

Tunstall BULLETIN

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Zooming • Contributing • Supporting • Remembering

Tunstall fights back

The Parish Council

We Zoomed it!

TPC's first Remote Council meeting happened on Wednesday 6 May, at 9.00am! This was a quite different experience for all, but it went surprisingly well. Cllr. Smith was re-appointed as Chair and the Council accounts were all signed off ready for the External Auditors.

As the meeting went so well, we have decided to have another using this method. The meeting will be on Wednesday 10th June at 9.00am, via Zoom Video Conferencing. If you would like to join us, please call the Clerk and details will be sent to you.

Fire on Tunstall Common

On Monday 4th May a fire started on Tunstall Common which damaged a large section of the land. It was started by an abandoned disposable bar-b-q, possibly left over from the weekend.

**PLEASE DO NOT HAVE A
BAR-B-Q OR ANY TYPE OF FIRE
ON THE COMMON.**

The land is very dry presently and any fire could also spread to neighbouring properties. If you see anyone having a bar-b-q or fire, please call the Common Warden Kevin Ross on 01728 688676.

VE Day Pictures

Did you have a picnic in your garden on 8th May to commemorate VE Day? If you did, why not send us some pictures and we will make a collection on the website. We could not have the celebrations that we wanted but we know many houses were decorated and many people did remember the day in their own way.

Community Speed Watch

In November of 2019, The Tunstall Community Speed Watch (CSW) Team, headed up by David Lowne, took possession of a new Speed Gun. Speeding has long been an issue on many of Tunstall's roads and since November the team have had their own equipment and they can be out on our roads reminding drivers of the speed limits more frequently. At present the lock-down does not permit the sessions to take place but we hope this will change soon (as long as social distancing can be observed by all the volunteers).

If you would like to join the CSW team, please contact David on 01728 689086. New members are always sought as it means the equipment can be used more often.

Goodbye to Councillors Silovsky and Hazelton

Over the past two months, TPC have said 'farewell' to two Councillors. In March Lucy Silovsky stepped aside due to mounting work pressures and in May John Hazelton stepped aside as he will soon be moving from the village. We would like to thank Lucy and John immensely for all their hard work and considered advice as Councillors and we wish them both the very best for the future.

This does mean that two vacancies have arisen at the Council. If you fancy being a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk on 01394 411405 and all the details will be passed to you

Tunstall Grapevine – let us know your e-mail address and we will keep you informed of the latest news

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Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Services

From 10:30 am
on
Website: www.stbaptist.co.uk

 www.facebook.com/sudbournetunstallbaptist/

 **YouTube** Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church

Pastor Dave Rushbrook will still be available for pastoral support:
pastor@stbaptist.co.uk / 01394 809691



SUDBOURNE & TUNSTALL
BAPTIST CHURCH

News from Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church

As with so many things at the moment, COVID19 and lockdown have made big changes to our life as a church.

Church is meant to be a large family and it is painful when we are separated from those we love. However, we are so grateful for the technology that is around that enables us to keep in touch.

We have not been able to have normal Church service since the middle of March, but our Sunday morning services are still available from 10:30am via our website (www.stbaptist.co.uk), our YouTube channel (Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church) and our Facebook page, if you would like to join us from your home, you would be very welcome! It's not the same as meeting together but there are some advantages. It is easy to find a seat, you don't have far to travel and you can come in your pyjamas! We also have regular meetings on Zoom and WhatsApp.

We are now starting to think about what we can do in smaller groups, should lock down restrictions be relaxed enough to allow that. However, it seems that it will be a while before services can go back to normal.

I really hope you are coping well with the restrictions that we are living with at the moment, but if you are in need of help, would like a chat or would like us to pray for you, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me,

Take care and God bless you

DAVE RUSHBROOK

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Tunstall Event Team

The Great Tunstall Get Together

Saturday 22 August

Tunstall Community Field

Save the date for an afternoon of fun, music and games.

More information to follow in next month's *Bulletin*.

If you would like to get involved with events in our village please contact Karen on 07873 388 373

tunstalleventsteam@gmail.com

The Vicar's voice

Last month, we commemorated VE Day, and although many of the celebrations had to be cancelled or postponed, people still took to outside and had "socially distanced" street parties and red, white and blue bunting flew and union flags flew skywards as people celebrated freedom from oppression.

It may seem though, that freedom has once again been compromised because of the COVID19 virus, a virus that has seen people in lock-down, unable to go out, share birthdays and celebrations with their families, and many people have given their lives as the disease took hold. Weddings have been postponed and funerals have been all the more poignant due to the restriction on mourners.

But we have also seen extraordinary acts of love, compassion and courage, not just from the key workers, but the people in lock down at home too. Neighbours have helped neighbours or even complete strangers. There have been more volunteers than ever who have offered themselves to help the vulnerable and lonely. Small acts of friendship and fellowship to grand gestures and donations.

100 years old Colonel "Sir" Tom Moore, and WW2 Veteran has been an inspiration to many, and has given everyone the courage to challenge themselves to raise money or just support those who do. And one day, we will be free of this virus.

This month we commemorate the Normandy Landings, where soldiers landed against the odds on the beaches of Gold, Juno, Sword, Omaha and Utah 76 years ago, and in the cemeteries, to pay tribute to their mates, who weren't so fortunate as to come home. There are so few of these brave men and women left, but these are the ones who fought for our freedom. And, although we cannot share in the celebrations and services that were planned, we can still take a moment out to remember them. And offer our thanks and blessings.

And our blessings are made all the more blessed through the unconditional love of God through Jesus Christ, in the continual loving and faithful presence of the Holy Spirit.

May you, and all those whom you love, receive the blessing of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, today and always. Amen

REV MANDY

Tools With A Mission

With more time on our hands perhaps some of you have been tidying and sorting cupboards and garages. If you have any items that could be used by the amazing charity TWAM - Tools with a Mission please hang on to them. TWAM is a Christian charity sending tools across the world enabling people to earn a living and support themselves and their families. In many countries people have few skills, little education and no means of earning a living. A switch from aid dependency to self-efficiency is impossible without help. TWAM started over 30 years ago and has provided this help but collecting and refurbishing tools and equipment no longer required in the UK and sending them overseas. Through collectors and centres across the UK, our Team of dedicated volunteers and supporters help transform thousands of lives every year. There are many wonderful and moving stories of such successes on the TWAM website, please take the time to read some. A little help here in Tunstall will have a ripple effect worldwide. We hope to have a collection day for this charity when circumstances allow.

Items requested. All tools including power tools. (Not lawn mowers or strimmers)

Gardening

Carpentry

Builders

Plumbing

Sewing machines, hand and electric, plus all accessories

Sewing sundries, the list is endless

Knitting machines

All knitting sundries.

Knitting yarns and fabric (not heavy weight)

There is more advice on website, please see www.twam.uk

School Meals and Ready-to-Go Dinners

The Oyster Inn at Butley is still cooking school meals and ready-to-go dinners for the vulnerable and elderly in our local area.

If you or someone you know could do with a hand register at www.theoysterinnbutley.co.uk Or call us 07398 025 740 / 01394 450 313

One day a week or Mon - Sat or now and again, whatever suits you. This service is free of charge thanks to *The Teapot Project* and Woodbridge Greengrocers

Bedding Plants Wanted

The various tubs around the village will soon be filled with new bedding plants. If you have any spare from your garden please consider donating them to the village.

Monica Petersen and team will be replanting the tubs shortly. If you have any spare plants please contact her on 01728 689178 or leave them on her door step at 11 Street Farm Close

Let's Keep Tunstall in Bloom!

Community Help

As we are still working at launching Tunstall and Blaxhall Good Neighbour Scheme, we realise that amidst the current virus outbreak there may be residents in our village who are self isolating and need some help or support.

Therefore we would like to say that we are here to help, if you need a friendly chat over the phone, a prescription collected or some essentials collected from the shop and delivered to your doorstep.

Please call or text us 07907806016

This service is offered free of charge but you would need to pay for any essentials purchased on your behalf, items will be left on your doorstep.

From the *Bulletin* Team

Due to the current virus outbreak we have taken the decision that the *Bulletin* will only be produced digitally. Therefore if you are aware that your neighbours would like a copy, please could we ask that you print a copy off for them, or alternatively encourage them to join the Tunstall Grapevine by emailing pcclerkunstall@gmail.com.

Thank you for your understanding and if we can offer any support please do get in contact with a member of the team.

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