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VILLAGE MAGAZINE

News from Tilton and Surrounding Area

Introduction

ISSUE TWO

After publishing the first edition of the Tilton Telegram, we were happy to hear from so many people in the village to say how pleased they were to have a village magazine again. It is fantastic that some villagers have written articles to contribute to this edition.

The bell fund has been a great topic of interest in the village recently, inspired by Barry Richardson's fundraising abseil down the Spinnaker Tower. You can read more about this in the magazine. Further efforts to raise money for the bell frame are also noted.

Jane Edwards, who many of us know gives excellent gardening advice, is going to write a regular gardening column. In this edition, she introduces herself and shows us the love of gardening in her family and in future editions she

will be giving us some seasonal gardening tips!

There are often questions on Billesdon Surgery asked in the village, so hopefully the information provided by the Patient Participation Group will be useful.

The Easter event in the village hall proved hugely popular, a few photos of which are shared on the next page. We look forward to seeing the community come together again towards the end of June for the village fete and songs of praise.

If you have any feedback on the magazine, anything you would like to see, or would like to write any content, please drop us an email.

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After a rainy week, we were lucky to have a dry and sunny day for the village Easter event. It was lovely to see so many people from the village taking part. There were some speedy sack races and egg and spoon races alongside the Easter trail outside. Inside the hall, there were a number of craft activities, face painting and refreshments. The children did really well finding all the clues on the trail to solve the puzzle trail to claim their prizes. Marnii was lucky to find the egg containing the winning raffle ticket to win the giant Smarties egg.



Gardening Corner

Jane Edwards



When I was asked to write a short piece on gardening for the magazine, I thought, "Where shall I start? What shall I write about?" All right, I'll start at the beginning

I have gardened all my life, right from a child of about five or six, so nearer seventy years than sixty. I remember being given a very small piece of border jutting onto the lawn and being told I could sow and plant whatever I liked in it. That was my parents' first mistake! I sowed *Bellis perennis*. Translated, this is a low growing daisy, a little higher than the ordinary daisy that grows in the lawn and with a magnificent flower head, compared to that daisy. And where did I grow them? Next to the lawn. From then on, we had the best lawn daisies in the neighbourhood as the lawn daisies hybridised with my *Bellis perennis*. I learned a lot from that early experience.

I come from a long line of female gardeners (and a few male ones too.) Apparently, my great grandmother was very good at taking cuttings and raising plants for her garden in this way. Unfortunately, her source of plant material was the local council gardens and parks, and her equipment was a pair of scissors in her handbag and an umbrella for hiding the cuttings in. Her daughter, my grandmother, taught me how to save seed and raise biennial seedlings. Her speciality was Brompton stocks which now go by the name of *Mattiola incana*.

For years, I saved her seed until in a house move, I lost it. My mother was an inveterate gardener and I learned by just watching her. In her later years, when she could no longer do the heavier jobs, I was entrusted with some of them. I remember pruning a shrub rose for her and a voice behind me saying, "Next bud down, Jane." I still hear that voice in my head sometimes. And what of the generations after me? Well my two daughters are keen gardeners and one takes me on a 'garden crawl' (a holiday of garden visits) every year, where we delight in other people's successes - and failures! Two of my sons are also quite interested and I get cajoled into helping on the allotment. But the highlight has to be a two year old granddaughter who helped me plant pansies and pushed her plant into a hole petals first. I corrected her with, "they go in roots first." After which, she planted every single one with the words, "Roots first." Never too early or too late to start gardening.



Tilton Sports Club

Membership of the club is open to all residents who live in or near the village. We currently have about 30 families who are members and are keen to increase the number. The court is situated behind the village hall and supports tennis, five-a-side football and basketball. It has floodlights for evening use.

The annual membership fees are currently £40 for a family, £20 for an individual and £10 for a junior (under 18).

If you would like to join or want more information please email Steve Cooke on tiltontsportsclub@gmail.com

Patient Participation Group Update

Staff Changes

Dr Harini Sathanapally, an academic GP undertaking a 3 year Wellcome Trust PhD Fellowship at the University of Leicester, is available on some Tuesdays at Billesdon; Anne Muzzlewhite has joined the reception team; and on a Wednesday an Adult Mental Health Facilitator, Ben Hohn, will be present at Billesdon - please ring the surgery on 01162 596206 for an appointment. Other changes involve the departure of 3 members of staff after many years of service.

Booking a GP Appointment

On weekday mornings, on-the-day telephone appointments can be booked by calling reception on 01162 596206 at 8am. There are 20 queue positions; however, if your call is beyond this number you will hear the engaged tone and asked to try again later.

Weekday afternoon face-to-face appointments are available to pre-book online via the NHS or SystmOnline apps. Further information on these online services can be found at <https://www.billesdonsurgery.co.uk/online-services/>

Please note: The surgery always has an on-call doctor available Monday to Friday until 6.30pm for urgent medical advice.

Usual GP Clinics - (Subject to change due to holidays/sickness)

Monday Dr Amin*, Tuesday Dr Hari, Wednesday Dr Amin, Thursday Dr Amin, Friday Dr Amin

* denotes GP in Bushby Surgery a.m. and Billesdon Surgery p.m.

Dr Burton Dr Patel Dr Burton Dr Burton Dr Kacha

Dr Peters Dr Peters Dr Patel* Dr Kacha* Dr Patel

Dr Wardle Dr Wardle* Dr Wardle

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Bushby Surgery is open Monday to Thursday 08:00-12:30; phone 01162 596206

The Bells by Carol Gunfield

Barry Richardson, who lives in Tilton, will be abseiling 100 metres down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth on 26th May. Barry is 85 years old and a bell ringer. He is helping to raise funds to



replace the bell frame which is badly corroded and, if not replaced in the near future, it will become too dangerous to ring the bells. This necessitates the bells being taken down, the frames removed and replaced with new steel frames. I am sure there are not many younger men or women who would attempt to do this.

Please sponsor him at https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/barry-richardson-1?utm_term=yPrE7arnP

For those of you who do not have a computer but would still like to sponsor him, you can do this by taking cash or cheque (in an envelope), payable to Barry, to his home at Bella Vista, Leicester Road (opposite number 10 Leicester Road). Alternatively, there are collection tins in the pub and shop. We would appreciate any other contributions to assist us. In the past people who are 'getting rid' of items on the WhatsApp group have requested a donation towards the bell frame. Any contributions made will all go towards the bell frame repairs, Barry has funded the cost of the abseil himself.

The cost of the repairs is £41,518.00. We have raised, or been promised, £28,965, leaving a shortfall of £12,553. If anyone would like further information, please contact me - Carol Gunfield, 07921197263

Ratcliffe Chorale Concert by Brenda Cox

On Friday 21 June at 7.30pm, Ratcliffe Chorale will be giving a concert at Tilton Church. The music will be an eclectic mix with songs by Karl Jenkins, Howard Goodall, Leonard Bernstein, Elton John and more. Hopefully, there will be something for everyone. There will be refreshments (and a raffle, of course). Entry is free with a retiring collection for the bells. Do please come along and bring your friends.



Events

5th May 9:30am	Holy Communion - Canon Philip Norwood St. Peter's Church
14th May 7:30pm	Pub Quiz Rose & Crown
18th May 10am	Village Hall Clear Out (Looking for Volunteers) Village Hall - Contact Rachael Spence
18th May Noon	25th Anniversary of the AAC Helicopter Crash Service at the Memorial Cairn
21st June 7:30pm	Ratcliffe Chorale in Concert St. Peter's Church
29th June 1pm-4pm	Tilton Village Fête Village Hall
29th June 6pm-10pm	Tilton Village Fête BBQ and Disco Village Hall
30th June Afternoon	Songs of Praise: Village Favourite Hymns St. Peter's Church

Launde Parishes Zoom Services each Sunday at 11.00am.

Coffee and Chat in church every Friday, 10.30am - noon.

For what's on in local churches scan the QR code

