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# Teversham News

## Parish Council from round the table

Councillors have been busy working on the proposal to install new outdoor exercise equipment adjacent to the play area at Teversham Foxgloves (close to Fennec Close, next to the footpath that runs from the Nisa store to Fulbourn Old Drift). At the time of writing we are planning a site meeting, open to everyone to come and tell us what they think before we take the project any further.

The football club kindly offered to do some decorating/minor repairs at the pavilion. Unfortunately asbestos has been discovered following a survey and the Parish Council are now working to have this removed.

Minor vandalism continues to cost the parish valuable funds to repair/replace equipment. If you see any equipment/property of the parish being vandalised, please do let the police know.

Councillors would like to thank Mr Pettit for his hard work collecting signatures on his petition about changes to the bus services and his subsequent visit to the cabinet meeting at the County Council. The Parish Council continue to work to try and get the best service possible for Teversham. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the recent questionnaire.

Tree/land maintenance continues to be a hot topic and the Parish Council has prioritized establishing who is responsible for problem areas.

Residents are reminded that members of the public are welcome to attend any of our meetings and we welcome your input and feedback.

## Christmas Lights Annual Switch On

Mr Pettit has written to announce that Olivia Cockerton will be switching on the display at his Cherry Hinton Road home this year at 5pm on Saturday 17th November 2011.



## New Councillor

Councillors were delighted to welcome Philip Taylor to the table at their October meeting. Philip writes

"My name is Philip Taylor, I was co-opted onto Teversham Parish Council at the October 2012 meeting and following on from that here's a few words about myself and my family as a way of introduction. I am 38 years old; happily married to Ayse, who I met in her home town of Antalya, Turkey, when I was working there in 2004, and we have two daughters, aged 5 years and 18 months. We live in Foxgloves in Teversham and moved to this area of Cambridge around the beginning of 2008, a move prompted by my job. I am currently employed as a Captain for a leading European Airline based at London Stansted. Prior to this I grew up in Norwich and then attended the University of Sussex where I gained a Bsc(Hons) in Astrophysics.

An enthusiasm to contribute to our local community moved me to put myself forward for election onto our Parish Council. I haven't been involved in public service before and felt it about time I gave something back. I am always contactable as a Council Member to listen to any issues you may have within the Parish, or any suggestions you may have as to how our local services may be improved. We are here to serve you and represent this Parish's interests. I look forward to doing so."



## Bus Shelters Cleaner Required

The Parish Council now has nine bus shelters that need regular cleaning. Since our previous cleaner retired, we have found it difficult to find someone to help us carry out this task. Can you help??

The shelters need to be swept and the windows cleaned at least 6 times per year. Could you help? Please contact the Clerk for more information.

**Councillor Caroline Hunt, District Councillor  
Teversham Ward**

**Investors in people**

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) has been awarded a silver grade in for Investors in People.

**Smarter, better and more cost effective ICT**

SCDC is working hard to reduce the cost of internal ICT whilst ensuring that it has the right equipment to help Councillors and Officers serve residents. One change which is being made is called thin client desktop. In short this will mean that most desks at SCDC will have just one monitor without the need for a PC case. This will save £14-15k in electricity per year and is a good step against climate change. It will also mean a lower requirement for replacement PC cases and will therefore reduce the ICT PC refresh capital programme.

**Improving customer contact**

In December the Council will be bringing the Contact Call Centre in house. This will not only lead to improved customer service levels but also save £250,000 of tax payers money.

At the same time the website will be re-launched and will be more interactive – for instance residents will be able to make payments and resolve some issues without the need for emails or telephone call.

**Pay your council tax or rent by salary deductions**

You can now pay your Council Tax directly from your monthly salary.

Normally you pay your council tax over 10 monthly instalments from April to January, but, if you pay by salary deductions, you can spread the payments over 12 months. This can make budgeting easier for some people.

If you would like to change your salary deductions contact Debbie Lewis on 01954 713118 and she will arrange this for you.

If you rent a SCDC property, you can also pay your rent by salary deductions.

If you wish to have your rent paid directly from your salary each month, contact Brenda Robinson on 01954 713128 and she will arrange this for you.

**Changes to Council tax benefits**

In April 2013 the Government is handing over the running of Cambs and at the same time cutting the money received by about £1 million. The Council will have to develop it's own rules on how to provide Council Tax support to those needing it. South Cambs wants to put in place a scheme which will protect the most vulnerable people, encourages people into work and, given that there will be less money available a scheme which is affordable.

The changes will only affect working age claimants – pensioners will be protected and will not have their benefits reduced.

The Council website is currently running an on line survey to ask residents views on this.

**All Saints Church Teversham  
from Mr T Wakeling**

We have been quite busy recently. In June 50 friends and church members were entertained to our Summer Supper in the gardens of Christine and Melvin. An excellent evening enjoyed by all. The supper itself was tasty and good wine flowed. Incredibly the Harvest Supper took place in the school last week where guests attending enjoyed a good supper, wine, and music by David Duke and his fellow musicians.

The Prayer and Gift Day was well supported with almost £1,000 donated - a timely event with the gifts received going towards the Insurance premium for cover on the church buildings. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

The new churchyard extension is to be consecrated by the Bishop of Huntingdon on **Sunday 4th November** after Sunday service at 11 a.m. You are invited to attend, and we look forward to seeing you on this important village occasion. You will remember that a request was made for garden seats to be placed in the churchyard extension. Two seats were gifted, one from Mr. Merry of the High Street, and one by Mr. and Mrs. Wisbey of Impala Drive. The seats will be in position at the consecration. Thanks to Mr. Merry and Mr. and Mrs. Wisbey for their gifts.



**Sunday 11th November** is Remembrance Sunday and we will meet at the War Memorial at 10.50 a.m. with the service thereafter in Church. Our opportunity to spare a thought for local servicemen who gave their lives in the two World Wars. Again please come to the Remembrance Service.

Christmas is fast approaching - a happy time, and time for us all to get together and enjoy one or more of the following occasions.

**Monday 17th December** at 6p.m. School Christingle at the Church

**Tuesday 18th December** at 7p.m. Darwin Nurseries Carols and Celebration service

**Sunday 23rd December** at 3.30 p.m. Church Carol Service in the Church

**Tuesday 25th December** at 9.30 a.m. Christmas Day service at the Church.

Our Priest Michael Bowers and we all will look forward to you joining us on these festive times.





**EMERGE - the arts on your doorstep**

This spring villages across South Cambridgeshire will be celebrating the arts in all its forms as part of the EMERGE festival. From February to March 2013 venues and community groups will be staging a whole range of events for local people from comedy nights to pantomimes, workshops and talks to film screenings and so much more.

The Festival is all about celebrating the rich and vibrant cultural life in our communities. There will be events hosted by schools, community groups, village halls and arts companies. The festival will also include the stART Arts Awards - the annual ceremony to acknowledge outstanding contributions made by volunteers in their own community. Local residents are invited to make nominations later this year.

If you are a community group or venue who would like to host an event for the festival please get in touch. Maybe you already have a show that you would like to promote to a wider audience, or perhaps you are looking for support and advice to plan an event in your village. To find out more please get in touch with your local Arts Development Manager, Lesley Morgan. Call 01223 712825 or email [lesley@start-arts.org.uk](mailto:lesley@start-arts.org.uk).

For a full programme of events or to find out what is happening on your doorstep please visit [www.emerge-arts-festival.org.uk](http://www.emerge-arts-festival.org.uk) [www.emerge-arts-festival.org.uk](http://www.emerge-arts-festival.org.uk).



**Do your bit to bring better broadband for all**

Have you registered for the Connecting Cambridgeshire campaign to bring better broadband access for everyone across the county?

Time is running out and we need as many people as possible to register before December 2012, when a supplier will be selected and planning for the big broadband rollout begins.

It only takes a minute to go online at [www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk) or fill in a Freepost reply form in the leaflet at your local library or council offices. To find out more, visit [www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk), email [contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk](mailto:contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk) or call 0345 045 5200

**Christmas celebrations in the centre of Teversham**

At Hope Community Church we think Christmas is something worth celebrating. For that reason we're putting on a series of Christmas celebrations to which we offer you a very warm invitation. There's something for everyone whatever your age or background so why not come along and remember why Christmas starts with Christ and why this is such 'good news for all'? All our Christmas services will be in Teversham Chapel in the middle of the High Street.

Toddlers Christmas service - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 4pm

Children and Families service – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10.30am

Traditional Candlelit Carol Service – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7pm

Morning Carol Service – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 10.30am

Christmas Day Service – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10.30am

**Babies and Toddlers in Teversham**

We celebrated two successful years of the Little Hoppers babies and toddlers group this June and the group continues to be a welcoming and positive service in the community. The vast majority of those who come are from Teversham, Fulbourn and Cherry Hinton so the group gives great opportunities for building local friendships. If you've been wondering about coming along but not quite made it yet do come along or if you have questions get in touch with Rachel on 293811 or [Rachel@hopecommunity.org.uk](mailto:Rachel@hopecommunity.org.uk). We meet in Teversham Chapel every Monday between 10 and 11.30 and the group remains free of charge.

**Can we help?**

At Hope Community Church we're involved in the local community in a number of ways as individuals and as a church. We're always keen to find new ways of serving our local community though – we want to be good news in the community. If there are other ways we could help you or someone you know please do get in touch. For instance, we're aware that there are many older people who might like a regular visit and chat or people who want to get a bush cut back or need help in other simple practical ways. If you would like some help or are concerned for someone else nearby please get in touch with Tony Sharpe (292052 or [tony@hopecommunity.org.uk](mailto:tony@hopecommunity.org.uk)) or Alistair MacInnes (293811 or [al@hopecommunity.org.uk](mailto:al@hopecommunity.org.uk)).

### Dates for your Diary

**5th November 2012**

Parish Council Meeting at Bewick Bridge Community Primary School

**3rd December 2012**

Parish Council Meeting at Teversham Primary School

All meetings commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Meetings may be subject to change. Please check the notice boards and notices section of the website for up to date details and information regarding Committee Meetings.



### How to Contact Teversham Parish Council

Clerk to the Parish Council

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email: [tevershamparish@aol.com](mailto:tevershamparish@aol.com)

or [www.teversham.info](http://www.teversham.info)

or

Cllr Dave Kelleway

Chairman

01223 293743

### Cut off for articles for the Winter edition of Teversham News...

**15th January 2013**

We welcome articles from all groups in Teversham Parish, so do please get in touch!

Don't forget to check our website for up to date information about meetings and latest copies of minutes. You will also be able to view the latest edition of the Teversham News in full colour!

[www.teversham.info](http://www.teversham.info)

### Other Useful Numbers

County Councillor Nick Clarke 07876 561781

District Councillor Caroline Hunt 07891 465658

Police - Non urgent 101

South Cambridgeshire District Council  
switchboard 03450 450500

### South Cambridgeshire District Council

#### £600 up for grabs in paper recycling competition

Six lucky residents will win £100 each in a fantastic paper recycling competition run by South Cambridgeshire District Council this winter. Sponsored by Amey Cespa, the competition aims to reward residents who regularly recycle paper in their blue bin paper caddy.

It's easy to take part, just look out for the winter *South Cambs Magazine* which will hit doormats from 26 November. Once you have received your magazine, turn to the waste and recycling pages to find the competition entry form and details on how to take part.

For more information call 03450 450 063 or visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/papercompetition](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/papercompetition)

### ££ Donations ££

Annually the Parish Council has a small amount of money available to help local clubs and groups. If you know of a local group who would benefit from a small donation, please contact the Clerk. Closing date for applications **28th February 2013**.

