

COMMUNITY NEWS



No 11 Winter

December/January/February 2010

First of all an apology is due to those readers who found the Autumn edition of **Community News** repetitive and boring! Yes there were many references to **Paul Daniels** appearing at the TCC and with this I agree whole heartedly. However it did help make the opening fundraising show, for the **Friends of St James** (FoSJ) conservation appeal, a sellout. We raised a significant **£935** - leaving only £249,065 to go! Not bad for a publicity event. Plus we were on BBC Coventry and Warwickshire, we had Paul and Debbie's photo on the front page of the Stratford Herald etc etc and so both the FoSJ and the TCC were widely publicised. One lady fan and her disabled partner, in a wheelchair, travelled up from London to have a front row seat, remarking that they could not get such seats anywhere in London for a wheelchair! Even those folk who were not so keen on Paul admitted that he put on a great show. Taking time to stop and speak, sign autographs and have his photo taken



The lion's share of the cost of producing this newsletter is financed by our paid **adverts** on Page 6. Our sincere thanks are thus due, in no particular order, to **Connolly's**, **The Crown**, **SPAR**, **Wendy O'Hare** and **Tiddington Pre-School**. All of whom have taken adverts for 4 editions and we thank-you most sincerely.

I am delighted to announce a number of **valuable donations** to the TCC for which we are extremely grateful. In the order they were received. **£250** from the **NFU** towards a Marquee. We have borrowed marquees for events at the TCC several times and now we will have our own. A **£1,000** grant from

Stratford Town Trust towards new tables and chairs.

£10,000 from the Titcomb Foundation, a family

charitable Trust, run by Jim Titcomb, a good friend, who has been greatly impressed with all we do at the TCC for our local community. And finally a large number of **plates** from the **NFU**. We **thank you all**. See Page 2 for a summary of TCC Events...



after the show with all who wanted to do so. **Well done Paul & Debbie you did the TCC, FoSJ & yourselves proud!**

If anyone is keen to give a hand with the next edition of **Community News** then please do let me know - any help will be very welcome indeed!

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 their "Parish Pump" section under **Alveston** and/or **Tiddington** where there are regular updates on **Church** and **TCC** activities. See also our **web site** www.TiddingtonCommunityCentre.co.uk. You can also join our **Church** &/or **TCC** email circulation list by **emailing** Rob.Cobley@TouchwoodOnline.com

TCC Main Events in DECEMBER

'Family Matters' Ginny Davis > 8pm Thursday 3rd
Parish Christmas Fair > Saturday 5th 10-12.30pm
'A Little Bit of What You Fancy' Wilson Roberts & Friends
 > 7.30pm Saturday 5th in aid of FoSJ
TCC Wine Tasting > Thursday 10th 7 for 7.30pm £15
TARANTARA > Scouts Concert Saturday 12th 7.30pm
Bingo Mon 14 7pm **Eyes Down** 7.30pm
Tai Chi Tues 1, 8, 15 & 22 6.15 **Form** 7.15 **Sabre** Paul
Dancing Tues 1 & 15 **Ballroom Practice** 8.30 Derek £3.50
TEA-Dance Wed 9 in aid of **Shakespeare Hospice** 2pm
Tai Chi Wed 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 5pm with Judith
Dancing Wed 2, 9 & 16 **Ballroom** 7, 8 & 9pm with Jo
WI Thurs 17 7.30pm 'Christmas Party' 293863
Tea & Chat Fri 4, 11 & 18 2-3pm **FREE**
Film Night Friday: 18 December **£3 Adults £2 Children**
Family Film 5 for 5.30 Ice Age 3 Dawn of the Dinosaur
Adult Film 8 for 8.30pm **Joyeux Noel**
BlueFish Sunday Youth Group 6th at 6-7.30pm

TCC Main Events in JANUARY

A Summer Evening Poetry, Reading Concert
 Saturday 30th 7.30pm a **FoSJ Fundraiser**
Bingo Mon 11 & 25 7pm **Eyes Down** 7.30pm
Tai Chi Tues 5, 12, 19 & 26 6.15 **Form** 7.15 **Sabre** Paul
TEA-Dance Wed 13 in aid of **Shakespeare Hospice** 2pm
Dancing Tues 12 & 26 **Ballroom Practice** 8.30 Derek £3.50
Tai Chi Wed 6, 13, 20 & 27 5pm with Judith
Dancing Wed 6, 13, 20 & 27 **Ballroom** 7, 8 & 9pm with Jo
WI Thurs 21 7.30pm **Speaker meeting** Val 262264
Tea & Chat Fri 8, 15, 22 & 29 2-3pm **FREE**
Film Night Friday 29 January: **Family Film** 5.30pm **Adults 8pm**
Blue Fish Sunday Youth Group 10 & 24th 6-7.30pm

TCC Main Events in FEBRUARY

TCC Pantomime Humpty Dumpty > Thurs-Sun 18-21 February
 7.30pm Thurs to Sat + **Saturday Matinee** 2.30pm & 5pm Sunday

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WI Thurs 18 7.30pm 'Touchwood' Jenny 293863
Tea & Chat Fri 5, 12, 19 & 26 2-3pm **FREE**
Film Night Friday 26 February: **Family Film** 5.30pm **Adults 8pm**
BlueFish Sunday Youth Group 7th & 21st (Panto) 6pm

TCC DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'Passion Play' 'written by Kate Guest at St James'
 > Thursday 25th March in aid of FoSJ £6 and £4 (OAPs & children)
TCC Ballroom Dance > 8pm Saturday 20 March 2010

★ 3 KEY EVENTS AT THE TCC ★

1. **A Little Bit of What You Fancy** with Wilson Roberts & Friends. A lighter look at 'Things that take peoples fancy' with Music, Laughter, & Song, just the thing to get you in the mood for the festivities! Tickets £10.00 Conc £8.00 Saturday 3rd December - a FoSJ Fundraising show...
2. **TCC Wine Tasting Festive Fun & Sparkle**
 Tickets from Rob £15 to include tasting 6-wines, nibbles and a 1-course meal. **Thursday 10th December**
3. **HUMPTY DUMPTY** is being performed by TCC and FISSC Players £5 adults & £4 concessions
 Performance at 7.30pm Thur, Fri & Sat. 18, 19 & 20 February & 2.30 Matinee on Sat 20th Final performance on Sunday 21st at 5pm.
Tickets for all TCC/Church Events send a stamped addressed envelope with payment to Rob (address Page1)

Miscellaneous Events and Activities

- # **Alveston Rainbows** need a new leader - Jane 261033
- # **TCC YOGA** Mondays 1.30pm - Sally 078554 65659
- # **TaiChi demo** 10am 16Jan Holy Trinity for **Stroke Ass**
- # **Light up a Life** Sun 6Dec NewPlace: **Shakespeare Hospic**
- # **Shakespeare Hospice Info & Support** contact 266852
- # **Spinathon Challenge** Sat 23Jan Stratford High 416950
- # **Macmillan Cancer Support** need collectors 11&12Dec 267954
- # **Jubilate Christian Bookshop** - 55 Elv Street 298351
- # **New Scout Group** 10-14yrs boys & girls James 751286
- # **1st Tiddington Scout Group**, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorer
Like to Join? Want to Help? James 751286
- # **Community Forum** Wed 3March, Thomas Jolyffe 6pm 290784
- # **Cycle ride** 1&2 May 2010 in aid of **Parkinson's Disease**
 see www.stratford-to-stratford.org.uk
- # **TCC TaiChi Beginners** welcome Wednesdays at 5pm **£5**
- # **TCC BINGO** every other Monday 7 for 7.30 all for **£5**



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TCC CHAT

What a line-up we have this Christmas at the TCC! I trust that you managed to get to see **A Christmas Carol** by Caramba theatre who have already reserved 25-28th November 2010 for **Jane Eyre**! We start with **Ginny Davis** of Edinburgh Fringe fame with **"Family Matters"** on Thursday 3rd December – tickets 01926 316921. On Saturday 5th we have the **Parish Christmas Fair** from 10am to 12.30 and in the evening of course at 7.30 do not miss **'A Little Bit of What you Fancy'**! A great light entertainment show by local impresario **Wilson Roberts & Friends**. Anyone who has been entertained by this Group over the years will be delighted by the humour and songs of this particular take on life. Tickets £10 (con £8) ring 205358 David Neale or email Rob.



Then we have our popular **TCC Wine Tastings** on Thursday 10 December at 7.30 **'Festive Fun & Sparkle'** including a main-course meal all for £15. Tickets from Rob.

1st Tiddington Scout Group has a fundraising concert by **TARANTARA** on Saturday 12th December at 7.30. If you have not heard TARANTARA before or have not heard them at the TCC then do go along they sound terrific in our hall.



And it's **Christmas BINGO Party Night** on Monday 14th December! On Thursday 17th December. **Tiddington WI** have their **Christmas Party at the TCC sharing a glass or two of fruit punch**. WI contact is Jenny 293863. Then on Friday 18th December we have the last **Film Night** of 2009



and have a treat for all with the Family film **Ice Age 3 Dawn of the Dinosaur** U at 5.30 for 6pm. The Adult film is **Joyeux Noel** Cert 12a at 8 for 8.30pm.

Refreshments are available

30 minutes before each film starts including tea, coffee, soft drinks, wine, ice cream, chocolate etc. Comfortable chairs, 3.5 meter wide screen, great overhead projector, low entry charge Children £2, Adults £3 including cup of tea or coffee, wine just £2 a glass... see you on the 18th December? Just pay at the door. AND do look at Page 5 for all the Christmas activities at our Churches St James' Alveston and St Peter's Manor Road. So finish 2009



in a great mood and on behalf of your TCC Trustees we wish you all

A Very Happy Christmas & a Wonderful New Year!

We look forward to seeing

even more of you at the TCC in 2010.



One event in 2010 you must not miss is our next **TCC Pantomime Humpty Dumpty!** After last year's sell out success our very own Tiddington Community Collective has joined forces with NFU Mutual's 'FISSC Players' to present another fabulous show. The combined talent of the 2 groups means a much larger cast have been busily rehearsing another of Adam Godfrey's side-splitting scripts since September & perfecting their acting, singing & dancing skills. It'll be guaranteed fun for all the



family in **5 performances from Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th February**. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year - watch out for further details! Local principles this year include - Richard Williams (in a frock again!), David Neale, Lucy Jones, Steph Surrey, Sandra Oram, Keira Wilson, Rosie Wiltshire & Anna Harkin plus of course the Chorus.

We have at last sorted out

a by-pass for our projector problem and so now we have no PC/Projector/flickering Screen problems thanks to **Stewart Band**. Well done Stewart!

Our TCC **Ballroom Dancing** continues to flourish with **Jo** and we have an enthusiastic new Beginners Group too. All lessons are now on Wednesday evenings and start from 7pm. Fifty-five dancers attended the recent Saturday evening ballroom dance and a big thank you is due to **Derek** for arranging the music! **Our next Dance is Saturday 20 March**.

Rob has details.



We are delighted that we involved **Warwickshire County Council Adult & Community Learning** in our Computer Classes and tutor Jenny is doing a great job for which we all thank her. She is already running her 3rd **Beginners Computing** class at the TCC & has started an email and internet class plus a **Digital Photograph Editing** course! More lessons will be held in 2010. Lessons cost just £4/hour reduced to £2/hour for the over 60's! We run with a maximum of 8 students per course so there is lots of time to get to know Jenny...



The **FoSJ** are also in the process of applying for charitable status and applying to a number of organisations for grants. You can help us reach our fund raising target by joining as a **FoSJ Supporter**. For one- off £10 fee we will then keep you informed of our events and progress. Please contact FoSJ chair richard.hyde@brianhyde.co.uk or Rob.

SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF ALVESTON

ST JAMES' ALVESTON

SUNDAYS: 08.00 THE EUCHARIST (Said Book Common Prayer)

10.30 THE PARISH EUCHARIST

4th Sunday – Family Service – 45 minutes of fun!

THURSDAYS: 10.00 THE EUCHARIST at St. James'

ST PETER'S MANOR ROAD

SUNDAYS: 09.15 THE EUCHARIST (Traditional Language)

2nd Sunday – Family Service – brief and “child friendly”

For other services and events see the **Weekly Newsletters** available in both Churches

SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION ARE REGULARLY HELD IN THE NURSING HOMES AND SHELTERED HOUSING COMPLEXES WITHIN THE PARISH AND COMMUNION IS TAKEN TO THE HOUSEBOUND.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE COMMUNION AT HOME PLEASE LET THE VICAR KNOW.

FAMILY SERVICES

Second Sunday in the Month

at St Peter's

FOURTH SUNDAY in the month

at St James.



**St James' Church
SOUTHBANK CLUB**

**Weekly activity
sessions for
Children**

10.30am in the Upper Room

**FUN CRAFT STORIES
ACTIVITIES**

Children join the Service
at the Peace



FROM THE REGISTERS - Funerals

24 September – John Jowers 29 September – Nora Clayson 30 September – Edward Lewis
08 October – Alison Seabridge 13 October – Vince Seaman 15 October – Eric Lewis
22 October – Eileen Pardoe 12 November – Patience Hughes
17 November – William Podmore 18 November – Stella Cribb
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Holy Matrimony

Saturday 12th September – Brian Huggett and Philippa-Rose Applin

HOLY BAPTISM

23rd August – Alfred Joshua Cain Robertson;

11th October – Laura Ann & Matthew Graham Taylor

“Shine as a light in the world”

Christmas Services 2009 at St James'

Sunday 20th December 6.30pm CAROL SERVICE

Thursday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

4.30pm Christingle & Nativity Service

11.30 First Eucharist of Christmas (Midnight Mass)

Friday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Eucharist &

10.30am Family Eucharist

St. Peter's Manor Road

Friday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY 9.15 Family Eucharist

Blue Fish is our youth group for those in years 7 & above living in Alveston and Tiddington or who have connections with our churches.

Activities range from quizzes & games evenings to adventurous trips out for indoor rock climbing, Snowdome & our annual Barge Weekend. We meet on alternate Sundays at the Tiddington Community Centre 6pm to 7.30pm. Meetings this winter will be on 6th December, 10th January, 24th January & 7th February. On the 21st February we will have the opportunity of seeing the Parish Panto, **Humpty Dumpty!** Call Jacqui 267682 or Sarah 415873 for further details.

The **Choir at St James'** goes from strength to strength and at the Remembrance Sunday Service recently new head choristers were appointed, **Lucy Moist & Zoe Smith** for the Juniors, **Abigail Povey & Rachel Botterill** for the Seniors. A **Red Ribbon** was presented to **Emma Reynolds**. A good turn out did justice to our duty to remember the war dead and the choir gave a wonderful performance of the song **The Power of the Lord** commissioned in memory of Arthur Walton, one of our former 'war hero' members of the congregation. A very moving moment in our service. Attendance was boosted this year by the presence of Beavers, Cubs & Brownies, we look forward to welcoming them to Church again soon. We also made this the opportunity to present the **Arthur Walton Medal** to the best 'all round' chorister. Five of the adult choir marked the young people in a number of categories, *attendance, behaviour, enthusiasm, commitment etc.*

The clear winner this year was **Anna Harkin**, congratulations Anna!

**"Merry Christmas?
Bah, humbug!"**

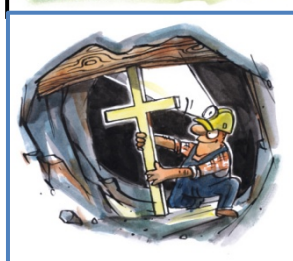
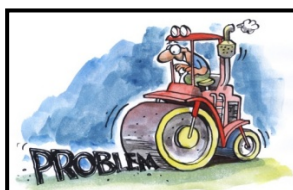


...said Mr. Scrooge.

I once heard it said, by someone much wiser than me, that human beings find it much easier to be miserable for any length of time than cheerful. Scrooge is our archetypal image of the miserable person at Christmas, wanting nothing to do with the festivities. But the story unfolds to show us some of the personal loss and tragedy which had made Ebenezer the man he was and how being reconciled to his past he came to terms with the

present in order to better shape his future. There is in every one of us a bit of Mr Scrooge, the sadness of past loss or mistaken decisions, regrets, missed opportunities. Christmas can be a time when we dwell on these and they begin to burden us. Like Scrooge we need to face our 'ghosts' of the past and use them to help make the present better. When the never ending sound of Christmas songs over the Supermarket sound system, the unceasing barrage of advertising, the relentless dirge of Christmas television programming gets too much for you, resist the temptation to say, **"Bah, humbug!"** Remember, the only important thing about Christmas is this, that God came down to be

with us, and now knows and understands, better than we do, just what it's like to be you.



Conservation work on **St James'** continues and all the electrics & lightening has now been completed. We have also received the full **£20K** from the **Town Trust** towards the electrics and **£50K** has been given by **St James' PCC**. The next major item will be the replacement of the 170 year old

Gutters that are high up just

under the roof. We estimate that this will costs £17K and quotes are now being obtained with the assistance of Doug Eburah, our Church architect, and of course we have to seek approval to do this work.

What progress...! Included with this newsletter is a flyer from the FoSJ and we hope that many of you will want to become **Friends of St James'** and join us as we strive to conserve the Church for our children and in fact many future generations to come.

We were delighted with the attendance to the Concert by the **University of Warwick Chamber Choir** who sang superbly and helped us raise over £600 for the FoSJ conservation appeal.

Bellringers Wanted! Email Rob...

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