

TEVERSHAM NEWS

ALL CONTRIBUTORS WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL READERS A HAPPY 2018

SKATE PARK NEWS

Parish Council Chairman Dave Kelleway writes:

Many residents will be aware that the Skate Park at the Borley Way recreation area has recently been closed. The PC has had to take this action due to a Noise Abatement Notice being served on it by South Cambs District Council (SCDC) following complaints from some residents.

Although the PC has appealed against the notice, the appeal does not stop the order being imposed.

The appeal was due to be heard by magistrates on January 4th, but due to the complex areas of law involved will now be before a district judge on 31st May.

The PC has unsuccessfully sought the help and advice of SCDC to mitigate the noise from the Park, but has carried out a number of measures itself after commissioning a report by an independent acoustic consultant.

One of the measures was the erection of a 1.8 m close boarded fence, some of which was put on an existing low earth bund. Because this bund made the fence over 2m high, SCDC said the council needed planning permission for it – and then refused the application and issued an enforcement notice to remove the fencing.

The PC has also appealed against these actions by SCDC, and the enforcement notice is suspended until a planning hearing, which is likely be several months away.

In the meantime, the PC continues to look at ways of making the Skate ramps quieter, and the makers (Evolution) have already carried out some work to reduce the vibration on the end ramp.

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Many residents, including through a 100 name petition, have contacted the PC to object to the closure, citing that the skate park is very effective in engaging children of all ages in constructive exercise in a safe place.

Whilst the council appreciates these feelings, it also recognises that a small number of residents have objected to the Park, and asks everyone to respect the legal process by not attempting to use the Skate Park whilst it is closed.

Please continue to give your views or ask questions about the situation, by contacting the Parish Council.

FROM SCDC CLLR CAROLINE HUNT

Private Sector Leasing Scheme

A South Cambridgeshire family has become the first to be rehoused through the District Council's private sector leasing scheme. Shire Homes has been set up by SCDC as way of helping residents who need assistance to be able to afford to rent a private property locally.

Landlords with good quality properties can sign up for a minimum of 3 years to let their properties via this scheme, which offers guaranteed rental income. The Council takes over management of the properties and offers them to those needing homes at an affordable rent below market rate.

This scheme gives the council an additional resource for providing homes at affordable rents and this sits alongside the existing affordable housing schemes and council owned housing.

The Council is now finalising details for a second home to be offered out in this way, and is aiming to bring a total of 40 homes onto the private rental market via Shire Homes within the next 12 months.

Tackling Loneliness

A doctor's surgery may soon be prescribing a new type of treatment. SCDC is proposing a pilot project so a non-medical professional can be available at a local doctor's surgery. The scheme would give the GPs a non-medical referral option so the right type of support can be given to help people who feel isolated to access other services and local groups where people get together and socialise. The new initiative will cost £17,500 per year to base a non-medical member of staff at the GP surgery. The new post will provide the best support for people who are isolated as well as help free up appointments with doctors for people who need medical help. It is hoped the scheme will be up and running in April 2018.

TEVERSHAM NEEDS YOU

Parish Council elections will take place this coming May, nominations must be received by 6th April.

If you are interested in standing as a Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

TEVERSHAM PLAYGROUP

is a registered charity, situated within the grounds of Teversham C of E Primary School.



The playgroup has a strong ethos of learning through play and we pride ourselves on providing a warm and caring environment.

Recently, the children have been exploring the subjects of springtime and mythical creatures. They have been planting seeds while they wait for their winter bulbs to flower, and have made fire-breathing dragons and unicorn hats!

Run by an enthusiastic and dedicated committee of local volunteers, the playgroup depends almost entirely on the goodwill and generosity of local people for its continued success. We would be delighted to welcome any interest in and/or support of the work we do in nurturing our youngest citizens.

We are planning a 'Springtime Spruce-Up' event on Saturday 17th March, in which we invite you to offer your time, skills, donations to help us with our ongoing maintenance.

Please look out for our 'Bags of Help' token drop at Fulbourn Tesco.

We also have a current vacancy for a Committee Officer and would be very welcoming of anybody who has a particular interest in a finance or clerical role.

We look forward to sharing with you more of our children's achievements throughout the year.
Helen Cade Chairperson
tevershamplaygroup@hotmail.com

TEVERSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Autumn term was, yet again, a very busy one, building up to the Christmas nativity and Christingle in the church. We were very thankful to Rev. Dr. Alun Ford from All Saints Church, and Al MacInnes and others from Hope Church for their support during many of our Christmas activities. Wednesday worship is now led by Rev. Dr. Alun Ford and members of Hope Church on a weekly rota.

Due to increased demand, we held two Open Days for prospective new families to visit the School, it is always delightful to hear that families are choosing our school for being *“a warm and welcoming school with a lovely family atmosphere”* as well as recognising our excellent provision. We are continuing to grow and our numbers have increased to 157.

We are delighted to now be able to use the School House following its recent renovation.

Our children continue to enjoy a varied curriculum and their learning has been supported by going out on school trips and us welcoming visitors into school. This week our children have enjoyed participating in a “Lion King” dance workshop – great fun was had by all!

Our Year 6 children attended their residential trip to Grafham Water in November. This trip encourages teamwork and allows the children to set themselves both physical and psychological challenges. All children returned feeling very pleased with themselves having faced challenges they didn't know they could achieve – well done everyone! The Year 6 children also braved some heavy rain when they participated in their Bikeability tests (cycle proficiency test) at the end of November. Again, all children were successful in passing their tests and are now all aware of road safety and keeping themselves safe on the road.

It has been wonderful to watch our children in Early Years grow in confidence and resilience during their first term with us and they have settled very well into “big” school!

If you would like more information about our school please do contact us on 01223 293357 or visit our website (www.tevershamschool.co.uk)

NEWS OF HOPE

Following a wonderful series of Christmas celebrations, we're well up and running in the new year now. If you missed out at Christmas you're most welcome to come and visit us back at Teversham CE Primary School on Sunday mornings at 11 am. We welcome questions and discussion and have lunch together afterwards except on the first Sunday each month.

It was great to see local people at the switching on of the Lights on the green in December. The lights were looking lovely until some started failing just before Christmas! Apologies for that, but after 4 attempts at replacing plugs, we admitted defeat in the New Year and so if anybody has a bit of electrical expertise to volunteer it would be great to hear from you for this year.

We will be having another **Easter Egg hunt** on Good Friday afternoon. It's a fun way to get out and about around the village. It begins and ends at the chapel in the High Street – do look out for further details.

For more mature members of the community, our free cooked '**Lunch Together**' will have resumed with dates as follows: 7th Feb, 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June. Our **Classic Café** takes place with tea, cake, games and a thought for the day on alternate Fridays (2.30-4pm) as follows: Feb 2nd, 16th, March 2nd, 16th, April 13th, 27th etc.

Little Hoppers, our friendly, free **babies and toddlers group** continues with play and story and song at the chapel every Monday from 10-11.30am.

If we can ever be any help to you please get in touch via the website www.hopecommunity.org.uk or email info@hopecommunity.org.uk or 01223 665369

AT AGE UK CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH

we work hard all year round to help older people face the challenges that growing older brings. Across England, 1.9 million older people often feel ignored and recent figures show that within South Cambs 1690 older people are currently experiencing loneliness.

Loneliness is individual to each person and can impact in a variety of ways. People may feel lonely following a bereavement, health problems that are impacting on their ability to go out or having to move home and losing contact with family and friends.

Studies have shown that loneliness can have a significant effect on someone's health. For example, loneliness and isolation can be as harmful as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and is more damaging than obesity.

We offer a number of services to help reduce loneliness, increase community inclusion and support people to stay at home for longer. Within Teversham we provide a Community Warden Service to help people in later life to live in their own homes with support. Each warden will phone or make a personal visit to the client:

- to help with shopping and collecting prescriptions
- make phone calls on their behalf
- help complete forms
- liaise with other services when needed
- arrange for a doctor or nurse to visit

We offer a two week free trial for anybody thinking of joining the service. After this we will make a small weekly charge. If you are interested in learning more about this service, please call the Community Warden on 07754107943 or visit www.ageukcap.org.uk.

All Saints Easter Services:

Sun 25th March Palm Sunday Holy Communion 10 am

Wed 28th Mar Quiet Holy Communion 12 pm

Good Friday 30th Mar Sung Matins 10 am

Easter Sun 1st Apr Holy communion 10am

Have you been victims of crime? Want to feel safer?

Have you heard about the Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme?



The Bobby Scheme is a charity with volunteers who have worked for the Police, Fire Service or similar. If you are a **victim aged 60+** they will visit your home to advise on and fit locks, window locks, door chains for **FREE**. If you have not been a victim, but are aged 65+ or disabled, they will visit for a £30 donation. Over the last 15 years they have helped secure over 24,000 homes.

The scheme will also help victims of high-risk domestic abuse with safety measures, so they can stay at home rather than a refuge. All volunteers have been security checked and the charity works closely with the police to identify victims and target crime hotspots.

The Bobby Scheme can be contacted:

Tel: **01480 413311** or 07866 602100 or

email: info@thebobbyscheme.org

Teversham PC makes a small donation annually to support this charity, but if you feel able to donate to this charity as an individual, you can do so here:

<https://localgiving.org/charity/cambridgeshirebobbyscheme>

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Our new vicar Alun ford is settling in to our parish and is full of enthusiasm and ideas, and it is a pleasure to have him with us.

On Fri 16th Mar at 7.30pm in the school hall there will be a presentation from Dr. Jane Williamson MBE from Denny Abbey Farmland Museum, chairman of the trustees. She will bring along some unusual exhibits that we will have to make a guess about what their purpose was. All are very welcome and tickets will shortly be on sale from Tel 292388. Ian Hunt.

