

Teversham News

From Round the Table

During the winter months the parish council continues to work hard with budget setting and environmental issues at the top of the agenda.

Skate Park

By the time this newsletter reaches you, new fencing will have been installed at the skate park as recommended by the acoustic specialist, commissioned by the parish council following complaints of noise at the park.

Additionally, the specialist suggested filling the centre ramp with foam to reduce the impact of scooters landing, and this too will be completed before the end of January.

The parish council have also installed new bins and will soon provide new benches users and spectators. New signs have been erected, explaining that the park is not to be used after 9pm and no loud music is to be played. We ask that whilst enjoying the exciting new facilities, maximum consideration is given to nearby residents by all users.

New Play Equipment

We are delighted to report that new play equipment will be installed at Teversham Foxgloves in the spring, including a new roundabout, trampoline and metal goal ends.



Verges and Hedges

We have been asked by the County Council to remind residents/business owners and land owners that you are responsible for keeping hedges/trees and planting clear of the highway and footpaths. We receive more complaints about this type of issue than any other. Please do check to make sure your perimeter planting is not overhanging or encroaching onto footpaths.

Community Gritting

At our January meeting we discussed the invitation to join the Community Gritting Scheme run by Cambridgeshire County Council. If you think you might like to get involved, please do get in touch with the Clerk for more information (contact details on the back page).

Stay Informed

A copy of the main points (unconfirmed) of every full parish council meeting can be found on our noticeboards the week following a meeting. A full set of agreed minutes are posted on our website at www.teversham.info for your information.



Christmas Lights on the Village Green

Nearly 50 people assembled for the switching on of the new Christmas lights on the 9th December. Two Year 1 pupils from Teversham Primary School, Maia Grigorescu and Charis MacInnes, helped to do the actual 'switching' which was greeted by 'oohs' and 'ahs' of approval and then the singing of some carols. Most of those who attended stayed to chat over mince pies and chocolates to conclude a lovely community occasion.

For many years, Borley Brothers have kindly switched on lights at the village green during December but after a very positive conversation between a member of the Parish Council and the company it was agreed that new lights would be welcomed. The new lights were paid for by contributions from Borley Brothers, Teversham Motors, Hope Community Church, Teversham Parish Council and private donation. Volunteers from Hope Community Church put the lights up and there were representatives from all these parties present, along with other local residents, on the evening of the 'switch-on'. Many positive comments were received from people who enjoyed the lights during advent and over Christmas. We hope to build on the success of this initiative in the coming years and to publish the date of the 2016 switch-on in the Autumn edition of Teversham News.

View this newsletter in colour, with useful links at www.teversham.info!

The deadline for the next edition of the Teversham News is 15th April 2016. If you run a local group, you are welcome to submit an article for inclusion.

Teversham Church of England Primary School

From Louisa Kenzie, Headteacher

Inspire Believe Achieve

We have had another exciting start to the school year! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their inspirational "Stunning Starts" to their Inside Out topics, with Early Year's practising their circus skills alongside their Clown Teachers, KS1 visiting Pizza Express and learning how to make healthy pizzas and KS2 sampling a range of interesting foods in their "Teversham Bushtucker Trial"! We are now looking forward to our Marvellous Middle and Fabulous Finish at the end of term.



Although this term is a short one, there is a great deal to pack in! This term is key to preparing our children for the End of Key Stage Assessments so children and teachers are working hard to enable all our children to achieve their very best. We are also busy planning our Mother's Day Event and World Book Day, together with Lent and Easter activities.

We are pleased that our school remains a popular choice for families in and around Teversham, and numbers have now risen to 150 children on roll. We are proud that we continue to be a small, distinctive village school that is thriving and successful, with a strong community feel.

If you would like to find out more about our school, please do visit our website. We warmly welcome visits to the school and appointments can be arranged through our school office.

Website: www.tevershamschool.co.uk
Office phone number: 01223 293357

Grants available – apply now!

Do you know of or run a local group that would benefit from a small grant?



Teversham Parish Council has a small budget available once a year for groups or charities that serves or involves residents of Teversham.

All you need do is write to the clerk (details on back page) explaining about your group, what you would like the money for, and how many Teversham residents will benefit.

The deadline for applications is 12th February 2016.

Two Vacancies to be a Parish Councillor

We still have two vacancies on the Parish Council. So what's stopping you?? Do you live in the parish of Teversham? If you receive a copy of this newsletter through your letterbox, the answer is (probably) YES!



Are you over 18? If you would like to find out more, visit our website to take a look at the most recent minutes, or contact the as soon as possible.

email - tevershamparish@aol.com
call - 07562 332842 - please do leave a message
write - Teversham Parish Council
c/o 49 Lower End
Swaffham Prior, Cambridge CB25 0HT

The other way to find out more, is to come along to a meeting. This will enable you to meet councillors and the Clerk and to see how things work.

Our next two meetings are:

Monday 1st February 2016 at 7.30pm at Hope Community Church
Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.3pm at Bewick Bridge Community Primary School



District Council Report for Teversham Parish Council 4th January 2016

Report from District Councillor Caroline Hunt

Local Government Settlement and the financial Implications for SCDC.

Our Revenue Support Grant from the government will be reduced more aggressively than we expected and will eventually reduce to zero as we have predicted, but a year sooner than we had thought. The Council has been planning ahead with this in mind. The Grant reduces from £1.8 m this year to just over 0.9m in 2016/17 (in 2010/2011 the Council's grant was £7.8 million!). As previously reported the Council has delivered £5.5 million of savings over the past 4 years. This has been achieved by a review and reorganisation of waste and recycling services, changes to computer systems for staff, Councillors providing their own computers, bringing the customer contact centre service back in house, joining up with neighbouring Council's to share services and forming a housing company to generate income.

The New Homes Bonus will remain, but will become a 4 year scheme rather than a 6 year scheme. It will increase from £4.1m to £5.1m. This puts us in a significantly better position as it recognises the need for funding to ensure that much needed high quality transport links to support homes can be delivered..

We will also be allowed to increase council tax by £5, rather than be capped at the 2% level. There are a very small number of District Councils who are being allowed to do this and we are one of them as we remain one of the lowest taxing authorities in the country. At the moment we are unsure if this is a temporary arrangement, but the government have assumed that we will increase by £5 in 2016/17 in calculating our spending power. Please note no decision has been made yet on this, it will be decided by full Council at its February meeting.

There is a suggestion that our funding (settlement) will be guaranteed for 4 years, allowing us more certainty when planning our financial strategy, but this is not yet confirmed.

Caroline Hunt
District Councillor
Teversham Ward 01223 292388 or 07891 465658

Not just for Christmas...

Hope Community Church news

It was wonderful to be able to welcome so many members of the local community to our celebrations over Christmas, many for the first time. We enjoyed re-telling the Christmas story with simple songs and nursery rhymes for lots of pre-schoolers and their families in the middle of December. We were also thrilled to have so many packed in across our two candlelit services on the Sunday before Christmas and to have a full house for Christmas Day too. The chapel is a lovely venue for these special services and the atmosphere was wonderful as young and old, regulars and newcomers thought about and sung about the significance of the Christmas good news of a saviour for all. Perhaps you took a copy of the book 'Four Kinds of Christmas' (fourkindsofchristmas.com) which made you both laugh and think – please do come back with questions to explore more...

Since the new year, it's been good to be back at **Teversham CE Primary every Sunday at 11**, which gives us much more space to continue our expanding children's groups and to gather together as a growing community. Coming along on a Sunday is one of the best ways of seeing what we're all about and **we'd love to welcome any who came along for the first time at Christmas back**. We still have lunch together most Sundays and this can be a lovely way to get to know others. On Sunday mornings we'll be exploring the letter of James which is very practical and full of relevance for us today.

Other groups have resumed at the chapel in the new year including:

Little Hoppers for 0s-3s (Mondays 10-11.30am);

Home Group Bible Studies (in local homes - Wednesday and Thursday evenings);

Lunch Together for over 60s (Wednesdays 12.45 - 3rd Feb, 2nd March, 13th April);

Classic Café for over 60s (Fridays fortnightly 2.30-4pm – 29th Jan, 12th & 26th Feb, 11th & 25th Mar etc.).

We are also meeting in the evenings more often and details of these and other events can be found on our website www.hopecommunity.org.uk or by emailing info@hopecommunity.org.uk or phoning 01223 665369. We would love to be able to serve you in 2016.



Thermal Imaging Camera

Siobhan Mellon | Development Officer

We have a new system for borrowing the thermal imaging camera, with our Reception staff taking care of bookings from the start of next week. (No bookings will be taken until then except for at the training session on Thursday evening).

Subject to availability, any South Cambs resident will be able to borrow a camera free of charge for up to a week for the purpose of checking out draughts and heat leaks. Anyone borrowing the camera will be welcome to attend a training session, although this is not a requirement.

If you would like to borrow a camera please call 03450 450 063 or email reception@scambs.gov.uk. You will need to bring **photo ID plus separate proof of address** along when you pick up the camera, and complete a (very) brief report for each property surveyed.

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## South Cambridgeshire Volunteers Needed We Are Looking For Someone Like YOU!

We are launching a new Fundraising Volunteer Network in South Cambridgeshire for 2016 and we need your help with a range of fundraising activities in your local area. Volunteers are an important part of our fundraising and by giving as little as a few hours you will be making a huge contribution to EACH and the families we support.

There are a variety of ways that you can get involved ranging from helping at collections, raising awareness locally to organising an event with others. There are opportunities that only require only few hours of your time and for those wanting to get fully involved we can offer regular roles.

There are many benefits to volunteering with EACH. You will be taking on a new challenge, meeting new and like-minded people, contributing to your local community, and to EACH. As a fundraising team, we keep in touch with all our volunteers and support you in any way possible. There are a variety of roles available, depending on how much time you can give and what you are interested in. We will provide you with marketing and fundraising materials and you will be invited to our annual Volunteers Day and receive the quarterly volunteers newsletter.

To find out more information or to get involved contact Lucy Glover by email [lucy.glover@each.org.uk](mailto:lucy.glover@each.org.uk) or telephone 01223 205198'.



## Do you have what it takes to inspire and encourage a young generation? We're recruiting Volunteer Police Cadet Leaders in Cambridge

Hannah Watson (Police, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Cambridgeshire)

We're delighted to be launching a Volunteer Police Cadet Scheme in Cambridge. The scheme will promote a practical understanding of policing among all young people and encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship through volunteering in the community. It will also provide opportunities for structured youth engagement and diversionary activities.

Vital to the successful running of the Cadet Unit will be our adult volunteer leaders. We're looking for enthusiastic and committed people who will inspire our young people to achieve their goals. No particular experience is required and we will provide all the necessary training, support and development. So if you can give up a few hours each week, on a Wednesday from 3.30pm until 5.30pm then this role could be for you.

Please find further information about the roles on our website - <http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/volunteer-schemes/volunteer-police-cadets-scheme/want-police-cadet-scheme-volunteer/>. If you're interested in joining our team, please complete the application form and return to us as soon as possible. Once we've received your form, we will arrange to meet with you to discuss your application further.

We look forward to hearing from you soon, but if you require any further information about the scheme or the roles, please contact Hannah Watson, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01954 713911 or email [hannah.watson@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hannah.watson@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

### How to Contact Teversham Parish Council

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You can also write to

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