

Tibenham Tidings

News from the Parish Council and the Community Hall Committee

Newsletter – Autumn 2019

Welcome to the latest edition of “**Tibenham Tidings**”, the joint newsletter with the Parish Council. There have been a small number of comments about the previous editions in that the presentation is seen as being two separate organisations. We are changing the format slightly to bring the information together as far as possible, but both the Parish Council and the Community Hall do have their own distinct information to present.

There are two big issues we are jointly looking at this time, the potential introduction of high-speed Broadband to the whole village through an offer from County Broadband, and secondly the need to get more participation from residents of Tibenham in making this a better village to live in for everyone.

We are all aware that high-speed Broadband is essential in this modern world, and the rural areas have yet to get the speed required. There is an offer from County Broadband, a private company, to install fibre cable to every household in the Parish. If this is to go ahead, then more people are still needed to sign up. It is your decision, but at this stage we believe this is our only opportunity to get this coverage. There may be other options, so you should check these out as well.

Please do talk to us about our newsletter, including any ideas or contributions for future editions, and ideas on how we can improve the content or how it is presented.

Included in this issue:

Community Hall – Members Needed ✦ Footpath Maintenance

Pink Ladies Tractor Road Run ✦ New Housing in Tibenham

What's On At The Community Hall ✦ Play Equipment

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Ongoing Issues for the Community Hall and Parish Council

The Community Hall is losing three key Committee Members this year, the Treasurer, and the two Members who manage the maintenance of the building. We will struggle to plan for the future at the Hall without new members who can take on these roles. If you can spare some time, and we do know how busy people are especially with families and work, but getting involved and supporting your community is very rewarding.

There are currently no vacancies on the Parish Council, thankfully we have welcomed two new members recently, but more help is always needed, so if you can spare a little time to find out what the Parish Council does, why not come along and find out more at the next meeting and see how you can get involved.



We also mentioned in the last edition that we would like to run a village fete for Tibenham, but we have only two people who are interested in organising an event and could do with a couple more to spread the load.

Many of you will be aware that the Parish Council brought together volunteers to help build the Boardwalk on a public footpath, and continue to keep other public footpaths open. This was a very positive experience for all who took part, and what we achieved in a number of hours of work was truly amazing.

The Parish Council has applied for a grant from South Norfolk Council for litter-picking equipment and so we will be able to organise more litter picks at times to suit ourselves.



Watch out for reminders of litter picks on “Next Door”, a website which is very useful for local events, which both the Parish Council and Community Hall use to send out reminders.

The big issue for many is lack of other facilities in the village. We do have "The Greyhound" a great place to meet, and Rob provides a number of food evenings and Sunday lunch. The Church still provides regular services, but needs new people to take on the role of Church Wardens.

Unfortunately, there is no bus service in Tibenham but the Parish Council has been working on trying to resurrect the community car service that previously existed - this would provide you with someone to call should you need to attend the Hospital or Doctor, but volunteers are required to do this. There is payment for mileage available paid for by South Norfolk Council and the Parish Council.

Contact **Tricia Newman** on **07818 284481** for more information

What to do if someone has heart failure

If you think someone might be suffering from heart failure, this is what you do:

- **Stay with the patient**
- **Call 999**
- **Follow the Emergency Operator's instructions**

If there is someone who can stay with the patient, the Emergency Operator may decide you need to fetch a defibrillator. He or she will tell you which is the nearest one, the code to open the cabinet, and exactly what to do.

Community Hall

The Community Hall is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission, Charity No. 1064012, and we have to report on the hall annually to the Charity Commission.

There are many people in the village who do not support or use the hall. I have to say that judging by comments from those who do come along and enjoy the hall, they believe it is a fantastic facility with a reputation for a warm welcome and great food. If you have never been, why not come along to one of the events in the **Autumn Programme 2019** and see whether you would enjoy it. Many people from outside the village do come

to the hall events and enjoy themselves. We want as many people from Tibenham to support their hall to ensure its future.

The hall is available for parties, weddings, meetings, conferences etc. Contact **Joan Woodcock** on **01953 860271**. Our rates are comparable with other village halls.

Upcoming Events

The Tibenham Café – usually held on the last Saturday in the month, from 11am-2pm, has been a particular success with people. There are stalls, book sale, the 100 Club Draw and also other activities taking place. This is a great venue to meet your friends over great value food. The next Café is on Saturday, 19th October, then the last one before Christmas is Saturday, 30th November.

The **Village Quiz and Supper** is Friday, 15th November at 7:30pm - tickets are £7, and the bar is open. Teams are maximum six people, but there are always places available. Contact **Joan Woodcock** on **01953 986403**.

There is **Prize Bingo** on Friday, 29th November at 7.30pm - a fun evening for families.

The **Christmas Craft Fayre** is on Saturday, 16th November at 10.00am-2.00pm and there are still stalls available contact **Ann Gooderham** on **01379 677289**

The **Christmas Music Evening** is on Saturday, 7th December at 7pm with the Poringland Singers - for tickets contact **Joan Woodcock** on **01953 986403**

Regular Events

The “**Light Exercise**” class is held every Tuesday at 10.00am and costs only £2.50 – it is led by a professional trainer.

There is also the “**Drop-in Café**” every other Thursday at 10.30am, which gives everyone a chance to pop in and discuss issues they may have, over refreshments. There is also a library of information on Health and Wellbeing in the foyer at the hall if you need any help. This started as an addition to the Wellbeing strategy to improve access to daytime activities, and is being well supported.

On the fourth Monday of the month, during the winter, there is a “**Games Afternoon**” between 2pm-4pm where you can join in card and board games for a relaxing afternoon, over refreshments for only £2.00, starting in October.

Short-Mat Bowls is held every Wednesday afternoon from 2pm-4pm for £2, and there are **Community Badminton** sessions on Tuesday and Thursday at 5.30pm -7.30pm, £2.50 per session. Come along and get fit, all abilities are welcome.

The hall runs two sessions of what we call Community Badminton, Tuesday and Thursday evening between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. These sessions are open to anyone who wishes to play, although we do not differentiate, the Tuesday session is mainly female, and Thursday mainly male, although this is not always the case. We have room for more players to attend.

We also run a **Luncheon Club** on the second Monday of each month, for older people to get together. Booking is essential for this event through **Joan Woodcock** on **01953 860271**.

The kitchen is regularly inspected by South Norfolk Environmental Health to ensure standards are maintained. For many years we have been classed as 5 Stars, this has continued this year with a new award of 5 Stars.

If you want any further information about events at the Hall or availability of the Hall please look at our website www.tibenhamcommunityhall.org where there is much more information.

Our Big Project for 2019/20 – Replacing the existing Playground



I make no apology for repeating this message in this magazine to everyone, as the Hall Committee believes that providing a new playground is so important to the village, especially as we have to remove the existing worn-out equipment.

The equipment is maintained by the Hall Management Committee and has always been inspected annually by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA), who report on the condition. Their report from 2019

says that the wooden equipment is showing deterioration to a point where it requires replacement within the very near future, not surprising since the date plate on the swings is 1998. A decision has been made to remove the existing equipment this year as there is concern about this deterioration, and we are hoping to get some new equipment sometime next year.

We still will need a lot of support / help throughout this project and, as well as applying for grants, we will have to raise funds and try to get sponsors on board. So, we would like to invite any business in Tibenham and its environs who would like to support this project in some way to also get in touch.

This is your chance to help provide a better future for people of all ages – especially children for whom there are no other facilities in Tibenham and the immediate area. Contact me, **David Timson** on **01379 677674**

A personal perspective on Tibenham

My wife, Georgina and I moved to Tibenham in 2007 and wondered how we would adapt to village life. Those doubts were soon dispelled. We were given a very warm welcome and soon came to know many people who we now call friends. We wished to get more involved with helping to make the village a better place to live through meeting people, attending events and helping to create a better future. We want to stay here and if things are better we do not have to move away. We got involved at the Community Hall to do more for the village and have seen its use grow and more people benefiting from the services offered and we are able to shape future services. I joined the Parish Council to see how we could make working together better, and that is happening and we are now doing more together.

We have come to love the village, the people, and the peace and quiet of such a rural area, but we would like to see more people involved in village life.

Footpath Maintenance

Would you like to help with some footpath maintenance? The great majority of the maintenance work, keeping our footpaths useable throughout the year, is done by volunteers, and the County Council these days have very limited involvement. So, whether or not you possess a strimmer or machete (if you have a pair of gardening gloves that would be useful) you can help - please contact me (**Gareth**) - contact details are at the beginning of this newsletter. Autumn is a good time of the year to get some work done, so we'll organise a work party or two soon - watch out for announcements on NextDoor.

Tibenham applauds the Pink Ladies!



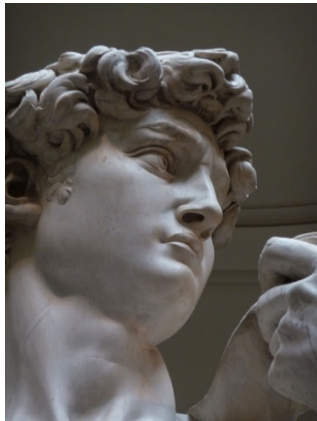
The annual Pink Ladies Tractor Road Run has become an unmissable part of the calendar. There are a number of regular participants from Tibenham, and lots of supporters who meet up with the tractors at Gawdy Hall outside Harleston for a communal picnic, which is open to everyone.

Congratulations to everyone involved - 2019 was the 16th run, and the most successful financially so far, with sponsorships and collections amassing an incredible £65,600 - the running total now stands at over £705,000!

Thanks also to all the people of Tibenham who generously sponsor the participants. All of the money goes directly to Cancer Research UK. Lots more information, photos and video can be seen at www.ladiestracorroadrun.co.uk



What have Tibenham, Bury St Edmunds, Michelangelo's David and a secondary school in Tuscany got in common?



A few weeks ago I was teaching English to a group of Italian teenagers in Bury St Edmunds. Towards the end of their stay I asked them about where they came from, and it emerged that they were very proud of their home town. They told me that overlooking their town of Carrara in Tuscany, just up the coast from Rome, was a series of white marble caves, and it was from these caves that the piece of marble used by local artist Michelangelo to create his most famous sculpture "David" had been taken.

This all rang a bell with me, and later that evening I checked the official listing for Tibenham's War Memorial, and sure enough, the people of Tibenham had decided to dig deep, and had raised enough money by public subscription to get the very best material available - Carrara marble. (Historic England claim it is "Carrera", but Carrera is a design house best known for sunglasses and certain Porsche sportscars.) Carrara marble is not only beautiful to look at, pure white with distinctive pastel coloured veins, but it is also much more resistant to weathering than Portland stone, which many contemporary memorials were made from.

I wrote up a brief history of our War Memorial and printed off a photo of it which I had taken soon after its October 2018 clean-up, and next day I presented it to the Italian students' teachers. They were delighted, and soon after they had arrived home in Italy, I heard that the photo and write-up were to be framed and displayed prominently in their school's main hall. A little piece of Tibenham in the heart of Tuscany.

More on the subject of the War Memorial in the next newsletter. The masons who cleaned it up last year are due to return this month for a follow-up clean, and they will then look again at the lettering, some of which was damaged in the severe weather we had early in 2018. It is likely that we will not be able to have a full re-lettering job done as this would be prohibitively expensive unless we can get grant funding, and in the present economic climate we might need to defer this for a while.

Meanwhile, the Parish Council will be laying a wreath as usual at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday - details to follow, as everyone is welcome to attend.

What's happening about the new houses in Tibenham?

Most of you will be aware that Saffron Housing Trust had proposed building ten houses in Tibenham. Discussions about this have been going on for some time, and the Parish Council have met Saffron representatives several times, and have had the chance also to listen to input from residents.

The Parish Council are in favour of new housing in Tibenham, particularly if it is likely to bring families into our community. We welcome new people who want to become part of the community, and we certainly do not want the village to die through lack of new blood. However, new people mean additional strain on our resources and facilities, such as they are. It would be difficult to bring new families into the village if we cannot offer them safe footways so they don't have to walk their children on increasingly dangerous roads, access to reliable public transport, safe places for children to play, adequate parking provision, and so on.

Unfortunately, Saffron Housing have said they are not prepared to help Tibenham to improve our infrastructure to cope with the extra people and their cars. As a result, the Parish Council have suggested that they would be better off looking at the other communities in the area who also took part in the 2017 Housing Survey - nearby villages that already have public transport links, footways, suitable play areas and even shops. So, it looks as if those proposals are now dead in the water as far as Tibenham is concerned.

First of a series about People of Tibenham

WILLIAM WALES HORNE 1773 – 1826 The life of this lesser known hymn writer.

William was a son of William and Mary Horne of Gissing. William jnr. Was born in 1773 and Christened on 6th August 1773 at Gissing. In 1793 he became minister of a small Baptist Church at Tibenham. William moved to Yarmouth in 1797, then onto Leicester. In around 1806 he moved to London, where he preached at the City Chapel, in Grub Street, before preaching for many years at Trinity Hall, Aldersgate Street, and Hephzibah Chapel, Limehouse, taking services every Sunday at both places. William remained here for many years. The two congregations later united at Ebenezer Chapel, Commercial Road.

Whilst minister at Tibenham, in 1794, William compiled a small volume of hymns entitled *New Songs of Sion; or Short Hymns collected from the Scriptures of the Old Testament*.

The book was published by Ann White, (preface dated 25th January 1795), for William who sold copies from Tibenham. The book was also being sold by W. Booth, in Norwich and J. Mathews in London. This publication, was taken up by several Chapels and has been reprinted as recently as 2010 in the United States.

In 1802, during his time at Leicester, he published another collection. *A Selection of Hymns for Public Worship*. William had sought hymns from the best authors of the time and included many original works. Out of the 310 hymns, 9 had been written by William.

In 1806, when minister in Grub Street, he published *Sion's Harmony; or the United Praises of Ransomed Sinners; a complete Selection of Hymns for Public Worship*. There were 513 hymns of which 22 were written by William. In 1812 an *Appendix* appeared, and in 1823 a new edition of the entire book was published. This edition was titled *Sion's Harmony of Praise; a Selection of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, for Public, Social, & Private Worship, from the best Hymn Writers; with a variety of original pieces, by W. W. Horne*, London, printed by W. Woodcock, in 1823. This edition contained 752 hymns, 95 written by William.

William died in 1826 aged 53, while still pastor of Ebenezer Chapel, Commercial Road, London. Now other works of William Wales Horne are being digitized and printed a paperback including 2 sermons he gave in Great Yarmouth on 27th October 1799.

Report A Problem

A lot of common problems can be reported direct to the right people by members of the public either online or by telephone. You are also welcome to inform the Parish Council that you have reported a problem in case the problem needs to be followed up in the future.

Fly Tipping and Littering www.south-norfolk.gov.uk enter “fly tipping” in the search box and choose “fly tipping” or “littering” and enter the details online or call **01508 533701**

Potholes and Road Surfaces www.norfolk.gov.uk enter “pothole” in the search box and select either “potholes” or “report a problem” for other issues, and enter the details online or call **0344 800 8020** (working hours only) or email **information@norfolk.gov.uk** with name, address, telephone number and postcode

Obstructed Verges, Overgrown Hedges & Trees www.norfolk.gov.uk enter “verges” and select “Trees, Hedges and Verges” – at the bottom of the page select “report a problem” and enter details online or call **0344 800 8020** or email **information@norfolk.gov.uk** with name, address, telephone number and postcode

Hare Coursing If you suspect hare coursing is happening now, call **999**
If you suspect hare coursing has happened recently, call **101**

Police Emergency call **999**

Police Non-Emergency call **101** (including reporting traffic infringements)

Power Cut call **105**

Flooding www.norfolk.gov.uk enter “flood” in the search box and select “Report a Flood” or call **0344 800 8020** (working hours only) or email **information@norfolk.gov.uk** with name, address, telephone number and postcode

Stray Dog or Lost Dog www.south-norfolk.gov.uk enter “stray” in the search box and select “stray and lost dogs” or call **01508 533701**

Footpath Problems (Overgrown/Bridge Damaged or Missing/Sign Missing etc) www.norfolk.gov.uk enter “public rights of way” and then select “about public rights of way” or scroll down to the map and click on the map to report a problem or call **0344 800 8020** (working hours only) or email **information@norfolk.gov.uk** with name, address, telephone number and postcode

Damaged Road Signs www.norfolk.gov.uk enter “road signs” in the search box or call **0344 800 8020** (working hours only) or email with name, address, telephone number and postcode to email: **information@norfolk.gov.uk**

Damaged or Missing Street Nameplates www.south-norfolk.gov.uk enter “street nameplate” in the search box, choose “Street Naming and House Numbering” and find “report a problem to us” or call **01508 533701**