morning or taken to Julia on Friday afternoon.

If baking a cake, donating a bottle or growing a plant is not your thing then we are always in need of help erecting the marquees on Friday afternoon at 3.30pm on the school field.

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

If you would like to help us on fête day perhaps on a stall for an hour or so or with the activities in the church, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Fiona Love on 07909 916 340 and she'll find you a job!

Entry is FREE with FREE car parking and a 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 of the fête with teas being available in the church.

Teams of up to 8 will compete for the prestige and honour of winning the FOTS Quiz on April 29th.

Entries should be submitted to Fiona Love via email — fiona.love@me.com or drop details at her house on the High Street with details of team members or just to register your interest in being part of a team.

As per normal the entry fee is £10 per head. Hot food will be provided, there will be a bar and plenty of banter along the way.

the BIG quiz

If you think you can do better than this year, you're in with a chance!

If not, then just enjoy the food, the company, the kit & drinks sponsored by adding on our top auction lots available all the night!

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PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Time: Thursday 20th April 2017

Venue: Titchmarsh Clubroom

Time 7.30pm

Various clubs, the Shop, the Church, Playing Fields Association and the School etc. have all been invited to speak at the meeting.

Sergeant Paul Mitchison from Northamptonshire Police will be attending to give an update and to answer your questions. Our District Councillor will also be in attendance.

At the end drinks and nibbles will be available, so you can all do a bit of socialising.

Parish Council meeting February 2017

At February's meeting members of the public attended who were concerned about the parking in North Street, with regards to access for emergency services and agricultural vehicles. This is outside our remit, therefore, would concerned residents please contact the police on 101.

Also raised was the parking on the grass verges at Lower Green.

Parish Council meeting March 2017

At public open time, Liz Holland from Volunteer Action attended to inform the council about the charity. Volunteer Action offer a Community Car Service, Befriending Scheme and Enhanced Referral Service for people in the community.

Volunteer Action operate in Thrapston, Oundle and the surrounding villages, including Titchmarsh. Liz wanted the Parish Council's help to ensure the message was relayed to the residents who may need their services.

The Community Car scheme is free to join but there is a charge of 40 pence per mile, but only when you are in the car. They will pick up from your house and take you to where ever you want to go.

The Befriending scheme offers one to one support and companionship for the elderly and isolated.

The Enhanced Referral Service (part of Volunteer Action) offers help filling in forms, putting you in touch with the correct agency to help you etc.

To offer this service, they also need volunteers to be drivers or to befriend someone who is lonely or needs assistance. Travel costs will be covered. Leaflets will be left at the shop for those interested in using the service or volunteering.

Neighbourhood Watch and Police

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<https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/30/Join>

**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
lbp101@btinternet.com**

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Comment

HAVE YOUR SAY...

We welcome your letters on any subject concerning the village. Letters will only be published if they are original and include the author's name. Publication in this column is not in itself an endorsement of its sentiments by TT.

For further information call 01832 275433
Email: admin@volunteeraction.oundle.org.uk

Visit Volunteer Action in person at: Fletton House, Fletton Way, Oundle, PE8 4JA.

Open 9am – 1pm 5 days a week.

Allotments

The first allotment inspection of the season has been completed. We are pleased to say that the majority of the allotments are well kept and in good order.

Village daffodils and parking

As you will have seen over the last month or so the village has been full of lovely yellow daffodils dancing in the sun. This is down to the Parish Council who pay for the bulbs and to Michael and his team of village residents who give up their time at weekends to make our village bloom in spring.

It is a shame that some continue to park on the verges in the village. When this happens at the Lower Green visibility at the junction for other road users is obscured and damage to the daffodils is disappointing. Please be considerate and do not park on the verges.

If you are affected by parking issues in the village, we encourage you to report issues to the police on 101, as regrettably the parish council have no authority in this matter.

A host, of golden daffodils

THE daffodils flowering along the village entrances have been particularly spectacular this year. Please convey our appreciation to those responsible. Clearly, it is not without some effort that we can all enjoy the benefit of these cheerful Spring displays. Thank you.

Janice and Len



MY HUSBAND and I moved to Titchmarsh from Kent just before Christmas. After the initial rush to move in I started to look for a way to get to know people — Titchmarsh Village Shop was suggested.

As the shop is manned a lot of the time by volunteers and Jane the manager is always looking for people to come on board, I was welcomed with open arms. Initial training was given to me by lovely ladies who have all supported the shop for some time. I was made to feel very welcome.

Three weeks ago I was let loose on my own! What a wonderful way to spend a couple of hours.

People in Titchmarsh are very friendly and gradually I am beginning to recognise individuals just as they get to know me. Friendly chat and banter — feeling that people are interested (not nosy) just caring and interested.

As to the actual shop — if you look further than the loaves of bread or the eggs (both local produce) you will see there is much more. Other local products such as pies, meats and honey are complimented by local craft ideal as gifts. Local beers are stocked along with a range of wine.

Everyday items are there beside the more unusual and there is a selection of greetings cards which you will find difficult to better in other larger, local shops.

When we moved to the area we thought it would be nice to find somewhere that had a shop as many villages no longer have this facility. How lucky we are to have discovered this village and this shop. Hopefully the good people of Titchmarsh will continue to volunteer under the guidance of manager Jane for many years to come and the community of Titchmarsh will continue to enjoy this facility run by the community for the community.

Denise Tourle



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From the Rectory – for my last time!



Revd Jim Mynors

AFTER decades sharing parish ministry with responsibilities in the wider church it has been very rewarding to finish with 10 years really focussed locally. After all that is where rural communities and churches can be at their strongest. So let no-one dismiss what we're about as merely 'parochial'.

In this last lap I've also been particularly struck by the significance of local leadership. So the AGMs have been encouraging with their reassurance that there are plenty to

carry on where I'm leaving off.

What now? Applications for the post of Rector here are already starting to come in and those shortlisted will be interviewed in mid-May by representatives of the 7 parishes. Then – watch this space!

With all good wishes

Jim Mynors

From the registers

William Hope was confirmed on March 19th in Stamford

Church services

| April 2017 | | | |
|------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| 2nd | 9.15am Communion | Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45 | Titchmarsh Jim |
| 9th | 10.45am Palm Sunday 4.30pm Family Service | Process from Village Hall | Wadenhoe Jim Titchmarsh Jim |
| 13th | 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion meal (provided) | | Titchmarsh Jim |
| 14th | 12 noon Good Friday Service | | Titchmarsh Carolyn |
| 16th | 9.15am Easter Communion | Acts 10:34-43 John 29:10-18 | Titchmarsh Jim |
| 23rd | Family Communion | Acts 2:14, 22-32 John 20:19ff | Titchmarsh Liz |
| 30th | 10.45am All-age farewell | Luke 24:13-35 | Titchmarsh Jim |
| May 2017 | | | |
| 7th | 9.15am Communion | Acts 2:42-end John 10:1-10 | Titchmarsh Canon Gill Jessop |
| 14th | 9.15am Communion 4.30pm Family Service | Acts 7:55-end John 14:1-14 | Titchmarsh M Whawell Titchmarsh Carolyn |
| 21st | 9.15am Communion 4.30pm Family Service | Join with Pilton | Pilton Bishop Donald Achurch Carolyn |
| 28th | 10.30am Family Communion and Sunday School | | Titchmarsh Liz |

200 Club winners

FEBRUARY

Miss J Finlayson (25) £14.00
Mrs G Heafield (21) £14.00
Lady Harper (117) £14.00
Mrs S Wells (199) £14.00

MARCH

Mrs R Knight (1) £14.00
Mrs W Pritchett (152) . . £14.00
Mrs C Blackman (94) . . . £14.00
Mrs M Coutts (3) £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!!

Mary Cheney and Caroline Hope

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CHURCH ROTAS FOR APRIL AND MAY 2017

| Date | Flowers | Time | Sidesmen | Intercessions | Readers |
|--|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 2nd April HC | No Flowers | 9.15am | Miss J Rowe | Mr S Barber | Mr T Higgins |
| 9th April No Service Here Palm Sunday All Age Service | | 10.45am 4.30pm | in Wadenhoe Hope Family | | Hope Family |
| 13th April Maunday Thursday HC | No Flowers | 7.30pm | Mr A Powell | Mrs J Powell | Mrs J Powell |
| 14th April Good Friday | No Flowers | 12 noon | Miss J Rowe | Mr S Barber | Miss J Rowe |
| 16th April Easter Day HC | Mrs A Dunn | 9.15am | Dr S Bell | Mr D Williams | Dr G Webster |
| 23rd April FC and Sunday School | Mrs A King | 10.30am | Lady Harper | Sir Ewan Harper | Lady Harper |
| 30th April Farewell Family Comm | Mrs R Franklin | 10.45am | Mr P Dunn Mr A Powell | Mrs J Powell | Mrs A Dunn |
| 7th May HC | Mrs W Jeffries | 9.15am | Mrs K Williams | Mr D Williams | Mr D Williams |
| 14th May HC All Age Service | Mrs G Gaskin | 9.15am 4.30pm | Mr A Powell Hughes Family | Mrs J Powell | Mrs J Powell Hughes Family |
| 21st May No Service Here | | 9.15am | in Pilton with | Bishop Donald | |
| 28th May FC and Sunday School | Mrs J Powell | 10.30am | Dr S Bell | Miss J Rowe | Dr G Webster |

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

Orient Express evening is a great success

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our recent Orient Express — that Riviera Touch! evening. We made over £2500 which will be a significant contribution to our ever rising costs. As well as those contributing delicious food, helping with decorations and providing splendid entertainment we would particularly like to thank those people who donated promises to the auction.

Inaugural Organ Concert

As most of you are aware the church organ has recently been restored. On **Saturday 8th April at 7.30pm** the Bishop of Brixworth will perform a short re-dedication which will be followed by a concert led by William McVicker — our technical consultant and an internationally acclaimed organist. The Benefice choir will be contributing and there will be a new fanfare composed and performed by children from the primary school and members of the community.

This is a free event sponsored by Heritage Lottery but due to the possibly large numbers of people wanting to

attend we will need to ticket this concert, so please contact Sharon Bell on 01832734997 or drsharonbell@hotmail.co.uk to reserve your tickets. Refreshments will be available at the end of the concert.

Palm Sunday on Sunday 9th April

A church service (with donkey) is being held in Wadenhoe at 10:45 a.m. If the weather is clement a group of people will be walking over – leaving the Top Green at 9:15 a.m. Please feel free to come and join us.

Church AGM

This will take place at **7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 26th April.**

Jim's last service

Our rector Jim Mynors is retiring at the end of April and his last service will be at **10:45 on Sunday 30th April.** All welcome.

Boundary Walk

Sunday 14th May. Meet at the church at 7.30am for the long route of 18 miles

or 10.30am for the short route. If you want to do something in between then contact Julia on 732283 or ju.powell@btinternet.com and we can sort out a plan. The cost is £3 for adults and £2 for children (accompanied please) and this all goes to the church. There are refreshments provided at 2 points on route, but if it is a hot day please take some water with you and if you are walking the long route please bring a stick as there are unfootpathed ditches to cross. We look forward to seeing you.

Date for the Diary

There will be a **Big Lunch** in the church on **Sunday 4th June** (the national Big Lunch is on 18th June but Titchmarsh is ahead of the game and we didn't want to hold it on Father's Day). Just bring along a plate of food to share and whatever you want to drink. Plates, cutlery, glasses & napkins will be provided. If the weather is nice and you want to picnic then you might want to bring picnic chairs & rugs.

Contact us at: titchmarshtimes@gmail.com

From the Clubroom...

DO YOU fancy a 'new you' for summer? If so, why not try one of the classes held at the clubroom? If you want to be more relaxed or supple, why not try yoga on Tuesdays from 7.15 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. Alternatively, we have Pilates on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. till 8 p.m. For something more energetic, Folk dancing takes place on Monday evenings between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Details of all these events, and others, are on the [website:](http://www.titchmarsh.info/clubroom) <http://www.titchmarsh.info/clubroom>

As many of you will know, Joan Woods, a long-term resident of the village passed away late in 2015. She very kindly left the Clubroom a sum of money in her will. The committee is very grateful for this kind donation and we are hoping to use this money to furnish the small meeting room with new tables and chairs and to buy a new drinks fridge for the bar area. We will be raising a glass as a thank you to Joan in the near future.

Don't forget, if you are looking for a venue to host your own event, we now have 2 rooms available: As well as the large clubroom suitable for wedding receptions, children's parties and other larger gatherings, we also have the smaller room which can comfortably accommodate up to around 15 people. The good news is that there will be no increase in the rates this year so 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 Youth Group

FIRSTLY, we would like to say a big thank you to Louise Stokes, Louise Jeffries and Shirley Curtis for the kind donation of £100 raised from the Christmas cards displayed in the village phone box. Additional financial support from the villagers really help us to subsidise events and purchase new equipment for the group. We've had a fun start to the year which has included celebrating Chinese New Year, pancake making (and eating!) and an entire evening of playing Dodgeball. The committee have planned events from Easter until the end of Summer term as follows:

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|---|------------------------------|
| 21st April Club night | Clubroom |
| 5th May Craft evening with Richard | Clubroom |
| 19th May Tennis | Thrapston Tennis Club |
| 9th June TBC | Clubroom |
| 23rd June Frontier centre — canoeing | Frontier Centre |
| 7th July Games and picnic | Playing Field |

We update the Titchmarsh village website with confirmed plans, so please check this for the latest information.

We are always open to new suggestions for activities at the Youth Group, or if anyone would be happy to give up an hour or so on a Friday night and demonstrate an activity to the members it would be greatly appreciated, so please contact me.

For further information contact Geri Elliott on geri@teamelliott.co.uk or phone or text 07768 902024.

Thank you.

Geri Elliott, Youth Group Secretary

What's On at a glance...

31st March Term ends

APRIL 2017

| | | | |
|------|---|-------------------|----------|
| 4th | PFA meeting | Pavilion | 7.30pm |
| 8th | Re-dedication of Organ concert | Church | 7.30pm |
| 14th | PFA football kick-about | Playing Field | 11am-1pm |
| 14th | Good Friday | | |
| 16th | Easter Sunday | | |
| 17th | Easter Monday | | |
| 18th | Parish Council meeting | Pavilion | 7.30pm |
| 19th | Mobile library | Opposite Clubroom | 4.35-5pm |
| 19th | Term starts | | |
| 20th | Parish Council Annual Parish meeting | Clubroom | 7.30pm |
| 29th | FOTS quiz | Clubroom | 7.30pm |

MAY 2017

| | | | |
|------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1st | Bank holiday | | |
| 2nd | PFA meeting | Pavilion | 7.30pm |
| 7th | 10K Road Race & 3K Fun Run | | |
| 13th | Boobs & Brass concert | Church | 7pm |
| 14th | Boundary Walks | | |
| 16th | Parish Council meeting | Pavilion | 7.30pm |
| 17th | Mobile library | Opposite Clubroom | 4.35-5pm |
| 26th | Term ends | | |
| 29th | Bank holiday | | |

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Thanks to all those who displayed their Christmas greetings in the phone box...



A word from Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance

Thank you for your kind donation to Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA) part of The Air Ambulance Service. We attend a variety of rescues from life-threatening illnesses such as strokes and heart attacks to serious equestrian accidents, from burn victims to people seriously injured in major road traffic accidents. We receive no Government funding — we rely entirely on the kind support we receive from generous people like you, so thank you.



How well do you know your village?

1. What grisly discovery was made in Church Street in the early sixties?
2. Kitchener and Jellicoe were housed in the Green Yard in the centre of the village. What were they?
3. Where was the village poor house?
4. In past years, if you fancied a drink at The Vine, where did you have to go?
5. What was the population of the village in 2011?

Answers on back page.

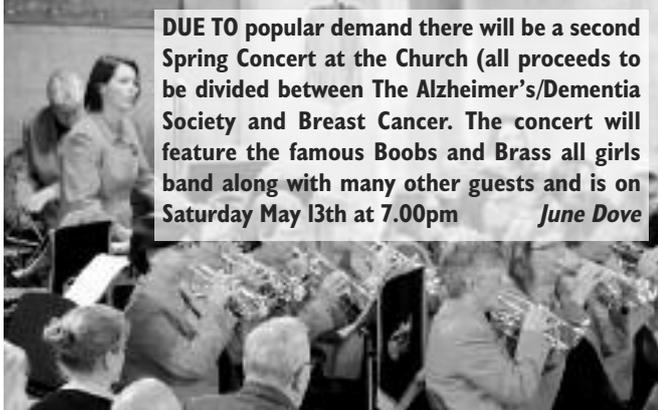


Sight The Site...

This one's set in stone! Somewhere in the village a cat is permanently napping, but where exactly is it?

To give you some time to find it, we won't reveal the location till the next issue of TT.

Boobs and Brass is back



DUE TO popular demand there will be a second Spring Concert at the Church (all proceeds to be divided between The Alzheimer's/Dementia Society and Breast Cancer. The concert will feature the famous Boobs and Brass all girls band along with many other guests and is on Saturday May 13th at 7.00pm June Dove

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Another bumper turn-out for Clive's repeat performance

IT WAS good to see so many at Clive Carter's second presentation on his study into the location of the Pickering manor house. Over a hundred villagers have now heard his authoritative analysis of the evidence, which locates this large house near to the church and in the area behind the school. Working with metal detectorists Nigel and Ray, we are trying to identify the precise footprint of the building.

The evidence has triggered another avenue of research and Clive and Sylvia are now working their way through a number of seventeenth century – and earlier – wills. By no means an easy task as it involves translation and deciphering of these complex writing styles.

In the meantime we are continuing to pursue our investigations into a number of other aspects of our history. We hope to reveal our latest findings at another presentation in the autumn. Discovering the past is always fascinating and if you want to find out more about our work, please contact one of the following:

Sylvia [sylviaprestwich@aol.com] or 07850 841696, Terry [31 High Street] or lan [icurtis@sky.com] or 732999.



In Times Past...

IN A recent edition, we recalled the celebration in 1831 of the coronation of William IV. Closer to home is this report from 1901 on the birthday celebrations of an eminent villager, Thomas Attenborough. Thomas – who was a distant relation of the famous Attenborough brothers, Richard and David – was a bachelor and generous philanthropist who, together with his brother Robert, paid for one of the stained glass windows in the church. Some idea of his generosity can be gleaned from this extract taken from an article in the Northamptonshire Mercury. The article also provides an interesting insight into the social hierarchy and attitudes that existed in the village just over a hundred years ago.

Thomas died in 1908 aged 96 and is buried in the churchyard.

THE BIRTHDAY OF THOMAS ATTENBOROUGH

On Sunday Mr Thomas Attenborough reached the great age of 90 years. Many congratulations were forwarded to Mr Attenborough who is most widely known for his acts of charity towards the deserving poor of the parish. When he reached the age of 80, he endowed or invested the sum of £1000 towards the splendid almshouses, so beautifully arranged near the Rectory.

During last week Mr Attenborough instructed Mr Tebbutt Selby, butcher, to purchase a large fat bullock to be slaughtered this week which will be distributed amongst the whole of the working class without distinction in commemoration of his ninetieth birthday. The bullock is a magnificent beast weighing over 60 stone.

Mr Attenborough is one of the most loyal and generous supporters of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution for broken-down farmers, their wives, and widows, and unmarried orphan daughters.

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Village shop approaches tenth birthday

WE WOULD firstly like to thank all those who attended and even tried to attend the shop quiz. It was another successful evening of quizzing which was well received by most. We raised over £1300. We would however like to apologise for running out of Nobby's American Pale Ale so early.

We would like to thank Margaret Wilson for her time on the shop committee after she decided to take a step back.

The shop is nearing ten years of trading. When the shop was first set-up it was budgeted in the business plan for each household to spend £10 a week. We would like to encourage people to pop by — have a look at our offering and have a chat with the volunteer on duty. We offer local produce to the village and those visiting from further afield. Local honey from Titchwinkle, local bakers King's Cliffe Bakery offering all sorts of artisan and general breads and local brewers Thrapston's Nobby's and NVB from Oundle are just a few of our local suppliers.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for using the shop.

Have you lost your jacket?



A BLUE Trespass waterproof jacket, pictured, was left in the kitchen at the Clubroom on the evening of the Kinky Boots talk, Thursday 26th January 2017.

If it's yours, just let me know and I'd be happy to return it.

Sylvia Prestwich 07850 841696
sylviaprestwich@aol.com

Friends of Titchmarsh School update

The Annual FOTS Auction is now active at:
http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/FOTS_Auction



AT THE time of writing we have 34 exciting items, at a variety of prices, up for auction. They range from tickets to Silverstone, Woburn Safari Park, Santa Pod, a Golf package, an annual pass to Stanwick Lakes, lots of pamper goodies and food, plus loads of children's activities, even a boiler service and website design. Please browse the website to see the full range lots and bid if you are at all able. We thank you in advance for your generosity and Good Luck.

Some final lots will be completed as usual at the **annual FOTS Quiz in the Clubroom on the Saturday 29 April**. Even if you cannot attend the FOTS quiz, please feel free to bid on the website and enter your maximum bid. If yours is still the winning bid at the close of the auction, the team will contact you directly.

As you may well know FOTS love a cream tea. This year we will be serving teas at the Village Fete on **Saturday 10 June** and also holding the now annual **Treasure Hunt and Cream Teas** afternoon. This is open to everyone and will be held on **Sunday 25 June**, on what will hopefully be a lovely sunny Sunday afternoon.

Since our last update we have held a lovely Bingo afternoon; which raised a whopping £177. We have given £100 to increase the school's literacy resources. We have also provided the entry fees for the school to enter the Maths Trust Challenge, which takes place in April. FOTS also paid for the school's entry to the Oundle Festival of Music & Drama. The school choir is involved on 29 March and with individual recitals throughout the festival. We really do have very clever and talented children at our school.

We continue to raise money so that our children are able to undertake these extra curricular activities and also so we can help fund buses to take our children to various events.

Hopefully we will see you at an event in the near future.

FOTS

Contact us at: titchmarshtimes@gmail.com

News Round-up

Gardening Club

SPRING is well on its way and the Gardening Club came out of hibernation for our first meeting on Tuesday 28 February 2017 at 7.30pm. Our main topic of discussion was the Village Fête on 10th June.

The Fête 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 Fête 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 Fête. It would be really helpful if the plants could be labelled with their name and a suggested price. We try to keep things simple by keeping to easily managed amounts for example 50p, each, £1.00 each, 3 for £1, £5, £10. etc.

Last year we had three visits to gardens arranged, but unfortunately we did not manage to attend any of the arranged visits due to really bad weather conditions. I am looking into the possibility of re-arranging the dates for this year and when we have decided on dates I will publish them in Titchmarsh Times and on the Village web site if I can remember how to do it.

Pauline Ash Tel. 01832 735769

Flower & Vegetable Show

BY THE time you read this article the weather should have improved, the clocks changed to British Summer Time and we can all come out of hibernation. The Committee has been busy reviewing last year's Show and considering the comments and suggestions made.

The Show this year will be on Saturday 12th August and following the success of the last two years will again be in the Church. The programmes will be delivered to every house in the village in early July.

The wine classes proved very

popular and will continue. There will be two new classes in the home produce; a cake made with vegetables and a pot of honey.

The Committee is also reviewing the flower arranging classes which is to be renamed 'Floral Art'.

Usually at this time advance notice is given of the themes for the photographic classes. At present however the children's class has not been decided but the adult's class will be 'Dramatic Sky'.

More details will be in the next edition.

Busy time at Pre-school

WE HAVE had another busy term and have welcomed several new children and families to pre school. We have been busy making Mother's Day cards and planting some sunflowers. We have had a visit from little melodies music where the children enjoyed playing lots of different instruments and learning some new songs.

As we finish for Easter we will

be holding our Easter egg hunt around the village. As we go into the summer term we will be holding our fashion show on Thursday 11th May 7.00 for 7.30. This will be held in the church and it is a fun night. If you are interested in tickets please contact Sarah Fortescue — 01832 732579. We will also be at the village fete, with our coconut shy and face painting.



*Thank you
for your
kindness*

FOLLOWING my riding accident on March 1st when I broke my leg, I would like to thank everyone for all their kind wishes, cards, flowers, food parcels and time, much appreciated. This is when you know how truly special Titchmarsh is and what community spirit there is here.

Yours, Sara Wilcox



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Happy Easter from Music Makers!

IT DOESN'T seem like two minutes since we were wishing everyone a Happy New Year, and now it's Happy Easter from Music Makers!

Due to a little boy emigrating to Australia (not to escape Music Makers I hope!) and two others starting pre-school, we now have a rare few places available at Music Makers in Titchmarsh, so if anyone has a child under 5 who would like to come along for a FREE taster session, please get in touch asap.

We meet at Titchmarsh Pavilion on Thursdays from 9.15am until 10am during school term time. Hopefully the weather will continue to improve and the children can benefit from the close proximity of the play equipment for a play on the swings and slide after Music Makers.

Music Makers is suitable for birth to 4 years with singing, dancing, instruments, puppets, beanbags, parachute, bubbles, sensory lights and more.

After a free taster session, the cost is cost is £4 per session for the first child and £2 for siblings over 6-months old payable half termly in advance.

The last session of the current term is on Thursday 30 March and we return after a

crazily long school Easter break on 20 April.

Music Makers sessions also take place in Grafton Underwood and Burton Latimer on Mondays, Kettering on Tuesdays, Mawsley and Barton Seagrave on Wednesdays, Oundle on Thursdays, Kettering again on Fridays and Glendon on Saturdays.

We also offer Music Makers birthday parties, with facepainting and balloon modelling alongside singing, dancing and games for 1-5 year olds; Frozen-themed Snowstorm Parties with the popular Ice Queen and Princess, a very huggable snowman, pass the ice cube and lots of snow for 3-8 year olds; and also Pirate Parties, Princess Parties and Disco Parties for 3-8 year olds. Snowstorm Parties can even take away all the stress of organising a child's birthday party by doing all the food, party bags and a super birthday cake.

To book a FREE Music Makers taster session or to find out more about birthday parties, please contact me at musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com, telephone 07815 293893 or message via Facebook at Music Makers Northants. Happy Easter! **Naomi x**



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 April / May programme for Monday evenings is as follows:

- 03 Apr Guest caller Alison Ross**
- 10 Apr Club callers with recorded music**
- 17 Apr Easter, no club night**
- 24 Apr Traditional English dances for St George's Day**
- 01 May Club callers with recorded music**
- 08 May Guest caller Pat George**
- 15 May Club callers with recorded music**
- 22 May Club callers with live music led by Kev Prigmore**
- 29 May Club callers with recorded music**

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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3. Bottom of St. Andrew's Lane
4. Polopit
5. 598

Up and running...

AS MANY of you will already have heard, the Titchmarsh 10k and fun run are set to go ahead on Sunday 7th May. On-line entries are now being taken and all information is available on the website. www.titchmarshplayingfield.org. Fingers crossed for fine weather, supported by a good turnout. Please like and share this event on our Facebook page.

The weather finally seems to have taken a turn for the better and we look forward to the next holiday on the calendar. After the success of the Post-Christmas Kick About, TPFA are going to repeat this on Good Friday. This time, as it is Easter, we are going to organise an Easter egg hunt. There will be a bouncy castle and The Pavilion will be open for refreshments. As before, we will be having a 'friendly' football kick about and possibly a beat the goalie if time and

numbers permit. Please bring your children along between 11am and 1pm to enjoy the fun!

If these informal events continue to be supported, there is a possibility of holding them more frequently, especially during school holidays, bank holidays and school training days.

We are also exploring the idea of having sports camps to be run during the school summer holidays.

The playing fields offer the perfect venue. We will notify you of more details in the next newsletter.

Plans for our new play area continue to move forward, albeit slowly. We are in the process of applying for various funding and will keep you informed with updates.

Thrapston Town Football teams are hoping for dryer weather now. Quite a few matches have been postponed due to waterlogged pitches. That said,

3k and 10k races return on Sunday May 7th

ours have not been too bad and we've only lost out to a couple of matches. The under 13's team are sitting mid table in the Weetabix first division. The under 11's lost their first match of the season a couple of weeks ago.

Please come along to support the home matches on Sunday mornings and afternoons. Coffees, teas and hot dogs are served during the morning match.

After the clocks go forward, (25th March), the teams will be training here again on weekday evenings.

We now have a busy few weeks ahead, as we organise the Titchmarsh 10km run. We welcome anyone who would like to lend a helping hand.

The next TPFA meeting will be on Tuesday 11th April.

Wishing everyone a VERY HAPPY (and sunny) EASTER. **Fiona**

Deadline for the June/July issue of Titchmarsh Times is May 12th, 2017

Titchmarsh through to county basketball championships

WAY TO GO Titchmarsh! A team of talented sports girls and boys from Titchmarsh Primary School has made it through to the County Hotshots Basketball Championships!

At an exciting tournament held at Manor Sports Academy in Raunds on March 18, Titchmarsh won all their games against tough competition from Woodford, Aldwinckle and Irthlingborough schools to top the table.

The Titchmarsh School team aged from 8 to 11 years, included village children: Willow and Bronte Cooper; Benjamin and Christopher Wallace; Sophie Breedon; Daniel Hughes; Fraser Love, and Thrapston youngsters Gailen and Ariane McLean, India Curtis and Oscar Marshall.

There was great support from parents on the day and some super sideline coaching from Geoff Love which seemed to inspire the team.

Titchmarsh will now go on to compete in the grand final.

Good luck Team Titchmarsh!

Naomi



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