

# COMMUNITY NEWS



No 13 Summer

June/July/August 2010

**Welcome to SUMMER!** And what a great start we had with the weather in May! Will it last till our **Parish Barn Dance & Hog Roast** on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July?**



Either way you can be sure of a great evening at the TCC for just £15.

By the time you read this the **TCC AGM** will have taken place and another year of refurbishment completed! Income

from hiring, events, film nights etc increased to £23,820 from £15,056 in 2008/9 and together with gifts, grants and other income this year we raised a magnificent **£39,658**. Expenditure including refurbishment, running costs and new purchases came to £25,189 leaving a healthy surplus of **£14,469**. Our next major spend will be having the main hall floor re-sanded and varnished and this is planned for the summer holidays. An additional 24 larger matching chairs with arms are on order for the meeting room and we now have a complete set of crockery, a new water urn and additional heaters installed. We are also looking at improving the **sound quality** for our films. One problem is the shape of the hall but I guess we will have to live with that! We are hopeful that improvements can still be made but costs could be a problem! We also raised



£1,095 for the **Friends of St James' (FoSJ)** and the **Shakespeare** and **Myton Hospices**.

The **Parish of Alveston AGM** has also taken place and sadly reported a loss for the year! Attendance on Sundays **rose by 10%** in the last year to an average of 110 with just 142 parishioners on the Electoral Role. Planned giving fell from £48,553 to £45,558 and the "plate" raised just an additional £6,015. Income was £110,000 with only £9K coming from investments and this predicted to fall to less than £4K in 2010. Expenditure at £118,000 gave rise to a running cost loss for the year of **£6,700**. In addition **£46K** was spent on renewing all the electrics & lighting at St James' £20K of this came from a welcome grant from the Town Trust and £4K on St Peter's electrics. Almost £4K was donated to support 12 local and national charities including the Shakespeare Hospice. Our Parish Share is set to remain at some £60K. With a 26% reduction in our total assets we will need to make a big real increase in our Gift Aided Income this year!

At the **FoSJ AGM** in May a balance of **£58,215** including a grant of £50K from the PCC was reported. **Private donations came to £5,811** and **Membership had reached 90**. Photographic and detailed survey reports are being completed which will provide the required input for quotes, grants and detailed planning applications for the conservation work on **St James'**. Meetings have been held with **English Heritage** whom we hope will provide us with a significant portion of the money needed for our conservation work.

The **AGM of the Friends of the Old Church Alveston** will take place at **8pm on Thursday 17 June** at the Old Church.

[For a Summary of Future TCC/Parish Events see Page 2](#)

## Tiddington Community Centre & Parish of Alveston COMMUNITY NEWS

**EVENTS:** With lots of **Events** taking place at the TCC the list is frequently updated. To keep up-to-date do look at the **Stratford Herald** and the "Parish Pump" section under **Alveston** and/or **Tiddington** where there are regular updates on **Church**, **FoSJ** & **TCC** activities. See also our **web site** [www.TiddingtonCommunityCentre.co.uk](http://www.TiddingtonCommunityCentre.co.uk). To join our **Church**, **FoSJ** &/or **TCC** email circulation lists please email [Rob.Cobley@TouchwoodOnline.com](mailto:Rob.Cobley@TouchwoodOnline.com).

### TCC Main Events in JUNE

**'40s EVENING' by Friends of Shakespeare Hospice**

TCC Saturday 12 June 7 for 7.30pm - £15 including food

**The AGM of The Friends of the Old Church Alveston**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm at The Old Church

**Saturday 19 June Saint James Singers in aid of FoSJ**

>St James Church 7 for 7.30pm £7

**Saturday 26 June 2pm Tiddington Pre-School Summer Fair**

Tombola, nearly new, face-painting, crafts for kiddies, hook-a-ted, refreshments and lots more...all at the TCC

<b>Bingo</b>	Mon 14 & 28 7pm <b>Eyes Down</b> 7.30pm
<b>Tai Chi</b>	Tues 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 6pm <b>Beginners</b> 7pm Adv Paul
<b>Dancing</b>	Tues 8 & 22 <b>Ballroom Practice</b> 8.30 Derek £3.50
<b>Tai Chi</b>	Wed 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 5pm with Judith
<b>Dancing</b>	Wed 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 <b>Ballroom</b> 7, 8 & 9pm Jo
<b>WI</b>	Thurs 17 7.30 Lord Leicester Hospital 293863
<b>Tea &amp; Chat</b>	Fri 4, 11, 18 & 25 2-3pm <b>FREE</b> - Tea & Cake!
<b>Film Night</b>	Friday: 25 June <b>£2 Children £3 Adults inc drink</b>
<b>Family Film</b>	5.30 for 6 <b>ALICE IN WONDERLAND</b> pg
<b>Adult Film</b>	8 for 8.30pm <b>NO FILM....</b>
<b>BlueFish</b>	<b>Sunday Youth Club</b> 20 June 6 till 7.30pm

### TCC Main Events in JULY

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July – FoSJ – Golf Day at Stratford GC**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Barn Dance and Hog Roast**

**TCC 7.15pm – Tickets £15 under 12's Free**

<b>TCC Ballroom Dance</b>	8pm Saturday 31 July <b>£5 Book Jo/Rob</b>
<b>Bingo</b>	Mon 12 & 26 7pm <b>Eyes Down</b> 7.30pm
<b>Tai Chi</b>	Tues 6, 13 & 20 6pm <b>Beginners</b> 7pm Adv Paul
<b>Dancing</b>	Tues 6 & 20 <b>Ballroom Practice</b> 8.30 Derek £3.50
<b>Tai Chi</b>	Wed 7, 21 & 28 5pm with Judith
<b>Dancing</b>	Wed 7, 14, 21 & 28 <b>Ballroom</b> 7, 8 & 9pm with Jo
<b>WI</b>	Thurs 15 7.30pm <b>Patchwork</b> Jenny 293863
<b>Tea &amp; Chat</b>	Fri 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 2-3pm <b>FREE</b> -Tea & Cake!
<b>Film Night</b>	Friday 23 July: <b>Family Film 5.30pm Adults 8pm</b>
<b>Blue Fish</b>	<b>Sunday Youth Club</b> 4 & 18 July 6 till 7.30pm

### TCC Main Events in AUGUST

<b>Bingo</b>	Mon 9 & 23 7pm <b>Eyes Down</b> 7.30pm
<b>Tai Chi</b>	Tues 3, 10, 17 & 24 6pm <b>Beginners</b> 7pm Adv Paul
<b>Dancing</b>	Tues 3, 17 & 31 <b>Ballroom Practice</b> 8.30 Derek
<b>Tai Chi</b>	Wed 4, 11 & 18 5pm with Judith
<b>Dancing</b>	<b>No Ballroom Dancing Lessons in August</b>
<b>WI</b>	Thurs 19 7.30pm <b>Burton Dasset</b> Jenny 293863
<b>Tea &amp; Chat</b>	Fri 6, 13, 20 & 27 2-3pm <b>FREE</b> - Tea & Cake
<b>Film Night</b>	Friday 27 August: <b>Family Film 5.30pm Adults 8pm</b>
<b>BlueFish</b>	<b>Sunday Youth Club</b> <b>NO Meeting in August</b>

### TCC DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- > Saturday 25 September – **Jazz Concert** at TCC 7.30pm
- > Saturday 2 October – **Harvest Supper** – TCC 7.15pm
- > Saturday 20 November – **Parish CookBook** – FoSJ TCC 7.30pm
- > Saturday 4 December – **Parish Christmas Fair** – TCC 10.30am
- > Saturday 11 December – **Pre-School Christmas Fair** – TCC 2pm
- > Saturday 11 December – **TCC Ballroom Dance** – TCC 7.30pm

### 3 KEY Parish Activities

**1. FoSJ Golf Day** On the **1st July** 80 men & women golfers will compete at Stratford Golf Club in aid of the Friends of St James' conservation fund. Sponsors inc Arden garages (Ford), Bigwood, Wendy O'Hare & Murphy Salisbury (Accountants). **If any reader wishes to sponsor a hole or offer a prize for publicity in the programme & on the hole (£50) Please contact Barry McDonald on 269079 or Rob**

**2. Parish Barn Dance & Hog Roast** TCC 7.15pm Sat 3rd July - £15 under 12yrs free. A great time guaranteed! [mjwgrubb@btinternet.com](mailto:mjwgrubb@btinternet.com)

**3. FoSJ CALLING ALL COOKS! A Parish CookBook** is underway & we need **YOUR** favourite recipes ASAP - no later than **31 August** please!

A **CookBook Event** is planned on **Sat 20 November**  
Details: Ann [walkerann5@googlemail.com](mailto:walkerann5@googlemail.com) or Rob

**Tickets** for all TCC&Church Events send a stamped addressed envelope with payment to Rob (address Page1)

### Miscellaneous

- # **Pilates for Beginners at TCC** Caroline 07809 285193 £7/session Every Monday starting 7 June at 1.30pm
- # **TCC TaiChi Beginners** Tuesdays at 6pm **£5**
- # **Alveston Rainbows need a new leader** – Jane 261033
- # **Shakespeare Hospice 1940s Event** Sat 12 June at TCC
- # Shakespeare Hospice **FETE Shuttery** 10 July 1pm stalls, birds of prey, pat a pony A great day out for all the family
- # **TCC TaiChi Beginners welcome** Wednesdays at 5pm **£5**
- # **Shakespeare Hospice Info & Support** contact 266852
- # **Scout Group for boys & girls** 10-14yrs - James 751286
- # **1<sup>st</sup> Tiddington Scout Group**, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers  
Like to Join? Want to Help? Call James 751286
- # **TCC BINGO** every other Monday 7 for 7.30 all for **£5**

**TCC BONUS BALL – EVERY Week £25 to be won**  
**Based on the Bonus Ball as per the National Lottery**

★ 1, 9, 10, 12, 17, 20, 22, 29, 32, 34, 35 & 42 ★  
**£1 per week numbers above available – call Rob to play!**

### MORE Church Notice typing 'errors'...

\* Miss Charlene Mason sang **'I will not pass this way again'** giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

\* **For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.**

\*The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday:

**'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours!'**

### ENGLAND TO WIN?

JP Morgan published a *Quantitative Guide to the World Cup*, using a complex model which utilises market prices, FIFA rankings, historical results and its own Team Strength Indicator. Their summary was **Brazil** was the strongest team however the fixture schedule predicted that 3<sup>rd</sup> place would go to the **Netherlands**, 2<sup>nd</sup> to **Spain** and **England would triumph in first place**. Take from that what you will...





## Tiddington Community Centre & Parish of Alveston COMMUNITY NEWS

**TCC CHAT** We start with a plea! Sadly our **web site** [www.tiddingtoncommunitycentre.co.uk](http://www.tiddingtoncommunitycentre.co.uk) has not been updated for quite some months and we really need a volunteer who could help us to redesign it and help to keep it up-to-date. You may also have spotted that this, the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of our **Community News**, is a bit late? I'm afraid I have not had enough "spare" time recently and would welcome some help in preparing a page or two of the newsletter in future. If either opportunity appeals to you then please do contact me [rob.cobley@touchwoodonline.com](mailto:rob.cobley@touchwoodonline.com) to discuss how you can help...

As we have now come to expect we have a great variety of events planned for the TCC over the summer months and beyond. If you did not attend any of our events in **May** then you certainly missed a great opportunity. For example **Ruddigore**, performed by **Warwick University Opera**, was brilliant. Performed perfectly by these young students who can act and sing so very well, Even if you have never seen an opera or do not 'like' G&S you would have gone away from the show extremely impressed with their amazing ability to perform. We had two films, **AVATAR** and **NOWHERE BOY** (about the life of John Lennon). Both films were amongst the best we have shown at the TCC and cost just £2 for children/students. £3 for adults including a mug of tea or coffee! One lady attending our film night for the first time complemented us on the comfort of our new seats and quality of the film! And size does count. At the TCC - we have a large 3.5 metre screen. **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend these events so do come along and enjoy a great local night out at an affordable cost. Updates on TCC and Church events regularly appear in the **Stratford Herald** in the **Parish Pump** section. The best way to keep up-to-date on all our activities is to join our email distribution list. To be added email [rob.cobley@touchwoodonline.com](mailto:rob.cobley@touchwoodonline.com).



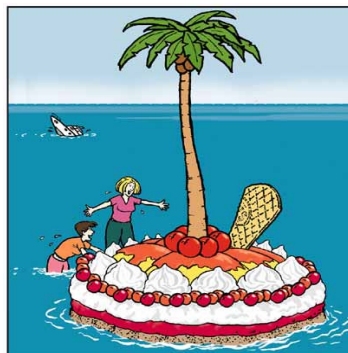
**Our next TCC Ballroom Dance will be on Saturday 31 July** starting at 8pm and is once again a **Bring-and-Share Dance** where you 'bring & share' your food with everyone else! Cost is £5 plus your food. Numbers are limited to the first 50 to book with Rob or Jo! **Jo's Ballroom Dancing** lessons continue every Wednesday and **Derek's Ballroom**



**Dance Practice** every other Tuesday from 8 June.

Our TCC courses with WCC proved very popular! We held **Beginners** courses for Computing, Email & the Internet, Photography and Digital Editing. If you are interested in attending future courses on any of these topics or have other subjects that we can get a course of 8 students together for then do email Rob.

A **Master Gardener** programme has been launched and local Tiddington resident **Gail Francis** has joined-up! The idea is to encourage local people to '**Grow Your Own**'. Gail recently attended a training course (with more to follow) and is now looking for local households to help. **The scheme is totally free and households will be encouraged to have a go at growing their own food however large or small their garden is.** Gail will be available to give advice.



Karen and Linda couldn't believe their luck - washed up on a **dessert island**!

If you are interested then do email Rob and your details will be passed to Gail. If we get enough interest then we hold a meeting at the TCC to launch a '**TCC Grows It's Own**' scheme!

[www.mastergardeners.org.uk](http://www.mastergardeners.org.uk)

The **Annual Report and Financial Accounts** of the TCC were approved at our recent AGM and are now

available. If you would like to receive a PDF copy please email Rob. In summary over £113K has now been raised and spent on the refurbishment of the TCC following the fire in June 2005. **Over £47K being raised by bookings/events and fundraising since we re-opened the TCC in September 2006.** Our Accounts show a Surplus for the year of over **£14K** and bookings continue at a high level. We have a policy of keeping an **emergency reserve of £7K** thus we have just over **£20K** available for further enhancements. We estimate that £40K or more is required to complete refurbishment of **Phase 4**.

With 500 copies sold **100 Favourite Recipes** is already a best seller! Support Shakespeare Hospice and contact **Pauline thebusbys@sky.com** or Rob to order a copy for just £4!



100 Favourite Recipes  
(plus a few more for luck)

All profits help support  
Shakespeare Hospice, Stratford upon Avon

£4

**An evening with the Saint James's Singers**  
conducted by Julian Harris

of Music, Poetry and Readings  
**Saturday 19th June**  
7.00 for 7.30pm  
**St. James's Church, Alveston**

In aid of Friends of St. James's Church Conservation Fund

£7.00 Wine Raffle  
Tickets available from Ann Walker 01789 205793 and [rob.cobley@touchwoodonline.com](mailto:rob.cobley@touchwoodonline.com) or on the door

In **June** we have the **Friends of Shakespeare Hospice** with their **40's Night** on 12 June. On **Saturday 19 June** at St James' Church we have **Saint James's Singers**. On Friday 25 June 5.30 for 6pm the TCC shows the film

**Alice In Wonderland**

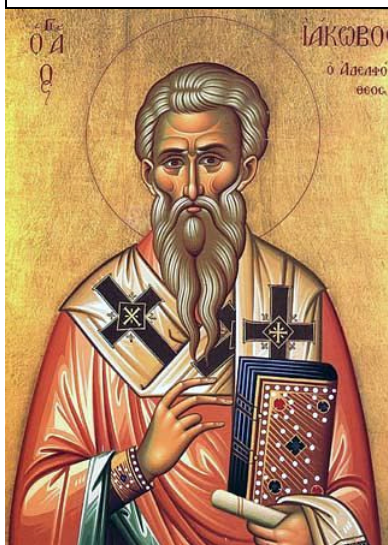
**Saturday 26 June from**

**2-4pm Tiddington Pre-School are holding their Summer Fair** which is sure to be great fun for all ages.

**Rob Cobley, Chair, Tiddington Community Centre, c/o Touchwood, Beeches Walk, Tiddington CV37 7AT**  
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# NEWS FROM THE PARISH OF ALVESTON

## St James' with St. Peter's, Manor Road, Stratford-upon-Avon.



### SAINT JAMES, Apostle and Martyr

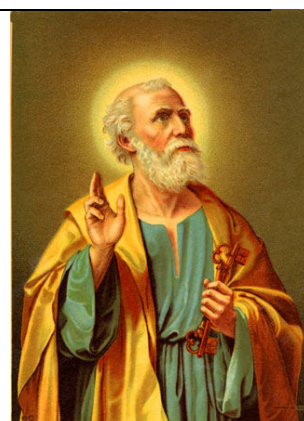
**Second only to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint James is the most popular dedication for Churches in England, even a Royal Palace and Park are named after him.**

I am not sure why this is the case, it might simply be influenced by the weather, Saint James' feast day is 25<sup>th</sup> July, at the height of the English summer, supposedly. In medieval times the only time off work for feasting and fun were the 'Fairs' usually held at the time of a local Saints day, 'Holy Days' they were called, 'Holidays' we call them! Having your 'Holy Day' at a time of year when the weather would be nice, hopefully warm and sunny, was generally thought to be a good idea and that might explain the popularity of both Mary (15<sup>th</sup> August) and James on 25<sup>th</sup> July. St. James' symbol in art is the scallop shell, these were given as badges to pilgrims and his supposed tomb in Santiago de Compostela was one of the earliest sites of Christian pilgrimage.

Whatever the reason the Parish of Alveston was dedicated to St James' a long time ago; the boundaries of the parish were set in 983AD and there is evidence of some sort of rudimentary Church being in the parish then. Holy Trinity, Stratford's Parish Church, is young in comparison, celebrating 800 years this year! Saint James has been our patron saint for over 1,000 years. This year his **Feast Day** is on **Sunday 25 July** and being the fourth Sunday of the month it is also a **Family Eucharist** day! So do come along and join us as we celebrate and give thanks for **1,000 years of St. James', Alveston.**

### SAINT PETER, Apostle and Martyr

Let's not forget St. Peter, our secondary patron, whose feast day is also an optimistically sunny 29<sup>th</sup> June and to whom our Mission Church on Manor Road is dedicated. We know more about the life of St. Peter, formerly known as 'Simon'. That he was very much the leader of the early church. That he went to Rome where, like St. Paul, he was executed. Peter and Paul are commemorated together on 29th June in many places. Jesus said two things about him in the bible ***"You are the rock on which I will build my Church"*** and ***"I give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven."*** Consequently, Peter is often represented in art holding keys and his symbol are crossed keys. He is regarded as the first Bishop of Rome and consequently Roman Catholics say he was the first Pope. However, unlike the present Pope he was married; his mother-in-law is mentioned in the bible! (Mark 1.30)



The Committee of the ***Friends of Saint James*** meets monthly and good progress is being made. A Constitution is agreed, Bank accounts set up, Charitable Status secured and Architects (Rush Davis) appointed. Many fundraising events have been held with more planned. Perhaps the most memorable being '***An Evening with Paul Daniels***'! At our AGM **Richard Hyde** was re-elected Chairman, **Elizabeth Dixon** Secretary and John Fox Treasurer. Funds now stands at around £65,000 with fundraising events contributing £5K and private donations £10K. Our Architects are engaged in preparing drawings and specifications of the essential conservation works, drawing up tender documents and gathering all the information necessary for the application to the Diocese for a Faculty to enable us to invite tenders from companies specialised in conservation work. We will then select Contractors to undertake this major project at St James' applying for grants initially to the Stratford Town Trust and English Heritage. Fundraising activities to finance ongoing preservation of St James' including a Concert by the ***Saint James Singers*** on **19 June** at St James', a Golf tournament on **3 July** at Stratford Golf Course, a Jazz to Pop Classics evening with ***Straight Ahead*** at the TCC on **25 September**. Together we hope to foster a sense of community and local pride to help us achieve our aims & that this will continue long after our project is completed!

**MORE Church Notice typing 'errors'...**

- \* Irving Benson & Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- \* Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- \* **The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.**

**The Rev'd Canon Richard E. Williams, The Vicarage, Alveston, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7QB.  
Tel: 01789 292777**

**e-mail: rickthevic@googlemail.com**

## SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF ALVESTON

### AT ST. JAMES'

**SUNDAYS:** 08.00 THE EUCHARIST (Said BCP) 09.15 THE EUCHARIST (Traditional Language)  
10.30 THE PARISH EUCHARIST The Weekly Newsletter has other services and events.  
SOUTHBANK CLUB meets 10.30 every Sunday at St. James' except 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday FAMILY SERVICE  
THURSDAYS: 10.00 THE EUCHARIST at the Old Church, Mill Lane.

### AT ST. PETER'S:

Services of HOLY COMMUNION are regularly held in the  
Nursing Homes and Sheltered Housing Complexes within the PARISH.  
If you are HOUSEBOUND and would like COMMUNION AT HOME please let the VICAR know.

## FUNERALS FROM THE REGISTERS

05 March - Joyce Swan  
22 April - Jean Abbey  
30 April - Colin McCrudden  
14 May - Jeremy James  
24 May - Sara Dyer  
27 May - Dennis Garrison  
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### WEDDINGS

17<sup>th</sup> April - Christopher French and Lucy Jones  
24<sup>th</sup> April - Timothy Dale and Clare Fell  
May God richly bless them  
in their new life together.

### HOLY BAPTISM

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Easter 5 - Hugo Alexander Bredeé Burns "Shine as a light in the world"

## FAMILY SERVICES - SUMMER 2010

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Trinity 2 - 09.15 at St. Peter's

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June - TRINITY 4 at St. James' 10.30

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July - TRINITY 6 - 09.15 at St. Peter's

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July - ST. JAMES' DAY - 10.30 at St. James'

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August - THE B.V.M. - 09.15 at St. Peter's

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - TRINITY 12 - 10.30 at St. James'

**ARE YOU MISSING OUT?** School trips, youth club outings, music lessons, sports or swimming lessons? All of these things can be an added burden to families, especially with two or more children. Our Church Charity, *Alveston Relief in Need*, can help any in need in the Parish of Alveston. The Fund has helped with many of the above and is also available to older members of the community. To make an application please contact the Administrator, David Oram, 30 Lawson Avenue, Tiddington, Stratford-upon-Avon. CV37 7BT. Tel: 01789 266805

**HAMPTON LUCY GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION** The Trustees meet next in September to consider applications for assistance with the cost of education from young people under 25 years who live in the parishes of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote, Wasperton and Alveston and who may be at school or in further or higher education or other training programmes. Enquires and requests for Grants should be sent to: The Clerk of the Trustees, Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation, Highdown House, 11 Highdown Rd, Sydenham, Leamington Spa. CV31 1XT

### Bible Study Groups

Meet in the parish on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm and the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Anyone interested in knowing more about the Bible and sharing ideas with others is most welcome. Keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for dates and venues.

### 2 x TEA & CHAT at 2pm

\* St. Peter's, Manor Road Every Monday\*

\*Tiddington Community Centre Every Friday\*

If you would like to meet friends old and new for an afternoon of conversation over a cup of tea and a cake or biscuit then please do come along.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO EITHER...