A pat on the back for village volunteers

Do you volunteer your time or skills for the good of Tunstall? Do you perhaps deliver the Bulletin, tend the flower boxes, call in on neighbours who may be unable to get out, or perhaps you use your technical skills to keep communications alive in the village? Whatever you do, if you do it for the good of the residents of Tunstall, we would like to invite you to an event in St Michael and All Angels Church, Monday 21 October at 7.00pm.

The event will simply be to thank you for your voluntary work. It will include drinks and nibbles and a chance to share your story with others. We look forward to seeing all of Tunstall’s Volunteers there, please don’t be shy in coming forward.

Danger of barbeques on Tunstall Common

We are blessed to have the beautiful Tunstall Common on our doorstep and it has been lovely to see more residents visiting over the summer. However, if you do visit the Common please refrain from having a barbeque. Fires of any sort are very dangerous on the common as they can very quickly spread and get out of hand. Please do continue to visit but please just take a picnic.

Grants

Is your village organisation in need of a grant? Through S. 137 Local Government Act 1972, Tunstall Parish Council is permitted to give small grants to village organisations for the benefit of all or a substantial number of residents. If you would like to request a grant, please contact the Parish Clerk. Applications must be in before 31 October and grants will be paid in May 2020.

Tunstall Event Team

Tunstall Event Team invite you to join us on Saturday 19 October 7.00pm for an evening with psychic medium, Stephanie Carr.

Tickets are available from Tiffany and cost £10.00 per person. Contact 01728 688816.

A bar will be open and a raffle with super prizes will complete our evening.

For details of this and all our events taking place in Tunstall, come to our next meeting at 7.15pm on Monday 30 September in the Community Hall.

Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride

This national fundraising day for Historic Churches took place on Saturday 14 September. It was an ideal day, Tunstall had five participants, more than for some time. Thanks to Philippa for the organisation in the Church it went very smoothly.

Anyone who has collected sponsorship money for the event, please drop it in to John Calver at 4 Mill Lane, Tunstall Common.

Quiz night

Thank you to all who attended the quiz night and the volunteers from Tunstall Events Team for helping to advertise as well as helping on the evening.

We raised £216 to go towards the Multi Use Games Area, I hope you all had a fantastic evening and I’m sure there will be another one soon.

Karen 01728 687484

Tiffany

The Bowls Club

It seems like only yesterday I was writing that the green had been opened for the season! Now we have just one game left, the return friendly at Wickham Market Red Triangle followed by green closure on Saturday 14 September when members will gather for the last ‘roll up’ and to watch the final of the Club singles competition between Len Sapsed and Miguel Villar.

The Saturday afternoon ‘roll ups’ have been a big hit this year with 8 -10 members contesting fiercely but enjoyable competition between themselves. It is a good time for non-members to pop in and see what the game is about and enjoy a ‘cuppa’ at the end.

We have had mixed fortunes in the League, managing just four wins, but the members remained upbeat and enjoyed their bowls. Our new members slotted in well and there is news of at least one new member for next year and I again put out a challenge to the readers of this report to come and give it a go next year, you will not regret it!

On the social side the 26 members, family and friends enjoyed an exceptional ‘fun day’ and barbecue on Saturday 7 September. The weather was fine and the food, organised by Steve Smith and Carole was superb.

Important dates to come are the Post Season Dinner on 15 November and the Club AGM on the 29 November.

Now all that remains is to put the green ‘to bed’ until next year. This will entail scarifying, grooming, top dressing and re-seeding. Let’s hope the weather will be kind to us and more importantly that the ‘ground staff’ gets plenty of help.

Eric Burman Chairman 01728 688212
Church services

St Michael’s Tunstall

Sun 6 Oct  No service at Tunstall
Family Service at Iken  9.30am
Sun 13 Oct  Eucharist 11.00am
Sun 20 Oct  Morning Praise 11.00am
Sun 27 Oct  Eucharist 11.00am

Harvest Supper unfortunately cancelled for this year.

Ladies Fellowship Group
(for pre-school children) 9.30 -11.30am at
David Rushbrook 01394 809691

Tunstall & Sudbourne
Baptist Chapels

Sun 6 Oct 10.30am Sudbourne
2.00pm Sudbourne
Sun 13 Oct 10.30am Rendlesham School
6.30pm Tunstall
Sun 20 Oct 10.30am Sudbourne
6.30pm Tunstall
Sun 27 Oct 10.30am Rendlesham School
6.30pm Tunstall
Sun 3 Nov 10.30am Sudbourne
2.00pm Sudbourne

Coffee, Craft & Chat/Tots and Toddlers
(for pre-school children) 9.30 –11.30am at Tunstall every Wednesday during term time.

Ladies Fellowship Group 2.00pm at Tunstall – Tuesday 15 October.

Friday Club at Sudbourne 6.15 –7.15pm during term time (Children in School Years 1-6).

Youth Group at Sudbourne 8.00 –9.30pm Fridays during term time (For all young people at High School).

David Rushbrook 01394 809691
www.stbaptist.co.uk

The Vicar’s voice

How many of us have at some time or another, had that still small voice which, when a task needs doing, either around the house, or garden, or even just for one’s self, you get that overwhelming feeling that ‘the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak’, and you manage to think to yourself that, well, it’ll be ok, I’ll get ‘around to it’? And you manage to find a hundred and one excuses why to put the task off.

Whilst out and about, I came across the following poem in another church magazine, and for which I will make no excuses for copying; it’s very amusing, and whilst some of the excuses given are tongue in cheek (hopefully! says the Vicar who has her next sermon to write and was planning on beginning with a funny story,) they will touch a nerve with many who have been coming to church ‘forever’ and perhaps also for those who make – albeit excellent and feasible excuses – but excuses all the same, for not coming to church!

Excuses
A is the Auntie who must come to tea
B is the Bed which won’t release me
C is for country, we do need fresh air
D is for Dinner which mum has prepared
E for Extremes – too high or too low
F for my Feelings, when they’re right I’ll go
g is the garden much nearer God’s heart
H for the Housework I really must start
I for Intruders who sit in my pew
J for the Jokes which the vicar thinks new!
k all that Kneeling which tires me so much,
l for the Language, it’s so out of touch!
m for the Money, they always want more
n for the New tunes I’ve not heard before
O for the Overtime, double on Sunday
P the Preparing I must do for Monday
Q for the Queer noises that come from
the choir
R for the Reverence they try to inspire
S for the Sermons, some as dull as can be
T for the Telly we really must see
U for Unfriendly, no welcome I find
V for the Voices of the people behind
W for Weather, it’s too cold or too hot
X for eXcuses, I’ve got such a lot!
Y for the Yells from the children left behind
Z is for Zeal which I need to find!
So, what excuses will you make this Sunday?
With every blessing, REV MANDY

Diary dates

Mobile Library
Wednesday 23 October 2019
Tunstall Green  10.10 - 10.25am
Tunstall Common 10.30 – 10.50am

Next Parish Council Meeting
Monday 14 October 6.00pm

Tunstall Good Neighbourhood scheme

We are a small group of local people who are interested to know whether a Good Neighbour Scheme is something that is needed and supported by residents in Tunstall. A Good Neighbour Scheme would provide support to people living in Tunstall who may benefit from a little help. The scheme would be entirely run by local volunteers, connecting people together to help Tunstall be a friendlier and happier place to live. Good Neighbour Schemes are a great way to meet your neighbours and get to know your neighbourhood.

We would be very grateful if you are able to complete a short survey either using the paper version or online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TunstallGNS

Tiffany

Hollesley Harvest
Thanksgiving Supper

Saturday 5 October 7.00pm
Hollesley Village Hall
Ploughman’s Supper and Apple pie
Drinks can be purchased
Entertainment Shingle Street Folk band
Entry by ticket Adult £10
Children 5-16 £5
Under fives free
Tickets from Gill Whiffin 6 Swallows Close 01394 410057
Funds raised for the work of All Saints Hollesley.

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