

TEVERSHAM NEWS

FROM AROUND THE TABLE

Your Parish Clerk Beckie Whitehouse writes:

The work of the Council continues as we move into late autumn and early winter the grass cutting will ease and work on hedges will begin.

There have been no further complaints regarding noise from the skate park and the case has been closed.

Work is about to begin on setting the budget for the next financial year. There is quite considerable work that needs to be considered for all the play areas including the recent damage to the zip wire and swings at Borley Way and the Recreation Committee will be putting together a 3 yr plan.

Cllr Van der Walle will be submitting an application for the Zero Carbon Scheme for new Sheffield bike stands and e bikes (electric bikes). These e bikes are more or less like a regular bike with the addition of a motor to assist progress. The bikes would be provided by Cambridge Electrical Transport (CET) stored in lockers and managed via CET's software platform, enabling participating residents to book rides, locate the bike lockers, unlock and lock the lockers and bikes via a mobile app.

If we are successful more details will follow in due course.



After Travellers gained access to the recreation ground twice during the summer your Council are working to secure all the green areas and would like to thank Borley Brothers for their speedy assistance.



Play areas are regularly inspected and your council are considering options to restore surfacing under the gym equipment on Foxgloves.

Christmas Craft Evening

Sunday 1st December

Come along for a fun evening making a selection of Christmas crafts to take home, with festive drinks, nibbles & a seasonal reflection

7pm - 9.15pm, Teversham CE Primary School, CB1 9AZ

Tickets £8 in advance to cover materials, available via a member of the church or Rachel Mearns: 07974 834898. Please book early, places are limited!





TEVERSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a great start to the new academic year. We welcomed 28 new children into Sparrow Class (EYFS) along with some additional children across the year groups, who have all settled in very well. Our Open Day took place on 8th October for new families wishing to join us in 2020. If you know someone wanting to join us next September please do phone the school office and we will be happy to give parents and children a tour of the school. We are pleased that the school is continuing to thrive and grow; our Playgroup, Breakfast Club and After School Club are also very popular.

I am sure that you are all aware of the poor state of our front playground and car park. Budgets are very tight and we use as much of our funding as possible directly on the children, but we have at last received some additional funding to make improvements. We are hoping that the works will be completed over the next 6 months and the front of the school will look much smarter!

We continue to be concerned about the impact of the parking outside the school and we apologise to any residents who have been affected by unsafe or illegal parking. We send out regular reminders to all our community to park safely, legally and considerately for the benefit and safety of everyone, especially the children. School staff monitor parking at the start and end of the day when possible and the local police do visit for spot checks and to issue fines if needed. We are very keen to encourage families to park a little way away from school – at the Conservative Club or Tamarind Restaurant – and spend a few extra minutes walking to school, chatting, enjoying each other's company and adding up a few more active walking steps each day!

We enjoyed a fabulous Harvest Festival Service in the Parish Church this month and it was great to see the church so packed with children and families. The work that the children presented is now displayed in the church so do pop in and have a look!

If you require further information regarding our school or anything mentioned above please do contact us: Tel 01223 293357 or email: office@teversham.cambs.sch.uk



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer to become a My Guide volunteer in the Cambridge and surrounding area for Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

As a My Guide Volunteer, you will be matched with a blind or partially sighted person living in your local area. You will support them to get out and about a few hours each week/fortnight to do the things that they want to do, which could range from walking into town, using public transport or support with free running their guide dog.

We are particularly looking for volunteers to help support people with a sight loss to attend the local swimming facilities in Cambridge once a week and/or get out about around the City centre walking to help increase their fitness. **You could make a real difference to someone today.**

No previous experience required and nationally recognised sight guided training will be provided, along with safeguarding. You will also be supported with a dedicated role manager and be part of a wider team.

To find out more, please call 0345 143 0233 or email guidedogs@peterborough.org.uk

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR MP LUCY FRAZER

Since I was elected over four years ago I have pressed for improved road and rail services. I have been working with both with the Greater Cambridge Partnership and the Combined Authority to press for much needed safety and capacity improvements to the A1307 and am delighted that work has now begun. I also spearheaded the campaign for improvements to the A10 and so I am delighted that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and regional body England's Economic Heartland have applied for funding to dual and improve the Ely to Cambridge section.

We all know that education can be the key to social mobility so I have continued to campaign for fairer school funding and regularly meet with Ministers in Westminster to press the case. I am delighted that as a result of ours and a wider campaign government has committed £14billion to schools in the latest spending review this autumn.

As well as working hard on local issues. In July, I was delighted to have been appointed as a Minister of State in the Ministry of Justice with responsibility for Prisons and Probation. While my primary focus will always be representing the people of South East Cambridgeshire in Parliament, I'm honoured to be entrusted with playing a leading role in this important area.

Locally in Teversham, I held an open meeting for constituents to feedback on my work and to listen to concerns and questions. I am very grateful to all of you who came.

And having campaigned for superfast broadband access for four years I am pleased that Teversham now has 96.9% of premises at this speed.

Constituents who would like help with a problem or to meet with me at my next surgery should contact me by emailing lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk or calling 020 7219 5082.

To keep up with my work follow me on Facebook and Twitter or visit my website –www.lucyfrazer.org.uk.

Have a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2020!

Lucy Frazer QC MP, South East Cambridgeshire

NEWS FROM SCDC

WE ARE WATCHING NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY

We all know that much of the East of England is seeing enormous growth at present, with Cambridge city and the villages close to it affected most particularly. This growth brings jobs and economic prosperity - but it also brings challenges. As a result of decisions made over recent years, Teversham and Fulbourn will see many changes. The plans to build houses on the Ida Darwin site, in the area between Cow Lane and Teversham Road on the edge of Fulbourn, beside the airport at Cherry Hinton North, and on beside Newmarket Road on the airport site, certainly provide great challenges. They also, certainly, provide opportunities for improvements to local infrastructure. As your local councillors we are committed to doing all we can to make these developments of good quality, respecting standards of energy conservation and good design. Developments must also work for the villages and people we represent.

We would encourage you to take part in every consultation exercise there is and make your voices heard. We ourselves would welcome hearing from you with comments and questions.

There is also the smaller, but important development by SCDC of five new dwellings - a mix of bungalow, houses and flats - on PEMBROKE WAY. We recognise that this site has been empty, dormant, for a long time and we are very pleased that demolition work is about to begin, with the new buildings due for completion in September 2020, ready to provide low-cost housing for local people.

Cllrs Claire Daunton and John Williams

HOPE IN DARKER TIMES

From Hope Community Church

At a time when people of all ages and backgrounds are asking questions about where to find hope for the future, we believe that the historical events of Jesus and the first Christmas didn't just offer hope in the past but offer hope for the future too – not just for the world *but also* for us as individuals and communities. We'd love to welcome you to a whole range of events coming up soon as we reflect on, think about and celebrate Christmas. We begin with the Christmas Craft Evening on Sunday December 1st and from then on there is something great to come along to every Sunday through December, whatever your age or background. All the events are either at Teversham Chapel or Teversham CofE Primary School:

Sunday 1st December, 7pm – Christmas Craft Evening – The School (*tickets in advance - £8*)

Sunday 8th December, 4pm – Pre-schoolers' Christmas – The Chapel*

Sunday 15th December, 11am – 'Christmas without the trimmings' – The School*

Sunday 22nd December, 4pm – Family Carols by Candlelight – The Chapel*

Sunday 22nd December, 7pm – Carols by Candlelight – The Chapel

Tuesday 24th December, 6pm – Christmas Eve Service – The Chapel*

Wednesday 25th December, 10.30am – Christmas Day Celebration – The Chapel*

For more details look out for our Christmas cards through your door. For details of all the other things we offer in the community and on Sundays check out our newly refurbished website at www.hopecommunity.org.uk. In the new year we'll be running our next Life Explored group where you can think through and discuss some of the biggest issues in life. (**suitable for the youngest children*)

There has been a spate of burglaries from sheds in the area. To help keep thieves from your shed:

Use a heavy-duty padlock

Alarm the shed, you can pick one up for roughly £8

Try and put up a light by the shed

Insure valuable items

OBITUARY

Tony Critchley, who worked many years at Teversham Motors, sadly passed away in July after a stoic battle with a long illness. Tony was born in 1943. No one quite knows when he started at the garage as he had been helping out for well over 25years. Tony always had a smile and loved a chat. He was always ready to help both customers and other staff, nothing was too much trouble. He loved life and will be very much missed in and around the village.

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