

Tiddington Community Centre News



TCC Summer Issue

June/July/August 2007

TCC OPEN and Ready for Use!

£61,238 has now been spent on refurbishing the Tiddington Community Centre in Main Street, affectionately known as the TCC, following the fire in June of 2005!

In case you do not know which building the TCC is, it's the semi-circular roofed building (pictured above) behind the white wooden fence on the Stratford side of the Home Guard Club.

Great use is already being made of the TCC Hall and current regular users include:

- Tiddington Pre-School – every weekday morning from 9.30am during term time
- Community Bingo – every other Monday from 7pm - run by TCC members
- Brownies – at 6pm every Wednesday during term time
- Tea & Chat – every Friday from 2-3pm
- Blue Fish Youth Group – every other Sunday at 6pm
- Dance Your Socks Off – 3years upwards every Saturday morning from 9am in term time
- Monthly Tea-Dance – normally 2nd Wednesdays - in aid of the Shakespeare Hospice

A variety of other users include the WI and MacMillan Nurses for various meetings and quiz nights, St James' Church for meetings, fund-raising events, Lunches and Autumn Fairs.

We also host young children's parties (up to 12years) and much, much more!

Our charges are modest at just £10 per hour and we do have a full Entertainments Licence and are licensed for Alcohol for approved functions, for which there is an additional charge. Certain restrictions apply – please contact us for details!

With generous grants from Alveston Parish Church, the Town Trust, Stratford District Council together with money raised by the TCC Committee the whole hall has been refurbished almost beyond recognition. We have **totally rewired the hall**, have **all new lights and heating**, all **new double glazed windows plus a new roof**, **renewed all the ladies and gents toilets**, added a **disabled loo with baby-changing facilities** (helped by a donation from Stratford Rotary Club). The kitchen has been refurbished and is well stocked with **crockery, cutlery and glasses**. What's more, following a donation from the NFU we now are the proud owners of some **160 comfy chairs** and some **very sturdy wooden topped tables!** And there's still more to come...



This was how the TCC looked just 2 years ago following a fire above the stage!



Virtually no money having been spent on maintaining the hall for over 10 years - it certainly showed its age of 43 years!

BUT to the rescue came the Tiddington Community Centre Charity!

A registered Charity (No. 1093526) with the aim to renovate, maintain and run the ***Tiddington Community Centre*** for the benefit of Tiddington Villagers and the wider local community.

The current TCC Executive committee consists of a group of volunteers voted in annually at the TCC Annual General Meeting, including; **Rob Cobley (Chair) 293863**, **Erica Johnston (Secretary) 840802**, **Tony Griffiths (Treasurer) 296436**, **The Rev'd Canon Richard Williams**, **Janice Howkins**, **Di Prickett**, **David Oram**, **David Neale**, **Debbie Drew** & **Councilor Richard Hyde**.

Together with the help of additional volunteers Phase 1 and 2 of the TCC is almost complete.



New Windows



New Roof



New Kitchen



Improved Entrance



New Electrics, Heating, Lighting, new Chairs



New Meeting Room



Pre-School....

CHURCH or COMMUNITY HALL?

The *Tiddington Community Centre* until recently better known as the *Alveston Parish Church Hall* and now boldly renamed is situated behind the white wooden fence on Main Street. The original "*Townsend Hall*" was put into the care of the "*Vicar & Churchwardens*" in 1928. By 1963 it was in poor repair and did not meet the needs of the various local groups meeting in Tiddington. A successful "*Stewardship Campaign*", run by the Church, raised enough money to replace the old wooden building with the current Hall, which has served the community well for over 40 years. A new Lease is now being signed between the "*Vicar & Churchwardens*" and trustees of the "*Tiddington Community Centre*". This lease passes the responsibility for running and maintaining the hall into the hands of the TCC - for the next 35 years!

TCC Refurbishment Cost Details as at 31 May 2007

SPENT so far Phase 1 & 2	£ 61,238	Amount RAISED so far	£ 74,543
Committed to spend Phase 2/3	£ 11,342	Amount now required	£ 33,659
Estimated for Phases 3 & 4	£ 35,622	Total required	£ 108,202
Total Refurbishment Costs	£ 108,202		

The Tiddington Community Centre is managed by a committee elected at its Annual General Meeting

Welcome to Tiddington Pre School Centre

Registered Charity No 1057604



Our group is registered by OFSTED to accept children from 2 to 5 years of age.

Our children learn through fun and exciting activities, which encompass all aspects of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

They have the opportunity to self-choice from a large range of activities, which help the children to develop independence and confidence. Staff work directly with the children to ensure they have the support and care needed to ensure safety and a high standard of care.

A recent OFSTED inspection found the pre-school to be 'strong in all areas of provision for care and education'.

Pre-School opens five mornings 9.30-12.30 a week during term time. A lunch club is provided as part of the session. Please call in at any time to see us, or telephone **01789 268390** for a prospectus.

TIDDINGTON PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE
AFFORDABLE, GOOD QUALITY
CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION

Rob Cobley, Chair, Tiddington Community Centre,
Tel: 01789 293863

TCC Developments for the Future

Phase 3 resurfacing of the outside area & the removal of much vegetation, new secure fencing, update to the children's play area on HGC side of hall, installation of loop & PA system together with screen and projector. Refitting of the stage curtains and lighting. Repairs to the emergency doors and draft-proofing before winter!
Phase 4 includes installing a new stairway to open a loft room for use as a "den" for the youth group and others. Re-polishing the sprung dance floor and more...

BINGO NIGHTS - ALL WELCOME

Monday 4th June
Monday 18th June
Monday 2nd July
Monday 16th July
Monday 30th July
Monday 13th August
Monday 10th September



Doors Open 7.00pm

Eyes Down 7.30pm

Refreshments Available

TEA & CHAT in the TCC

Come and join us for a cup of tea and a piece of cake as we reminisce on the good old days whilst putting the world to rights and meeting both old and new friends.

Every Friday 2pm in the TCC
Why not bring along a Friend?

e-mail: rob.cobley@touchwoodonline.com



Blue Fish

BLUE FISH YOUTH GROUP

Blue Fish is a youth group for young people in school year 7 and above. It is run by volunteers from St James' church in Alveston. Youngsters are from the Tiddington and Alveston area.

We meet between 6pm and 7.30pm on alternate Sunday evenings (during school terms) at the Tiddington Community Centre. Subscription is just 50p per meeting, but extra cash can always be spent at the very popular "tuck shop".

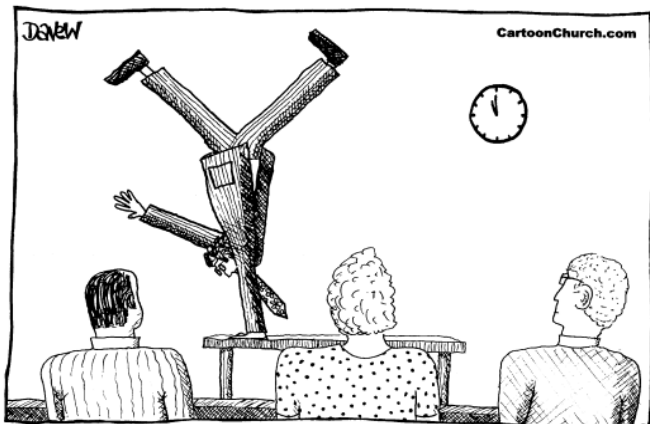
There is the chance to play table tennis, badminton and pool, with table football and air hockey soon to make an appearance. We also have activities such as cooking, debating, film nights, treasure hunts and dodge ball!! Mostly the youngsters are happy to "hang out" and chat, perhaps playing some very energetic team games to help them let off steam!

We have been on a number of excursions to The Snowdome in Tamworth, a climbing wall in Birmingham and Tenpin Bowling in Leamington. We try to have an outing each term.

The young people are encouraged to be part of the Church community, but you do not need to attend Church to be a member.

If you feel you may wish to join Blue Fish, contact one of the leaders or just pop along to have a look.

The leaders are: Alex 01789 292777
Sarah 07919 922057
Jacqui 07849 624238



Dave was surprised at the variety of tasks a youthworker was expected to perform.

WANTED

For Tiddington Community Centre



- TCC Handyman for "odd" jobs - low rate of pay!
- Bookings – for your Child's parties - £10/hour
- Bingo Players – every other Monday at 7pm
- Old Photos of Tiddington and Alveston Parish
- Articles for the next TCC News + **an Editor!**
- Ideas for fundraising functions
- Additional **Members** of the TCC....

See Stratford Herald – Parish Pump for TCC Events

Contact: Rob Cobley or any TCC member
Rob.cobley@touchwoodonline.com

Tiddington Community Centre

AGM

Wednesday 20th June 2007 at 8pm.

Why not come along and see the centre at first hand and chat with the committee over a glass of wine and some nibbles?

Dance your Socks off!

in the Tiddington Community Centre
And dance your way to stardom!



Dance Classes for Children from 3 years upwards

starting weekly from
Saturday 9th June 9-12am

Full details from Shelia McDougald

F.I.D.T.A.

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