



Tiverton Town Council

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NEWSLETTER

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Keeping in touch with our local community

Message from Tiverton Town Mayor Cllr Steve Flaws

Cllr S Flaws has attended many events including the Museum AGM and the Mayor of Barnstaple's jazz quiz night. All events were well attended. The Mayor also attended an opening evening arranged by Cllr Lindus at the Market Drop In Centre. The Mayor explained that this facility is in need of financial assistance and confirmed that he would be donating all profits from the Mayors Charity Concert to the Market Drop In Centre. Councillors were advised that they should support events held within the town wherever possible.



The Mayor received an invitation from the Royal British Legion to attend the Remembrance Day Parade on the 13th November and he hoped to see many of the Town Councillors attending the service.

The Mayor confirmed that Mid Devon District Council had voted in favour for the developments of J27. Although the Cllr Flaws stated he had voted against the development he advised it was now a time to get behind our local traders.

Cllr Flaws has recently been visiting all the local primary schools and meeting the younger members of our community.

Message from Town Clerk—Mr J Vanderwolfe FILCM

As you may be aware the decision was made earlier in the year that the Tiverton Business Forum would take over the Christmas Lights switch on event. This event will take place on Saturday 26th November, and I understand that a great deal of events are planned. I hope that this event goes well and that you attend, and of course enjoy it. It should be noted that the Town Council remains responsible for the Christmas Lights display. I understand that our world famous 'underpants' will be getting another airing this year. It certainly brought a great deal of folk into town last year!



By the time you read this scaffolding will be erected around the Lowman Green Clock. The Town Council took back ownership of the clock some years ago and for some time it has been in need of some tender loving care. No one seems to remember when it was last cleaned and renovated, so it must be some time ago!. The company who are undertaking the restoration also undertook the cleaning of Edward the Peace Maker last year, and as they did a fantastic job to that I am sure we will be in for a treat when the scaffolding comes back down at Lowman Green, hopefully in time for the Christmas lights to go on the clock tower.

Negotiations continue for the town council to hopefully take over ownership of the Town Hall. The hall was in the ownership of the then Tiverton Borough Council until changes in Local Government were introduced in 1974. Apart from being used by Tiverton Town Council and the Citizen's Advice centre the hall regularly is the venue for weddings and other events. Mid Devon District Council no longer have their main meetings at the town hall having remodelled Phoenix House to accommodate most of their meetings.

As I write this the lovely hanging baskets that have adored our town all through the summer have been removed by Taunton Borough Council. We had a great deal of positive comments regarding the baskets throughout the summer.

We have a vacant place on the council for a councillor caused by the recent resignation of Councillor Salter. The vacancy will hopefully be filled at the full Council meeting on the 28th November, having been through the legal notice period with Mid Devon District Council. An application can be obtained for this casual vacancy from the Council's office.

Facelift for Lowman Green Clock Tower



Westone Masonry have won the tender to restore the clock tower at Lowman Green. The Town Council were contacted by an anonymous benefactor from Tiverton who has donated £5000 towards the repairs. Work will be starting on 17th October and should be completed around the 14th November.

The clock tower is going to have a thorough clean and repointing to all open and defective stone joints. It is the first time in decades that the clock tower has been given a spruce up and the Council are looking forward to seeing the results.

Allotment Improvements 2016



Our Tomswell site at Higher Loughborough has had a new Eco Toilet installed.

Composting toilets treat human excrement using biological processes, turning it into organic compost material that can be used to fertilise the soil. They are small-scale, complete waste processing systems. The eastern world has been using composting toilets for hundreds of years, but it is only in recent years that they have become more popular in the west.

All composting toilets decompose waste by creating the aerobic conditions for bacteria and other macro and micro-organisms to thrive. The objective is to destroy harmful pathogens, eliminate the risk to human health and environment, and transform the waste nutrients into fertile soil. They typically break down waste material to a small percentage of its original volume.

Perambulation of the Leat—9th September 2017

The Perambulation of the Town Leat also known as water-bailing is an ancient custom that takes place in the town of Tiverton, Devon, England, once every seven years. The event commemorates and claims the gift of the town's water supply in the 13th century by Isabella, Countess of Devon and involves walking the length of the watercourse to its source six miles away at Norwood Common.

The procession starts at the Town Hall and is led by the four individuals known as "pioneers" armed with pickaxes and sledgehammers whose job it is to demolish any obstruction found in the stream. Behind the pioneers is the Bailiff of the Hundred, who carries an ancient staff of office, behind him are the "Withy-boys" drawn from Blundell's School and Tiverton High School whose job it is to whip the stream with sticks – or withy-wands. Then come the police, the town beadle, the Mayor of Tiverton, his fellow councillors and lastly the general public.



The procession's first stop is Coggan's Well in Fore Street, the traditional centre of the town where the stream emerges from underneath the road. Placing his staff in the water, the Bailiff of the Hundred claims the stream "for ever, for the sole use and benefit and as the right of the inhabitants of the town of Tiverton". Further proclamations are made at Castle Street, Townsend, Brickhouse Hill, Chettiscombe, the waterworks at Allers and finally at Norwood Common, where a plaque marks the actual source. The ancient route now involves negotiating walls, private gardens and making use of many paths that are not public rights of way, some of which must be cleared on each perambulation.



Why Allotments are good for you!!!!

In a recent survey of National Allotment Society members, 'nearly every person said their love of allotment gardening comes from the fresh air, home grown produce, healthy lifestyle and like-minded people this activity offers'.

Owning your own allotment can be a very sociable experience and can also improve both physical and mental health. Just 30 minutes of working on your allotment can burn around 150 calories! Time spent out in the sunshine boosts vitamin D levels (but remember to top up your sunscreen) and this enjoyable activity is also known to increase serotonin levels, making you feel happier and healthier.

A sense of community can really grow and tips on the best methods of producing good quality crops can be shared and passed on to less experienced gardeners, giving them more confidence when getting started.

The environmental benefits are also significant, with food miles and your carbon footprint being reduced by eating locally and seasonally and being able to walk to and from your nearby plot.

Allotments provide essential habitats for wildlife in urban communities, helping to increase biodiversity in built-up areas.

Running an allotment can be a big commitment and requires time and hard work but if you put in the effort, you will reap the health and well being benefits and save money on your weekly shop.

If you are interested in renting an allotment we have some available. Please contact us on 01884 253404. Rents start at £16.00 per year!



Tiverton Dementia Alliance

Tiverton's Dementia Action Alliance project co-ordinator, Sue Moore, has now been in post for 5 months. Employed by the town council to help Tiverton work towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Community, Sue has found plenty to keep her busy during her three day working week!

Raising local awareness of dementia is high on the agenda for the Alliance and Sue has been arranging Dementia Friends awareness sessions for groups and businesses in the town – members of Community Transport, the CAB, the Gin and Jam W.I., and Banbury's staff have already become Dementia Friends. There are also planned sessions for the staff of the Best Western Tiverton Hotel and other groups over the next few months.

Recently the local Alliance held a dementia information event at New Hall and a multi agency networking meeting takes place on a monthly basis at the town hall. Sue says, "The Tiverton Dementia Action Alliance has already made great progress towards helping Tiverton become a Dementia Friendly Community. We have formed links with local surgeries and voluntary organisations and there has been a great response to the awareness sessions. We also have a good following on our Facebook page. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who wants more information, or wants to arrange or attend a Dementia Friends session."



"Members of Tiverton's Gin & Jam W.I attended a Dementia Friends session in the Mayoralty Room at the Town Hall"

You can contact Sue, preferably by email – tivertondementia@gmail.com or leave a message for her at the Town Hall.

Christmas Lights Switch On

Tiverton Town Council finances the Christmas Lights in the Town and are two years into a three year contract with Festive Lighting. The Sparkly Green Pants which went viral last year will be back and will hopefully bring many visitors into the Town. The Christmas Lights Switch On Event is being organised by the Tiverton Business Forum for 2016.



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