Borley Brothers bring our village sign to life
Have you noticed how brilliant the Teversham sign looks on the village green? Borley Brothers recently repainted the sign and this time painted Teversham in gold - it looks fantastic and we would like to thank Borley Brothers for their continued support.
Take a look at our website www.teversham.info to see pictures in colour!

From Round the Table
Since our last newsletter, the Parish Council have responded to a request from residents who live at Ferndale to provide some play equipment. We are about to embark on a consultation with residents to find out what they would like.

We are working with Teversham Primary School, the Police and Highways department to try to relieve the traffic issues in Church Road at drop off and collection times.

South Cambridgeshire District Council have carried out a ‘rough’ cut at Teversham Foxgloves. The Parish Council continue to try to work with SCDC to improve the level of service they provide. We have been informed that there is no money in the budget for hedge or tree maintenance. If you wish to complain, please contact SCDC 03450 450 500.

We will shortly start work on our budget for 2011/2012. If you have any ideas that will enhance our community, please let us know. We have a meeting arranged with SCDC Arts and Culture team to discuss an ‘arts project’ for the parish, using money from a recent housing development and we are working on moving the telephone box. The article in our last edition resulted in one response and our plea for assistance in producing a parish plan resulted in zero responses.

Don’t forget the Parish Council is here to represent the whole community. If you have an issue, or an idea you would like us to consider, please do not hesitate to contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk. We welcome members of the public to every meeting and details can be found on our website www.teversham.info or on any of our notice boards.

Little Hoppers – Babies and Toddlers Group
from Alistair MacInnes
Hope Community Church (serving Teversham, Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn) launched Little Hoppers in June this year and has been running every week since that time. We’ve been encouraged that a large number of mums, carers, grandmas and even some dads have come along from all around the local area. We meet in Teversham Chapel (Teversham High Street) on Monday mornings from 10-11.30am. The Chapel provides a good space but remains a cosy size so that children are never too far away and it’s easy to talk to others. We have plenty of time for free play with a wide variety of toys and games for 0s to 3s, followed by a craft activity and then a story and singing time. Hope Community Church makes no charge for the group so it is as accessible to as many people as possible.

Just feel free to pop along or if you’d like to find out more call Rachel on 241071, email info@hopecommunity.org.uk or visit www.hopecommunity.org.uk.
From PSCO John Coppard
The last Linton / Fulbourn Panel meeting on the 21st September 2010 was a great success with one new priority being raised and one that we are tackling across the panel area’s. This is to address road safety concerns across the panel area’s, Focusing on speeding in various villages as well as dangerous and obstructive parking we will view all vehicle’s seen causing an offence parked on yellow lines individually and asking owners to move on if they are in said vehicle’s at that present time. It has been asked that we remain firm and to the point that if anyone is caught parked were they are breaking the law that we use our police powers to enforce these offences.

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Classic Cafe
from Alistair MacInnes
Hope Community Church have been running an over-60s cafe for some time now. It runs on Friday afternoons in Teversham Chapel and provides: time to chat, time to reflect with a ‘Thought for the Day’ and time to have some fun with board games!

We’re aware that provision for older people in the Teversham area is decreasing with the changes to Home Close, if we can help practically in any way or by providing things that are lacking we’d love to hear from you so we can consider any ways in which we can respond. If you’ve got ideas about this please get in touch with Tony on 292052 or Alistair on 241071 or (if you’ve got it) you can email

Mr Pettit’s Christmas Light Display
Robin Pettit will once again be lighting up Teversham this festive season with his fantastic light display at his Cherry Hinton Road home. This year the lights will be switched on by Jemima Borley-Yau on Saturday 20th November 2010 at 5pm. Last year’s collection raised £217.63. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

Hope Community Church
from Alistair MacInnes
One of the great good news stories of recent times has been that of the Chilean miners. They were quick to give thanks to God for their rescue and we’ve been looking together at one of the great rescue stories of all time on Sundays at Hope Community Church as we think about how the Exodus story in the Bible speaks to us today of the God who still rescues people in the most important ways.

We’ve now been meeting in the chapel in Teversham on Sunday mornings for nearly a year. Most of those who come are from Teversham, Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn. On Sundays we meet at 11am for songs, prayer and a Bible talk followed by lunch together afterwards which is a great way of building community life. We try to use language that ordinary people understand and provide times for people to ask questions too. We have a separate activity time for children during the Bible talk. People are always welcome to come and meet with us on a Sunday whether keen or just a bit curious!

We continue to support Teversham School through regular assemblies and our popular Bible Fun Club after school as well as serving on the Governing Body.

We’ve been encouraged too at the way our new Little Hoppers group has taken off. Last year saw our first baptism and this year has seen our first thanksgiving and dedication service for a new baby.

Some dates for the diary:
• ‘Family Service’ – Sunday 21st November, 11 am, Teversham Chapel
• Christmas Services both contemporary and traditional begin from 12th December – look out for separate publicity or check the website in December. This year we’ll be doing a special toddlers service as well as a Christmas family service.

To get in touch please call 241071 or email info@hopecommunity.org.uk but you can also just come and visit any Sunday at 11!

Visit www.teversham.info for information about our village. Anything missing? Let us know!

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With the new Coalition Government in place, this is a time of great change for all of us, not least in schools. Many of the initiatives and proposals planned by the previous administration have been scrapped, notably the revised primary curriculum that was to have been implemented next year. Until the government’s white paper has been published and put into practice, we can be certain about few things, apart from the fact that we will have to do more with less money.

One thing that does not change is the commitment of our experienced team in helping all our children enjoy their school days and achieve that of which they are capable. We were therefore proud to receive our 5th consecutive Quality Mark award recently, confirming Teversham’s good practice in teaching Basic Skills.

Next year’s application round is underway and so if you know of any families who would like to join us, please invite them along to our Open Day on Thursday November 11th. Although priority is given to village families, children do not need to live in Teversham to attend our school, so please encourage any families with school age children who would like to come here to apply. We have space to accommodate more children, and welcome any who wish to visit before making a decision.

Writing this newsletter, I am always amazed when I look back at how much has happened in school over the past few months. Our Breakfast Club has opened, providing breakfast and a safe place to play before school each morning. Our Year 6 children, now students at local secondary schools, had a very busy final term. They took part in ‘Kick Ash’ smoking cessation project with Year 10 BVC students, visited the hangars and fire station at Cambridge Airport, enjoyed the traditional post SATs picnic on Teversham Fen and had a great time undertaking outdoor and adventurous activities on their residential visit to Grafham Water Centre. All of our Key Stage 2 children took part in a highly successful musical production of Oliver and our choir performed with hundreds of children from the Bottisham Circle Arts Partnership in the ‘Sing, Sing, Sing!’ Festival at Ely Cathedral.

Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a visit to Wimpole Hall and the Year 2 class visited the Folk Museum. As part of their history work on the Great Fire of London, they set fire to the hoses they had made in the playground, and the Marshall Group sent their fire engine to extinguish the blaze! They also kindly power hosed the playground and moved a large mound of earth in preparation for our new sandpit. Other staff assisted in our Design Technology teaching, and Babraham Institute staff delivered some of our science teaching.

Our youngest children had an exciting visit to Teversham Motors, watching cars go up and down on the ramp and enjoying a delicious snack and a warm welcome.

The Autumn term is now halfway through, and the current Year 6 have completed their Bikeability Training round the village. Key Stage 1 and 2 children have all visited the Scott Polar Research Institute as part of our work on ‘Extreme Environments’. We have shared our Harvest celebrations with the congregation at All Saints’ Church, and even held a ‘wedding’ in the church with our Reception and Key Stage 1 children.

We would also love to welcome the village’s senior citizens to share in our Christmas play and enjoy some tea with us. However, we can only invite those people we know about, so please, if you know of anyone who would like to join us, let us have their contact details on 01223 293357 or office@teversham.cambs.sch.uk If transport is an issue, we may well be able to help.
Our Prayer and Gift Day took place recently, and I am pleased to report that approximately £1,200 was gifted. Our sincere thanks to all who contributed.

The Harvest Festival Service was well attended. This is always a heartening service with well known hymns at this time of the year. Many contributions were given by the children of our village school, all of which were passed onto Jimmy’s Night Shelter and accordingly much appreciated.

Our Harvest Supper was also well attended when everyone present enjoyed an excellent meal with wine and coffee, followed by a quiz organised by David Duke. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to put on this annual event.

The graveyard extension saga is progressing albeit slowly. The current issue being what attention do the trees on site require before the surrounding fencing is put in place.

Christmas is now less than two months away. The Christingle service will be in the school on Thursday 16th December at 3.00pm and the Carol Service in Church is on Sunday 19th December at 3.30pm. The Christmas Day Service will be at 9.30am and there will be no service in Teversham on Sunday 26th December; Our joint service will be at Fen Ditton on that day. All are welcome at these services.

Ben Biggs won the tube of smarties when he phoned to say that 1278 was the year when the village church was opened. Well done Ben. A Mars Bar for the first child to phone Christine on 01223 295181 with the names of past choir members who have plaques placed on their seats.

The 2011 Census is coming to a letterbox near you!

On 27 March 2011 all residential households in the United Kingdom will be taking part in a census. It is not just another survey. The census is important as it provides an excellent source of information about the population. This enables central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to plan housing, education, health and transport services for years to come for all sectors of the population, so it is crucial the estimate is as accurate as possible. The Census is completely confidential and no personal information is passed to other government departments or non governmental organisations. When the questionnaire envelope comes through the door you’ll easily recognise it by the purple 2011 Census logo. Take care of it. If, like many people, you want to complete the questionnaire online, your individual internet code is on the front of the questionnaire.

More information about the 2011 Census is available online at: www.census.gov.uk

Jobs
Starting in September 2010 and continuing over the coming months a number of jobs will be created to support the Census. These will be a mix of part time and full time jobs. Some will last months, others a matter of weeks. All will offer competitive rates of pay.

More information can be found at www.censusjobs.co.uk

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Cut off for articles for the next edition of the Teversham News 14th January 2011
Thank you all for your contributions!