

# Teversham News

## From Round the Table

*Kim Quiggin, Parish Clerk writes:*

The last few months have seen a few changes.. By the time this newsletter we will have co-opted a new member of the parish council to fill our vacancy. Ironically, two applicants have come forward, so members will have to vote!

After just under 11 years of service, I am leaving my role as parish clerk. I have enjoyed this varied and at times challenging role and would like to sincerely thank councillors, past and present for their work and support. I would also like to thank the many lovely residents who over the years have assisted me and the parish council.

Beckie Whitehouse has been appointed as my replacement. Please come and join with Councillors in welcoming Beckie to her first meeting, which will be the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd May 2017.

Members are pleased to report that the works on the village green have now been arranged and the new slide at the Recreation Ground was installed at the beginning of April. As you can see from the picture below, it has already proved a hit with the younger members of our parish!



Work is underway to improve our website and the way we communicate with you, our community. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please do get in touch with the clerk.

All contact details, apart from the postal address for correspondence will remain the same - details on the back page.

### Annual Parish Meeting

You are invited to come along to our Annual Parish Meeting on **Monday 22nd May 2017 at 7.30pm** at Hope Community Church, High Street.

There will be reports from the Parish Council, Teversham Primary School, PCSO and your County Councillor John Williams and District Councillor Caroline Hunt. Councillor Sam Bramley will be giving a short presentation about Timebanking (see below) There will also be a Q & A session at the end of the meeting.



### Would you like to know more about Timebanking?

Timebanking is all about communities exchanging knowledge, help and skills. In the process meeting new people, connecting with neighbours, learning and having fun. The simple idea is that by giving one hour of your time doing something you enjoy, you earn a time credit worth one hour, which you can then take back in any number of ways; offers include –gardening, companionship, learning an instrument, and simple DIY. Anything you could offer, no matter how small, could be useful to someone in the community.

There are seven Timebanks in Cambridgeshire in Somersham, Littleport, Cambourne, St Neots, St Ives, Houghton & Wyton and Warboys. Some are run by volunteers, others by paid coordinators. They are run by a range of organisations including Parish Councils, Housing Associations and Community Groups. Cambridgeshire Timebanks have 573 individual members and 76 organisational members where ages range from 6 to 95 years old. The total number of hours exchanged to date is 18,778.

The parish council would like to know your thoughts about setting up a Timebank in Teversham and invite you to attend the annual parish meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May held at Hope Community Church for a 7.30pm start to find out more about this exciting opportunity.

## Don't swallow up your NHS - local NHS reveals the cost of prescribing basic medicines



Health Chiefs in Cambridgeshire are urging local residents to buy basic medications from pharmacies instead of getting them on prescription.

Last year your local NHS spent over £4 million on prescribing medicines that can be bought easily from local pharmacies or supermarkets. This includes £1.5million on prescribing pain relief (paracetamol), £1.2 million to treat upset stomachs, £550,000 on antihistamines and £320,000 to treat heartburn and indigestion.



All of these medicines can be bought at local pharmacies or supermarkets for less than it costs the NHS to prescribe.

Sati Ubhi, Chief pharmacist said "We want the public to really think before they visit the GP, is this something that I can treat myself? Is there a medication I can buy for this over the counter? A packet of paracetamol can cost as little as 25p for 16 tablets at a pharmacy. But if you go to your GP with your ache or pain and get a prescription, the total cost to your NHS is approximately £45\*. We all have a responsibility to look after our own health and look after our NHS."

Sati Ubhi, Chief pharmacist added "Keeping a selection of essential medications at home can help you treat common conditions at home such as colds, coughs and flu and avoid unnecessary trips to see your doctor."

Further information on self-care visit <http://www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk/>

\*The £45 the NHS spends on a prescription if you see a GP is made up of the GP consultation time, the cost of the medication, and dispensing fee.

### Vacancy - Litter Picker - Teversham Village

We have a vacancy for a litter picker. Flexible hours, 2 1/2 hours per week. Main duties include litter picking play areas at Ferndale and Recreation Ground, High Street and light cleaning of the pavilion. Bringing the black bin down from the Rec to the roadside and taking it back is also required. Pay rate £8.45 per hour.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age. For an application pack, please email [clerk@teversham.info](mailto:clerk@teversham.info)

Closing date for applications 31st May 2017

References will be required.

From February to March, a diverse group of about 16-18 people met each week for food and discussion on our Life Explored course. We had people in their 20s and people in their 80s, people who grew up in the village and people who grew up thousands of miles away. But all of them brought questions and learned more about what the Bible has to say about the biggest and deepest questions we all face. Everyone still wanted to learn more at the end.

For that reason, we'll be doing a couple of Hope Explored courses beginning in May - one in the daytime and one in an evening. If you'd like to join in please contact us (below) and we can tell you more. You don't need to know anything about the Bible or the Christian faith and no question is seen as silly.

We continue to see lots of over 60s at Classic Café and Lunch Together, and a great number of parents and carers with little ones at Little Hoppers, our babies and toddlers group. If you want to find out about any of these or would like to know more about our Sunday mornings at Teversham CE School, contact us at [info@hopecommunity.org.uk](mailto:info@hopecommunity.org.uk); [www.hopecommunity.org.uk](http://www.hopecommunity.org.uk); or 665369.

### South Cambridgeshire District Council - Park Life

Parklife, our free family fun day at [Milton Country Park](#) is to be held this year on Sunday 25 June. We expect around 5,000 visitors to take part in a host of great activities.

Organised in partnership with Cambridge Sports Lakes Trust, Parklife allows visitors to explore a variety of ways to improve their health and wellbeing and the opportunity to try a range of sports with a view to inspiring them to be more active.

We will be bringing back the action packed Cycling Zone, offering a myriad of bikes to try out, from multi-person, recumbent, balance and all-ability bikes in addition to the popular pedal-powered Scalextric and Smoothie Makers.

Our Water Zone will feature Kayaking, Canoeing and Paddleboarding plus the chance to try your hand at angling too. The qualified instructors can take visitors through these water sports allowing them to quickly take to the water and have fun on the lake.

Once again Hoveraid will be offering rides across the lakes, in return for a donation to the charity.

Back by popular demand is the Wild South Cambs Zone, where our visitors can get hands on, with den building, fire-lighting and pond dipping.

The Extreme Zone will feature archery and some pretty challenging climbing walls as well as the spider mountain, which involves a climb up the netting tower followed by descent via a precipitous slide.

Visit <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/parklife> for more information.

**District Council Report**

*From District Councillor Caroline Hunt, District Councillor for Teversham ward.*

**New Chief Executive for SCDC**

Beverly Agass has been announced as the new Chief Executive for South Cambridgeshire District Council. She is the current Chief Executive at South Kesteven District Council in Lincolnshire and has a wealth of experience in the public and private sectors. She also has significant experience of working with councillors and communities.

Mrs Agass' appointment has been recommended by a cross-party recruitment panel and is expected to join South Cambridgeshire District Council in the summer.

**Bin Collection**

At the end of the first month of operation of the new collection scheme, 95% of bins have been collected on the due day and the remaining 5% within 4 days of the missed day. As expected there was an increase in complaints to the contact centre whilst the crews get use to the new rounds. Most of the complaints were due to missed bins, but this is already improving.

**Community Chest Fund**

Is now open for this financial year's bids to help with local projects. There is a budget of £55,000 available with a maximum of £1,000 per project. Last year All Saints Church received a grant towards a replacement lawn mower for use in the churchyard. So if you know of a group requiring funding for a community project get them to apply to SCDC.

**Teversham Village Warden Scheme**

South Cambs have awarded Age UK a grant of £1,600, the full amount requested, towards our village warden scheme.

**Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey**

This is a very family friendly museum located in a rural setting, just off the A10 near Waterbeach. The Museum started out as pieces of broken pottery kept in a shoebox by four-year-old Craig Delanoy in the village of Haddenham in 1969. The collection grew expanding into the Delanoy family's garden. This Summer we are celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the museum moving to its present site.

I am a trustee of the Farmland Museum which is supported by SCDC with an annual grant. It is an independent charitable museum and manages the adjacent Denny Abbey on behalf of English Heritage. The collection consists of over ten thousand objects. It focuses on the farming and rural life of North and South Cambridgeshire and also incorporates a bygone collection by Frank Fossey of over two thousand objects.

Why not visit this Summer. The team at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey look forward to welcoming you! Please see our website for opening times and more details.

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**Village parking problems**

*Chief Inspector James Sutherland - Area Commander - South Cambs*

I am aware from the many emails South Cambs officers receive and from Neighbourhood Panel meetings that parking is a constant concern for many residents in villages across South Cambridgeshire.

Many of you may know that I cannot prioritise parking patrols over investigating and preventing crime and responding to calls for service. In light of this, it means that my officers might not do as much parking enforcement as many of you would like.

I have been giving some thought on how we can meet your expectations on parking enforcement and I have decided that we are going to try something new. I have therefore set up an online web-page where you can report concerns about parking. The information that you give us will go directly to me and will help us build a picture of the exact hot-spots for parking issues. I will then use this information on targeted 'crack-down' days. There is some good evidence that crack-downs work in other areas of policing so we are going to try it for parking. For obvious reasons I will not be publicising the dates of the crackdowns in advance, but updates will be sent to you by e-cops, twitter and facebook once we have completed a crackdown day. The web page is now live and you can find it here:

<http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>

I am not pretending that this will solve all parking problems, however, I do think that it strikes the right balance between dealing with parking concerns and the other important work that we do.

**Recent Media Coverage about Policing in Villages**

Some of you may have seen recent media reporting regarding our policing of villages. I would like to emphasise that we do prioritise policing of the villages but what I do ask is that my officers prioritise the 'hottest' areas *within our villages*. This does mean that certain areas in some villages get more attention than those villages with very low crime. I believe this is a sensible approach to policing which most of you would agree with. The main benefit of our local policing structure is that you have your own, dedicated local resources that are responsible for policing South Cambs rather than the City.

I have sought to put as much time and effort as possible over the last three years into crime prevention events in the villages (first Op Oaklands and more recently Op Hunter). Your local officers and I work hard to give you the best, most intelligent policing service we can but if you do have any concerns please do get in touch - or come to our next round of neighbourhood panel meetings where you can join in the discussion.

## News from Teversham Primary School

*Mrs Kenzie, Headteacher*

### Ofsted Grading "GOOD"!

We are thrilled that we have at last been recognised by Ofsted as the **GOOD** school that we and the whole community know that we are!

Back in January, which seems a long time ago now, the Ofsted team visited us and carried out their inspections of the children's learning and behaviour, along with the teaching and management and leadership across the school. They interviewed staff, children, governors and parents – and we were delighted with the strong support we received from the community. We are very pleased that, along with the **OUTSTANDING** judgement that we were given in the Autumn term by the Church School Inspector, the Ofsted report reflects the teamwork, dedication and enthusiasm of the staff and governors in working tirelessly to improve standards over the last few years. If you would like to read the full OFSTED report this can be found on our school website.

### Summer Madness!

The summer term brings with it great opportunities for fun as well as many challenges! The children in Year 2 and Year 6 are busy working hard preparing for their end of key stage tests (SATs) in May. We work hard to make sure the children are well prepared, confident and relaxed – with the year 6s enjoying their very special SATS breakfast each day of the test week and ending the week with the annual post-SATS walk and picnic.

The warmer weather also means we organise our Annual Sports Day in June, as well as other sporting events with local primary schools. Exciting school trips to Wimpole Hall, Woburn Safari Park and West Stow Anglo Saxon Village (alliteration not intended!) are all being planned for this term in order to enhance the learning in this term's topics.

Our Key Stage 2 children will soon be busily rehearsing for our Summer Term Production in July – the title is currently a secret until after the SATs (to avoid any distractions!) The anticipation is very much part of the excitement! I can't wait for the school to be filled with the beautiful sounds of the children rehearsing the songs and to see so many children being able to develop their skills of performing, dancing, acting, collaboration, responsibility, commitment and resilience and so much more!

Our Friends of School will be hosting our Summer Feast on Friday 23rd June – this is a fantastic community event for all the family. There will be food and drink including a BBQ, the Annual Children's Talent Show, a variety of stalls and music. The Summer Feast is from 5.00 pm until 8.00 pm. and is a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together and raise valuable funds for the school. I do hope that you are able to join us for a very enjoyable evening.

### September 2017 New Intake

Currently our school numbers are growing steadily, now with 155 children organised into 6 classes, and we are very pleased

that we welcome many children from outside Teversham as well as from Teversham Parish. We still have a few spaces available in our Reception class for children starting school this September (as well as our current Reception and Year 1). If you would like further information on applying for a place in our Reception class or indeed within any year group of our school please do speak with the school office team. Deciding which school is right for your child is an important decision and we strongly recommend that you arrange a visit, to meet the headteacher and have a tour, in order to get a feel for the school yourself. Please also look out for details of our Open Day in the Autumn Term.

### School House

The renovation of the school house has been delayed due to funding difficulties but we heard today that the works will be able to go ahead shortly. We are very excited that this additional space will be available for our use, especially for our thriving Breakfast Club and After School Club.

If you would like any further information about the school please do visit our website [www.tevershamschool.co.uk](http://www.tevershamschool.co.uk) which is full of photos and information about our school. Alternatively if you have anyone who would like to join our school please do telephone our school office who will be able to arrange a school visit for you. Tel: 293357

### Dates for your Diary

Full Parish Council Meetings (all start at 7.30pm)

**8th May 2017** at Hope Community Church

**22nd May 2017** ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

at Hope Community Church

**5th June 2017** at Bewick Bridge Community Primary School

Members of the public are welcome to all of these meetings. If you need a lift to a meeting, please contact the Clerk.

### **How to Contact Teversham Parish Council**

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