

Tibenham Tidings

News from the Parish Council and the Community Hall Committee

Newsletter – Spring 2025

Welcome to the Spring edition of this magazine written jointly by the Parish Council and Tibenham Community Hall, to bring everyone the news about what has been going on in the village. Please tell us if you do not receive one! The magazine is delivered to all homes in Tibenham by a small team of volunteers without whom we could not manage. We are always looking for volunteers to deliver these mainly in the more outlying areas around the village.

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Community Hall**

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The Parish Council – Working for Tibenham, a new beginning

The Parish Council has undergone significant change in membership over the last year, with one member leaving, and one new member joining us who will become a full member of the Council at our next meeting. We still have vacancies for two Councillors to bring us up to full strength of 7 Councillors. We do require these additional members to help provide a better balance of views and local knowledge. If you would like to join the Parish Council and have a real interest in working for Tibenham please contact us. There are 6 meetings annually, each taking approximately 2 hours, and some email contacts over planning issues as we try to deal with these online in order to meet the deadlines set for comments set by Planning.

As a Parish Council we always need more input from you, as we do not want to do just the things we see! We have raised this in all previous editions of the magazine, but to little avail, and need your ideas as we do have funds to help improve infrastructure in Tibenham. We are always looking for things to do that will benefit the village and its residents.

Work goes on with looking at other flooding issues which we need to consider these and are being looked at to decide what can be done by the Parish Council. We would like to thank the local farmers who have carried out much drainage ditch maintenance during the past winter season to improve the network which is essential for our safety. But as with everything there but there is still more that is required. There are still a couple of issues that require resolving and we are currently looking at these with a view to get works carried out.

The Parish Council is always getting on with dealing with normal business, including commenting on and identifying issues regarding planning applications. We are also focusing on providing more support to the Community Hall to aid external maintenance works and the Church in the same respect and grants to these organisations have been increased for 2024/25 and will remain at the new level. We all need to look at our own individual areas and identify any problems that we can solve, and also do what we can about the local issues. Small works that could be done by the Parish Council will be followed up. We would especially to thank the local farmers who have carried out much drainage ditch maintenance during the past winter season to improve the network which is essential for our safety. But as with everything there but there is still more that is required.

We were aware that there is a speeding issue within Tibenham and have investigated various means of dealing with this, but are having difficulty in getting information from County Highways who are responsible for this, including getting support from our Norfolk Councillor, but little progress has been made as demand for speed surveys is very high and as usual bigger villages seem to get priority. However a village sign appeared in Pristow Green Lane just within the trees, and “SLOW” markings have been painted on the road.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Litter Picks last Autumn and the Spring 25, with a significant number of bags of rubbish being collected at both and then picked up by South Norfolk Council for disposal.

The Council has looked at what can be done in 2025, and signage around the village is poor. We are investigating new signs at the junctions of Mill Road/ Diss Road, Black Barn Road/ Diss Road, Black Barn Road/ Pristow Green Lane, and Long Row Pristow Green

Lane. The intention is to provide better direction to the Community Hall, The Church and The Greyhound from these locations. On this issue we have managed to get the sign at the junction of Hill Road/ The Street replaced and reset as it collapsed a short time ago. Our thanks to Norfolk highways for getting this work done so quickly. These signs will generally be on private land close to the Highway so that we can purchase and install them quickly.

The Council is also planning to support some work at the Community Hall to improve access and maintenance of the building. Should the Church seek further support this will also be considered.

The annual Service of remembrance was held at the War Memorial in November last year and was well attended by people from the village, over thirty attended. There is information available about the people named on our memorial which we hope to make available in the future. It is on the Norfolk County Council website, but we will try to make this available for everyone who attends the Service of Remembrance.

Everyone may have heard that the new Government is looking at a major restructuring of Local Government in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex. There are major issues around this especially for us with regard to the status of Parish Councils in the hierarchy of the proposed new structures and the actual areas to be covered by each administration. There are discussions between all parties are ongoing in regards to the form of the new structures affecting the areas. We are unable to give an update at this stage and await more information from our County Councillor and District Councillor James Easter. The Parish Council is a non-political body, and so we are not included in discussions as these are related to the overall Political arrangements, but we wait see what comes out of this over the coming months. We have lost our votes in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex for the upcoming elections as the Government has cancelled them in these areas so as not to interfere with the proposed restructuring.

The final aspect is that relating to volunteering in Tibenham, this covers areas such as the Litter Picks, volunteers to distribute this magazine twice a year, helping at the Community Hall as well as acting as Trustees and joining the Parish Council to support its work.

Spring Litterpick

Twenty-three volunteers turned out for the Spring Litterpick on Saturday 22 March. It was particularly good to see the younger generation represented by Harrison, Florence, Isabelle, Jasmine and Poppy.

The event started and ended as usual at The Greyhound pub in Tibenham – thanks to the staff there for making everyone welcome. In all, 30 bags of assorted rubbish were collected, plus a couple of tyres and the usual assortment of plastic bits and pieces. Something which has become a particular nuisance lately is the number of discarded blue rubber gloves of the sort used in care homes. If you are a carer, then please care enough about our village to take your used gloves home and put them in the bin!

The Litterpick organisers would like to thank everyone who participated on the day, and also the residents who regularly go litterpicking around the village. It does make a big difference to our community.

Community litterpicks are normally organised twice a year, and are advertised in Facebook Tibenham Connected, as well as by word of mouth and via flyers around the village.

Communications in Tibenham

Social media is well developed in the village and there are a number of channels that you can access to let you know what is going on in Tibenham and the surrounding area.

Next Door – A national web site, but you can use it on a local basis only, used across the area to keep in touch, pass on information, to offer for sale and free items, and also used by local businesses to advertise their wares and services. <http://nextdoor.co.uk>

Tibenham Connected – A facebook page exclusively for Tibenham, with all the above on Next Door, but with the Facebook connections. Go to Facebook and search Tibenham Connected.

The Parish Magazine – A printed magazine, £5.00 a year currently for a monthly edition posted through your letterbox that is circulated in Bunwell, Carlton Rode and Tibenham, originally and still a Church Magazine, but it is a very useful magazine with a wide variety of articles from organisations and individuals and advertising local businesses.

Written contributions and enquiries to alan.newsletter@btinternet.com

Tibenham Parish Council website : www.tibenhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Footpath maps www.norfolkdwl.org.uk

Tibenham Community Hall: Web site <https://hall.tibenham.org.uk>

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All Saints Church: Contact Keith Worsley 01953 861411

Tibenham Community Hall



Committee/Volunteering

There have been some changes to the Committee over the past few months. Trudy Thomas has stepped down as she has recently moved away from the village. We would like to thank her for her support over the past few years, she has been an important part of the team, and we would all like to wish her the best for the future.

We have recently welcomed Claire Rennie to the committee. Many of you will know Claire, not least from manning the bar at many of our events. She brings a wealth of knowledge and new ideas. We very much look forward to working with her.

We need your support!

Whilst we continue to have a very strong team of volunteers who support us with our many events and activities, there is always room for more. We especially would like to invite new members to join the Committee. Many of our existing members have served for some time and would like to pass on their experience and knowledge to a new intake.

It is very important for the future of the Hall that we encourage a new generation of volunteers as without this support the hall will NOT be able to continue to grow and develop for future generations. We have a superb venue with fantastic facilities, which are evolving all the time. We accommodate a wide range of activities and functions with the aim of supporting the whole community, so we must not allow all the hard work and dedication of our current and previous committee members and volunteers be wasted.

If you would like to find out more about how you can help, whether this is an hour of your time a week or month or if you would be willing to take on one of the many 'behind the scenes' roles that enable the hall to operate safely, please speak to any of the current committee, we would be very willing to have a chat to see how you can get involved. Contact details appear at the front of this newsletter.

Hiring the Hall

The Community Hall offers excellent modern facilities including,

- Large Main hall with stage and seating for up to 130 people
- Separate meeting room
- A full catering Kitchen
- Ample off-road parking, including disabled spaces
- Cloakrooms & Disabled toilet.
- Large playing field and modern play equipment
- Fully marked court on a sprung floor, with high ceilings that can accommodate Badminton and other racquet sports.
- Audio and lighting equipment (further details on what we can offer available upon request)

The Hall provides a great venue for

- Wedding receptions
- Parties/Family celebrations
- Meetings/Conferences
- Indoor sports
- Classes/workshops/craft fairs
- Shows/Dances

Please visit our website to find out more about the facilities we offer and our current hire charges.

www.hall.tibenham.org.uk

Autumn/Winter Events

Once again, we have seen a packed calendar of events since the last magazine and it has been a busy time for the Committee and all our volunteers, we are very grateful for everyone's continued support.

Christmas saw our fabulous 'Step into Christmas' Show. It was an amazing night with the Hall packed to the rafters, music, sing-a-long and dancing by both young and old. It was so popular we sold out of tickets and unfortunately, we had to turn people away. With this in mind, we have decided that our next musical event, 'Blast from the Past' will be held over

two nights, June 13/14 (further details and dates appear below) and the Christmas Show will this time offer two performances so people don't miss out.

The New Year saw the Ramble & Brunch event, disappointingly the 'ramble' had to be postponed because of the atrocious weather, but the brunch went ahead with over 60 people in attendance, thanks to the support of a host of volunteers and a wonderful selection of kindly donated food.

Everyone agreed that this was a hugely enjoyable event and a fantastic way to see in the New Year with friends, family and neighbours, so much so, we hope it becomes a regular event on the hall's calendar.

We have also recently introduced Family Film Nights, with our first offering in February, being Paddington. A wonderful evening was had by all, and the next one is planned for Friday 25th April (Paddington 2). Snacks and ice creams will be on offer. Please book your tickets by calling Alan or Julie on 01379 674427 or purchase on the night. We hope to be able to offer films on a more regular basis if we have sufficient support, and would be interested in learning what genres of film you might like to see, or whether you would like evenings or perhaps a matinee showing? Please do let us know, we always welcome suggestions, as after all we are doing this for you!

The Greyhound

The Management Committee are pleased that the pub seems to have listened to some of the villagers' previous concerns and that their new management team are working hard to develop this very important social space within the village. We have been working closely with the team there to allow our events to 'dovetail' and we are both keen to work together for the benefit of the whole community. An example of this is the pub recently provided the supper for the Quiz night at a discounted rate, which was a great success.

We look forward to working together in the future.

Activities

We continue to operate our usual calendar of weekly activities, run by our volunteers. The Management Committee is very grateful for their continued support to ensure that these activities continue. Many of these groups have boosted their numbers this year but they are always looking for new members to join them so please do not hesitate to give them a call to find out more.

Light Exercise:

This group meets every Tuesday morning from 10am to 11am. The group provides a warm welcome to those wanting to increase their strength and mobility, with a programme of gentle light exercises. Please speak to Georgina 07824831713 to find out more.

Short Mat Bowls:

The group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 2 until 4pm. They are making good use of the new mat purchased last year and have been lucky enough to have another mat donated, giving additional space for people to play. The numbers are increasing and so this extra space is a welcome addition. If you have never tried this before, please do come along it is a great opportunity give it a try, or ring David on 07789951618 to find out more.

Badminton

Thursday nights from 5.30 to 7.30pm. All ages and abilities are welcome to join this ever-popular activity. We provide all the necessary equipment so just pop along and give it a go! Please speak to David on 07789951618 if you want to find out more.

Table Tennis

This group has recently re-started and meets weekly on a Monday 2.00-4.00pm. All equipment is provided. All abilities welcome so to find out more please call David on 07789951618

Craft and Chat Club

Our Craft and Chat Club now meets every Monday from 10am to 1pm. The sessions are a chance to meet up with like-minded crafters. Whatever your passion there will always be somebody to share it with, or to help get you started on something new. Just pop along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat. For more info on these sessions please call Julie on 01379 674427.

Improvements to the Hall

We continue to invest in and redevelop the infrastructure at the hall and have a draft programme of improvement works for the coming months.

We aim to re-grade and reduce the slope at the end of the footpath near the bottle bins and hope to engage a contractor to carry out these works very shortly.

Plinth Heaters

In September we installed new plinth heaters within the Kitchen area, which has improved greatly this previously very cold space during the winter months. No more wearing three pairs of socks and two sets of gloves for some of our volunteers when making tea!

Lobby upgrade

If you have visited recently, you will have seen that works are underway to improve the entrance foyer. We are installing new low level storage cupboards with shelving and lighting above, to create a new Library area for books and hopefully jigsaws. This will enable us to offer a wider range of books than can be currently accommodated in our small bookcase! The walls will be also upgraded to include new notice boards and display racks with intention of making this a much more welcoming space for all our visitors. We very much appreciate everyone's patience and understanding whilst these works are carried out.

Car Parking

Sadly, despite the initial reduction in the number of vehicles parking at the Hall without permission, I regret to report that unauthorised parking of both private and commercial vehicles has once again increased over the past few weeks.

We would like to remind those residents who frequently use the car park as an 'extension of their driveway', that the car park should be kept clear of vehicles at **ALL** times and ask that they comply with the clearly displayed notices regarding parking immediately. The Car Park is **private** land and is intended to be used by patrons of the Hall only. Hirers pay a fee to use the hall's facilities and providing full access to the car park is part of our terms of hire.

It is with regret that should this unauthorised parking continue, we will have no alternative but to consider seeking legal advice to enable us to enforce these restrictions.

Dates for your Diary –

Friday Social Nights – 16 May, 6 & 20 June.

Look out for further dates as they are announced.

We have been asked by many of our regulars to continue with these evenings, despite the pub re-opening, as we provide an alternative family friendly place to meet within the village.

Bar opens 6.30pm. A chance to meet up with friends over a drink. Why not bring a takeaway to enjoy?

Thursday “Open Door” Coffee Mornings – held every Thursday from 10.30am to 12.30pm. £2.50 per person to include complimentary Tea, coffee and biscuits.

Our Digital Buddies Group operates at these sessions to give assistance to anyone who may be struggling with getting to grips with our ever-changing digital era!!

Digital issues are a growing cause of frustration and concern and come in all shapes and sizes. We are developing a network of reliable friends and contacts we know we can trust to be find the information we need, when we need it. Our knowledgeable volunteers offer help, expertise and support in a friendly environment so please pop along to find out more.

Saturday Cafés - Always on the last Saturday of the month (except August & December). 11am to 2pm. Light lunches and refreshments available. Tabletops £3. Raffle and 100 Club draw. Offers of help with baking cakes or raffle donations gratefully received.

Sunday 18 May – Garden Fair – 12.00 - 4.00pm

All things plant & garden and more besides. We are holding our first ever Garden Fair with plant, craft and charity stalls, live music, traditional games, 2nd hand-books and children's activities. Raffle. The Dirty Fryer Boys and Marg & Rita's Pizza vans will be on hand to provide the food. Beer tent open for refreshment!

It promises to be a fun day for all the family. FREE ENTRY. Please come and join us and bring a folding chair if you have one?

Friday/Saturday 13/14 June – ‘Blast from the Past’

The wonderful Sally Campion-Jones will be back producing this Summer's music show. Expect the usual fantastic array of local talent on show for what is always a popular event. Look out for further details soon of how to book your tickets. We are especially looking out for youngsters to get involved with sound and lighting and exciting opportunity to receive training in this area of what we do. Please do get in touch if you would like to find out more

As always please keep an eye out on our social media pages on Facebook, Tibenham Community Hall or Tibenham Connected, our website <https://hall.tibenham.org.uk> or notice boards and posters displayed around the villages for updates on all the events planned over the Summer.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Best wishes

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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**