

Our two local Avon Valley CFRs! Through the Tiddington Community Centre (TCC) we have managed to raise over £10K on behalf of our local Community First Responders (CFRs). This has allowed us to purchase all the "kit" in this photo. The outfits that our CFRs Julia & Karen are wearing, plus the two large kit bags shown and of course their Defibrillators (AEDs) seen here.

One AED was purchased thanks to a grant from the Stratford Town Trust. We have also purchased two high spec SatNavs to help our CFRs get directly to an emergency - no matter where it is! The TCC itself paid for the Public Access Defibrillator (PAD), the red box seen above. To access this Defibrillator you call 999 when in front of the PAD, the Ambulance service will give you the code to access the AED inside. This AED is publicly available for everyone to use in the event of an emergency. It is simple and fool proof to operate.

Already Karen and Julia have attended 999 Emergency calls in Alveston, Tiddington and Stratford, travelling to these emergencies in their own cars. So if you have cause to dial 999 for an Ambulance, please beware that first on the scene could well be one of our two volunteers, in their uniforms, and driving an unmarked car!

#### EVEREST



Raising money for our CFRs continues. As I write this Conrad York and his son Alex are making a fundraising TREK to Everest Base Camp in support of our CFRs and also the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen & Families Association. We wish them both a very safe journey! To sponsor them email [yorkselecdical@aol.com](mailto:yorkselecdical@aol.com), contact Rob or go to [www.avonvalleytcc.co.uk/make-a-donation.php](http://www.avonvalleytcc.co.uk/make-a-donation.php)

Conservation of St James' Church - Phase 3 We are almost ready to start the first part of Phase 3 of the conservation of St James' Church in Alveston. Amounting to almost £70,000 the work concentrates on the most urgent high level and more advanced areas of decay externally. For over 14 months now the south wall of the inside of the Lady Chapel has suffered from ingress of water and is now very badly stained. We must fix this before next winter and at the same time we will also address the roof of the chancel as well as the Lady Chapel plus significant repairs to the stone work and coping stones.

The blue lias stone of the Southern Porch is also in a very bad state and so we will make some significant repairs to help prevent even more stone from flaking and falling. This will include remedial work to the South Porch door as well. The PCC has approved the works and accepted the quote from Phase 2 contractor Midland Conservation Ltd (MCL). A faculty covering the work has been submitted for formal approval and the Friends of St James' (FoSJ) have also made an application for a grant towards the cost of this work to the Stratford Town Trust.

In addition a new ladder system will be installed in the Bell Ringing Chamber that will help to make access to the bells much safer. This has been an outstanding issue for a great many years. It is with great relief that at last this health and safety issue is going to be addressed and we are extremely grateful to the Town Trust for a grant towards our costs.

There is much more to do in Phase 3. Estimated to require at least another £120,000 for inside conservation work. We will need to raise a lot more money of course. The inside work will cause considerable disruption to our everyday life at St James'. Ultimately it will almost certainly result in a need to totally redecorate the inside of the whole of the Church - an enormous task. The planned inside work of Phase 3 requires the Organ to have significant protection from dust thus making it extremely difficult for normal use for many months. This will need very careful planning and will be discussed in detail with MCL and our Architect when we start Phase 3 external work in early summer!

We do need your continued support please - a full house attendance at our next Friends fundraising events would be great. They are The Country Wife Wednesday 8 May at 7pm @ TCC; tickets from Rob are just £6 for a great action comedy play with popular comic opera! So lovely our own St James' Choir in Concert Thursday 4 July @ St James' at 7pm - £5 and pay on the door - children free.

We are delighted to report that our new Acoustic Panels have now been installed and the result is amazing! The difference is dramatic and you can now hear what is being said in even the most difficult to understand American drawl!



Our sincere thanks go to the Town Trust who granted us £3K towards this work. At the same time we had the main TCC hall painted, much of the entrance hall, and also the meeting room which now badly needs a new carpet! Our thanks to Rob Greaves who did a really great painting job for us.

Five out of the 8 floor-level heaters in the main hall have been replaced having reached the end of their life after years of constant use! Thanks to Conrad Yorke for this and especially for fixing a potentially serious problem with our Cooker. We certainly have felt the effects of the bitterly cold winter with the heating costs for just 2 months amounting to well over £1,000! This could mean an increase in our TCC hire charge next winter.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Tiddington Community Centre will take place at the TCC on Wednesday 19 June starting at 7pm. You are invited to attend this meeting and we welcome new applications to serve on our Executive Committee. Sadly, after a great many years of service, both as Chair and currently as Secretary, Erica Johnson will be standing down at this AGM. Our sincere thanks go to you Erica for all your fantastic support to the TCC which stretches back over 15 years (or more?) – You will be missed enormously Erica...

Fifty? We are still trying to confirm just how old the current TCC building is! Consensus suggests that it is 50 years old next year – do please send me your oldest photographs of the TCC. We plan to hold a party for everyone next year – when we know the date!

CFR Support. We continue to support and fundraise for our local CFRs. All CFRs are unpaid volunteers freely giving of their own time to support the Ambulance service. Our volunteer CFRs are part of the larger Avon Valley Community First Responders. Each CFR covers an area of some 8 miles radius from their home. When on call our volunteer CFRs can often get to a local 999 emergency in minutes – often much sooner than an ambulance or paramedic. Currently there are 5 AVCFRs trained and volunteering their precious time to attend 999 emergency calls on our behalf. With more Volunteer CFRs more hours are covered! Can you help? Please contact AVCFR or Rob for more details.



Stratford Foodbank is up and running, distributing food to the needy every Tuesday & Friday. Already over 120 have been fed. An official Launch takes place at the Town Hall on Wednesday 1 May at 7pm see back page...

## TCC Film Club Nights

Films for all the Family : 5.30pm for 6pm

Films for Adults: 8pm for 8.30pm

**Friday 3 MAY**

**MADAGASCAR 3 + SKYFALL**

**Friday 7 JUNE**

**Beasts of the Southern Wild + Jack Reacher**

**Friday 5 JULY**

**Howls Moving Castle + Anna Karenina**

**Friday 2 AUGUST**

**The Incredibles + Django Unchained**

**The Country Wife**  
By CONSENSUS  
Wednesday 8 May  
Tickets £6 from Rob

**The Real Inspector Hound**  
By CONSENSUS  
Saturday 22 June  
Tickets just £6 from Rob

**The Phoenix Players @ TCC...**  
Saturday 22 June Tickets just £6 from Rob

**PARISH DINNER DANCE**

Friday 19 July @ TCC – Black Tie  
Tickets £30 apiece from Rob

**BOOK NOW** seats are limited

4-Course Meal + 1<sup>st</sup> Drink

**TCC BALLROOM DANCE**

Saturday 6 July @8pm

**Plus an American Supper!**

£6 per Dancer & book with Jo & Rob

Email Rob to be added to the Events & Activities distribution list [rob.cashley@tuccba.co.uk](mailto:rob.cashley@tuccba.co.uk)  
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## SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF ALVESTON

### ST JAMES'

SUNDAYS:  
08.00 THE EUCHARIST (Said BCP)  
10.30 THE PARISH EUCHARIST  
SOUTHBANK CLUB meets 10.30 every Sunday except on our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday FAMILY SERVICE  
WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS:  
Monday 17.30 Tuesday 18.00 Wednesday 07.30  
Thursdays 10.00 at THE OLD CHURCH

### ST PETER'S

SUNDAYS:  
09.15 THE EUCHARIST (Traditional Language)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – FAMILY SERVICE)

Holy Communion is regularly celebrated in the nursing homes and sheltered housing complexes within the Parish. Communion is taken to the households. If you would like Communion at home please let the Vicar know on 01789 292777.

The Weekly Newsletter has details of other services and events

### FAMILY SERVICES – SUMMER 2013

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER 5	10.30 at St James'
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	EASTER 7	09.15 at St Peter's
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	TRINITY	10.30 at St James'
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	TRINITY 2	09.15 at St Peter's
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	TRINITY 4	10.30 at St James'
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	TRINITY 7	09.15 at St Peter's
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	TRINITY 8	10.30 at St James'
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	TRINITY 11	09.15 at St Peter's
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	TRINITY 13	10.30 at St James'

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

20<sup>th</sup> April – Gareth Baylis & Katie Hill

"May God bless their new life together"

#### HOLY BAPTISM

We have welcomed the following into the life of the Church through the waters of Baptism

27<sup>th</sup> January - Izabella Jacqueline Theresa Bailey

31<sup>st</sup> March - EASTER DAY - Elsie Nora French and Jacob James Hill

"We pray for God's blessing on their homes and families"

#### FUNERALS

29<sup>th</sup> January – Margaret Bannocks    4<sup>th</sup> February – Penny Parker    21<sup>st</sup> February – Mariel Shaylor

11<sup>th</sup> March – Peter Naylor    19<sup>th</sup> March – Colin Shaker    5<sup>th</sup> April – John Smurthwaite

"May they rest in peace"

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## NEWS IN THE PARISH OF ALVESTON

### EASTERJOY

Well, we knew that Easter was going to be early again this year but we did not expect it to be in Winter! Snow over the weekend of Palm Sunday meant very low attendances at Church that day and Holy Week got off to a difficult start.

EASTER DAY was always going to be better attended with two babies being baptised, one of them very much a 'church' baby, Elsie Nora, the second daughter of Lucy French from the choir and her husband Chris.

The EASTER message is a joyful one of NEW LIFE so there is nothing more appropriate than baptising two newly born babies and welcoming them into the life of the Church.

In May, on that other great feast day, **PENTECOST**, another 'church' baby, first son of chorister Alex Wilson, Leo Christopher, will also be baptised. Pentecost is often called the "Church's Birthday"; this was the day when the **HOLY SPIRIT** came to the disciples and they were inspired to go out to all the world and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Once again, an appropriate day on which to celebrate the new life of a new Christian welcomed into the life of the Church. It's really great to see another generation of Christians taking their place week by week in our congregation.

NEW LIFE in **CHRIST** is available to us all, and Easter gives us a good opportunity to think again about how we live that new life. Are we doing what God wants us to do? Is God asking something else of us? Where does he want to take us? We should never be complacent but always ask how we can serve him better and grow nearer to him, day by day.

#### Friends of St James' – FUNDRAISERS...

Wednesday 8 May @ **TCC The Country Wife**  
A play with music by **CONSENSUS**  
Tickets just £6 available from Rob & Richard

Friday 4 July @ St James' Church  
**St James' Choir in Concert** £5 pay at the door

#### Social Activities

Friday 19 July @ **TCC 7 for 7.30pm**  
**Black Tie Parish Dinner & Dance**  
Tickets approx £30 to include a 4-course meal & first drink! **Sadly numbers will have to be limited!**  
So **RESERVE** your place or table with Rob now!  
Email [rob.cobley@touchwoodonline.com](mailto:rob.cobley@touchwoodonline.com)  
or call 293863 for more details....

#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Takes place on **Sunday 21 April** when we elect the **Churchwardens** for the coming year plus some members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), usually for a three year term.

We also receive the **ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS**.  
We will let you know in the next issue about any changes of personnel on the PCC.

**SADLY**, we were unable to dedicate the new Altar Frontal in memory of George Burgess as planned. Snow prevented almost everyone getting here from any distance! This included the Archdeacon of Surrey, and even locals found it very difficult to get to St James'. We hope to dedicate the frontal during Easteride when Mrs Burgess and the family can gather.

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## TCC Activities

### Monday's

1.15pm **Plates** with Dom £7 per session

7 for 7.30pm **BINGO:** Every other **Monday** from 13 May

### Tuesday's

1.30pm **Tea Craft & Chat** - £2 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday with Erica from 7 May

6.30pm-8pm **Tai Chi** for Intermediates with Paul at £5/hour

8.30-10.30 **Ballroom Dance Practice** with Derek £4 from 14 May **every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

**NO BOOKING – pay on the night!**

### Wednesday's

5pm **Tai Chi** Chi Gung for **all ages** with Judith at £5! Pay on the day...

### Ballroom Dancing

6.30pm **Beginners**

7.15pm Old Beginners

8.15pm Intermediates

With Jo @£5/session

### Thursday's

1.30pm **ZUMBA Dancing:** over 50's & Beginners-Pay on the day!

Nicole just £5/session

### Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

7.30pm **Tiddington WI**

20 May 2018 £3 to book

### Friday's

1.15pm **Circuit Training** with Jamie

£6 All ages welcome!

2pm **Tea & Chat: FREE Tea&Cake**

EVERY week: come along & enjoy

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday every Month**

**TCC Film Club** 3May, 7June, 5July

5.30 for 6pm Family Film

8 for 8.30pm Adult Film

### Sunday's

6-7pm **Bluefish Youth Group**

For 10yrs+ Every **Sunday**

Details from Alex 292777

## TCC EXTRA

The TCC is on Facebook - Log In [www.facebook.com/TiddingtonCC](http://www.facebook.com/TiddingtonCC)

### TCC Activities

are open to ALL!

We currently have spaces on all our TCC activities so do come along and join us! We have very sociable groups at Tai Chi, Zumba Dancing, Pilates,

Ballroom Dancing, Dance Practice, Keep Fit and you are most welcome to come and join us. If you want to "look and see" then that is fine, just arrive a few minutes before the session

and see our instructor and say that you would like to observe for one week...

You will also be most welcome at our Bingo, Film Nights, Tea & Chat, Tea & Craft, Events etc. For more details on all TCC activities and events please contact Rob 293863

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### Ballroom Dancing on 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

From Tuesday 14 May you are invited to our new **Ballroom Dancing Practice** with Derek & Jo. From 8.30-10.30pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday & just £4/dancer

**Keep fit/Circuit Training:** we are a mixed group of friendly locals who are here to keep fit in an enjoyable way!

**Yes we do get an excellent "work-out"** and all at our own individual pace.

Watched over by our own personal fitness trainer **Jamie**. Come along any Friday @1.15pm - room for a few more!

**The Country Wife**

We welcome **Comesense** back to the TCC for a performance of *The Country Wife* a classic comedy written by William Wycherley in 1673 and performed regularly ever since! Set in the fashionable West End of London around lovable rogue Harry Horner, who chases and is chased by the bored wives of wealthy but glibable businessmen.

The arrival of Margery Pinchwife and her insanely jealous husband changes everything when she soon falls head over heels in love with Harry. The bickering and light-hearted action of the play is matched by equally effective music taken from some of

Rossini's most popular comic operas, including *The Barber of Seville*, *The Italian Girl in Algiers* and *La Cenerentola*, which together create an evening of laughter and entertainment. *The Country Wife* is a fundraiser in aid of the *Friends of St James'*.

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### TCC Films for Families & Adults

Everyone can attend our Film Club which is entirely funded by our members.

To encourage membership a number of our recent Film Nights were free, with many kindly donating to our Volunteer CFR funds, for which we thank you!

### Membership from April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Family charge just -£10**

Valid for all Family Films & covers 2 Parents & up to 5 of their children.

**YES that is correct £10 for all the family to watch up to 12 Family films in a year – GREAT value for a truer!**

**Annual Adult charge - £20/adult**

Valid for Adult Films only and permits one adult to watch up to 12 films a year.

**Temporary Membership @£5** allows one person to view one film either Family or Adult & is deductible from the annual charge if full membership is taken out later.

### SATURDAY 22 June @ TCC

**The Phoenix** Play-ers present two shows for the price of one! Just £8 to see the comedy **The Obituary Show** by **Steve Farr**. When International Post-CSS Magazine dies, he becomes the subject of a local radio station reviewing the past life & works of recently deceased authors, what can possibly go wrong?

**The Real Inspector Hound** by **Tom Stoppard**

A comic spoof of the whodunits. A secluded English country manor house, reports of a criminal on the loose, visitors behaving suspiciously, a relative with a shady past AND an unidentified dead body.

**Come to the TCC on Saturday 22 June and find out what happens... Tickets from Rob**

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