

Teversham News

County Cuts Street Lights

Thank you to everyone who responded to our article in the last edition of the news. At their meeting on 3rd March 2015, Councillors agreed to adopt all of the lamps earmarked for removal.

Your feedback was overwhelmingly in favour of keeping the lamps.

**Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 13th April 2015
at 7.30pm**

**at Hope Community Church, High
Street, Teversham**



Councillors would like to extend a warm welcome to all residents of our parish to come along and meet your Parish Councillors.

District Councillor Hunt and County Councillor Williams will also be on hand to answer your questions.

Remember, if you have any specific queries, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Parish Council or Clerk before the meeting.

We would like to encourage all village groups to give a report of their year's activities - please get in touch with the Clerk asap so we can allocate you a slot on the agenda.

Do come along, your thoughts and opinions matter a great deal and your ideas can help shape the future of our parish.

Grand Opening Borley Way Skate Park



The Grand Opening will take place on Saturday 16th May 2015 at Borley Way. We are planning lots of exciting things, so we hope you can join us. The ribbon will be cut at 3pm, so do come along and join in.



All aboard the number 18



Did you know that in addition to the familiar 17 bus there is a number 18 which goes to Newmarket f r o m

Teversham 3 days a week? So, if you fancy a change of scene you can catch it on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday. It leaves Teversham (Fulbourn direction) at 10.20am and the return journey departs from the Guinea's bus station in Newmarket at 1.30pm. The route goes via Fulbourn, the Wilbraham's and Six Mile Bottom. Whippet have an off-peak day ticket for £5 which will give you a return journey to Newmarket. Group tickets of £11 are available for 5 people (max 4 adults). It may be that you only want to go to Fulbourn, in which case a single ticket is £1.30 and a return £2.60. This service is as a result of the various parish councils working together with Cambridgeshire County Council to provide an additional bus service. We need people to know about it and use it to keep it. It is operated by Whippet and further information can be found on their website here: <http://www.go-whippet.co.uk/routes-timetables/local-routes> or call 01954 230011.



Is it YOU????

Do you let your dog mess on our playing fields, play areas and footpaths?

Councillors and some amazing members of our parish are keeping an eye out for people that let their dogs poo in public places and then don't pick it up!

You will be reported to the Police - as the person who lets their dog abuse the Ferndale playarea has been!!!

District Council Report for Teversham March 2015

Budget

Council tax on a band D property will rise by 1.99% to £123.31 with the Council still retaining its position as having one of the lowest Council Tax rates in the country. The grant the Council receives will be cut by about a third this year and with the forecast that by 2020 the grant will be abolished, the Council needs to make over £670,000 in savings and looking at generating more income.

Savings are planned to be delivered through initiatives such as sharing ICT, legal and building control services with neighbouring councils as well as investing to generate an income. Over the last four years the Council has already delivered efficiency savings of around £5.5 million through cutting senior management costs, bringing its customer contact centre back in-house and changing computer systems.

Ermine Street Housing, a Council led company to purchase homes to rent at market rates generates money for the Council which is put straight back into core services for local people.

Planning

The Council has been reviewing the current processes and associated fees for providing pre-application advice. In particular the quality of the service provided and the potential for increasing existing charges.

This is to ensure that applicants are encouraged to request pre-application advice and continue to receive a high class service and that the income generated through the charging structure fully recovers the cost of providing the service.

The planning portfolio holder has agreed:

District Councillor's report continued.....

- 1) the introduction of a one-off meeting service in addition to the existing service.
 - 2) Cessation of the free written permitted development advise service with the retention of the Planning Duty Officer Service to provide up to 15 minutes of free verbal advice.
 - 3) Implementation of the above from 1st April 2015
- The fees are expected to generate an income of over £50,000 per annum.

A14

As you may know an application for a Development Consent Order to build the A14 improvement scheme was submitted to the planning Inspectorate by the Highways Agency on 31st December last year

The planning inspectorate has now accepted this application for examination.

Caroline Hunt District Councillor
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Hope Community Church a great place to explore

Easter is a great time to consider the extraordinary claims of Jesus Christ and that's exactly what we've been doing both on Sundays at Teversham CE Primary School and in our regular Christianity Explored course. Lots of those who come to Hope are new to church or haven't been for years. Many have found Christianity Explored a great way to think through some of the biggest issues in life. You can bring any question you like and you don't need to know anything about church or the Bible to come along. If you'd be interested in exploring with us, we'd love to welcome you on a Sunday or to one of the groups that we run. Questions about meaning, purpose, life, death, justice and injustice, forgiveness and guilt - all these key issues are things that find an answer in the light of the good news about Jesus.

As ever, you can find out more about our regular groups for young and old, and new developments like our evening programme by looking at our website, www.hopecommunity.org.uk or calling 665369.



**Teversham Church
of England
Primary School**
**Inspire Believe
Achieve**

From Louisa Kenzie, Headteacher

At Teversham Church of England Primary School we continue to build on the tradition of church schools from their original foundation back in the 19th Century. Our aim is to serve our children and our community by providing an excellent education for all and to prepare them for a successful, happy and healthy future. We have so much to celebrate and be proud of and I would like to share a small part of this with you.

During our weekly celebration assembly this morning, we gathered together outside as a school to see the effects of the Solar Eclipse. Although the sky was too cloudy to see the moon pass across the sun, we saw the birds return to their nests in the trees, felt the extra chill in the air, and looked up at the extra grey sombre sky. We hope that this will be memorable for our children, as the next time there is a solar eclipse our youngest children will be taking their GCSEs and the oldest just leaving university!

We believe it is important to celebrate with the children important events during the year and to also recognise that we need to say thank you. Our Mother's Day assembly and Coffee and Cake afternoon were both very special occasions. The children sang to their mothers and read out recipes and poems describing their amazing mums. The children served tea and cake to their mums in the afternoon (or took their cake home if mum wasn't able to attend) as a way of saying thank you.

In order to help our children to achieve the highest standards in their work, we are committed to inspiring our children in all aspects of their learning. The topics chosen by the children this term have been a great success. The "Chocolate" theme in some classes will finish with the children designing, making, packaging and selling their own chocolates at the end of term. As part of their topic, another class enjoyed a fantastic Egyptian Day Experience, dressing up as ancient Egyptians, studying artefacts and the Egyptian way of life. The Superheroes topic has enabled the younger children to consider the people who help them and are "Superheroes" in their daily lives. Our Reception children thrilled us all at a recent assembly when they came through the hall dressed as a Chinese New Year dragon.

Our eldest children in year 5 and 6 are really looking forward to their two day trip to Belgium to view the War Memorials, along with children from Fulbourn Primary School. Our children raised a fantastic £834 for the British Legion back in the Autumn term when they took part in a sponsored silence and we are delighted that this trip has been very generously sponsored by the Fulbourn Branch of the British Legion.

We have been looking at ways to continue to improve the learning environment both inside and outside our school. We hope that you have noticed our new signage at the front. We are very grateful to Red2Green based at Bottisham Village College, who have cleared the growth down the side of the school in preparation for a special garden. The Rose Outdoor Learning Centre is now well and truly established in our grounds. We had a wonderful opening ceremony back in October, when Mrs Molly Rose, who flew spitfires during WW2, came along and cut the ribbon. You can see the photos and read all about Molly Rose on our website.

Following an Ofsted inspection in January, we were delighted with the very positive comments in the report and the recognition of the successes we have had as a school, especially the good provision for Early Years, the excellent behaviour of our children and the strength of leadership in the school.

Summer Feast - June

Our annual Summer Feast is on June 8th from 5 - 8 pm with stalls, food and drink and our Annual Children's Talent Show. Please see our posters nearer the time for details of other attractions.

Parking

Issues around parking near the school remain a challenge for our community and we are aware of the frustrations that inconsiderate and dangerous parking can cause for residents near the school. We recommend that parents and visitors park safely and considerately by the church and avoid the double yellow lines near school. We urge everyone to be mindful of the safety of children and adults coming into and leaving school and to be considerate of residents by avoiding blocking driveways. This is an issue for many schools in Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire County Council has produced a road safety video which we have shared with children and parents. A link can be found for this video on the latest news feed on our school website.

For further information about our school and contact details, please see our school website:

www.tevershamschool.co.uk

The last Spring for Ditton Meadows?

from Margaret Starkie, Friends of Ditton Meadows

Cambridgeshire County Council held a consultation last year on the proposal to build a cycle and pedestrian bridge at Ditton Meadows (which is partly in Fen Ditton and partly in City) to connect Abbey and Chesterton and especially to give access to the new rail station at the Science Park. This development would cost **£4.5million**.

We believe that the consultation process was flawed because it gave the impression that the bridge was already at design stage and did not ask the simple question "Do you want a bridge? Yes / No". The consultation drawings were misleading, implying that the ramps would be much smaller than they will need to be and not showing the full superhighway across the Meadows.

An extended consultation period has been granted, but it appears that the project team is pressing ahead with appointing architects (at further cost) and looking at design options, rather than exploring the **need for and viability of** a bridge and superhighway in this location.

Friends of Ditton Meadows has been set up to challenge the proposal and with the long-term objective of protecting the meadows from development; we want future generations to enjoy their peace and tranquility. Our first meeting was well attended and the majority of those present were against a bridge in this location. We were pleased to see so many FODM supporters at the County Council Stakeholders' meeting in February. This was opened to the public but was disappointing in that few of our questions were selected. We will continue to question CCC on the need for a bridge here; it would take cyclists and pedestrians to the wrong side of the tracks for the railway station, meaning either increased use of the level crossing or a further bridge over the tracks. We question whether a cycle superhighway from Cambridge Station to the Science Park will be needed when the new rail station is built. There are better ways of spending £4.5 million on cycling – and specifically in improving cycling safety - around Cambridge.

We would like CCC and the project team to conduct independently mediated conversations with all stakeholder groups, to conduct unbiased quantitative survey with the general public to ascertain whether people want a bridge on Ditton Meadows and to work with the architects, the engineers, the cycle campaign and others to ascertain where is the best location for a bridge.

If you want to preserve Ditton Meadows for the future join our campaign and sign our iPetition or the paper petition in Barnwell pharmacy.

Don't let this be the last Spring water voles, newts & other wildlife lead undisturbed lives on the meadows.

<http://friendsofdittonmeadows.org.uk>

Dates for your Diary

Monthly Parish Council Meetings - 7.30pm
Members of the public are welcome to attend

13th April - Annual Parish Meeting
Hope Community Church, High Street,
Teversham

18th May 2014 - AGM/May Mtg
Bewick Bridge Community Primary School,
Fulbourn Old Drift, Cherry Hinton

1st June 2015 (April Mtg)
Hope Community Church, High Street
Teversham

Kiosk Library Celebrates First Birthday



Our Kiosk Library celebrates its 1st Birthday this month.

Thank you to everyone who has donated books and regularly uses and replenishes the books.

A special thanks to Liz Freeman for her continued work managing the books.

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