

# TICKNALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome to our 76<sup>th</sup> newsletter

### **Date of meetings:**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and 9<sup>th</sup> January – Copies of the agenda can be found on the Parish Council website: [www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **Community Speed Watch**

Fed up with speeding vehicles entering and leaving our village? Aware of the dangers this represents to residents, ramblers, dog walkers, vehicles? Then join our group of volunteers to combat this very real threat. Ring Parish Councillor David Scott on 01332 863940 for more details.

### **Walking Football in Ticknall**

Feeling unfit? Would you like gentle exercise? Friendship and camaraderie of locals? Ladies and Gents teams will be created if enough interest. Playing locally in Ticknall and Swadlincote amongst ourselves and other local teams. Contact Parish Councillor David Scott on 01332 863940 to register your interest.

### **Garden Party**

Flute music (provided by the talented young Madeleine Jordan) welcomed guests to Church Lane on 30 July '23. Over the years the ex-vicarage has held numerous outside events and after a long hiatus afternoon tea and cake in the garden is on its way to again becoming a summer fixture. It was reinstated last year by the current property owners, Graham and Bronwen Truscott.

£367 was raised for the Church and the UNICEF Ukrainian Appeal. The traditional St. George's boules challenge went ahead despite the drizzle with the silver trophy won this year by Bill Bunston. It was lovely to have so much support for this event to help make it a success.



*Bill Bunston and Anita Armes in the final of the boules competition*



*Tricia Bricknell last year's winner, presenting the trophy to Bill Bunston, this year's winner of the boules competition.*

### **New Defibrillator**

The Parish Council has purchased a new defibrillator for the village which has been installed in the red telephone box on High Street. Unfortunately, the defibrillator, behind the village hall, which was many years old, battery has failed. As a result, a new defibrillator and storage unit has been purchased for that site. We now have two new defibrillators which we hope will last for at least 10 years, and be of some comfort to villagers knowing they are there to be used in an emergency.

### **Defibrillator Awareness Session**

In early August Ian Beard came to the village hall to demonstrate how to use the new defibrillator, and CPR. About 50 people took the time to listen and learn how to save someone's life. We hope that it will never be necessary but the new defibrillators will go some way to achieve that.



*Ian showing the public how to use the defibrillator*

### **Ticknall Produce Show**

#### **Your support needed for 2024**

There was a disappointing sharp drop in entries this year but it was still an enjoyable occasion. The Committee announced that due to the declining support for the show, which was revived 11 years ago, they had decided not to organise any future shows. Due to the disappointment of those attending and many other requests, the committee have reviewed their decision and agreed to continue for another year to give the community the opportunity to reaffirm their support.



Left to right are Rosemary Martin who won the Dave Armstrong Memorial cup for her prize onions, David Meredith with the Michael Stanton cup for the best raspberries, Anita Armes with the rose bowl, won for the 'Flowers From Your Garden' prize and Judith Davies who was awarded the Parish Council plate for her excellent Coffee and Walnut Brittle cake.

### **Ticknall22 WI Autumn Fair**

On 16<sup>th</sup> September the first Women's Institute Autumn Fair since the pandemic was held by Ticknall22 WI. Members and villagers alike contributed plants and home-grown fruit and vegetables for sale, home-made preserves, crafts and cakes. The refreshments stall was very well supported as were the raffle, bottle stall and books and CD's.





It was a happy and well supported event that built on many years of WI Autumn Fairs on Ticknall. Additional benefits were 2 craft workshop evenings over the summer where members came together to make bunting, bags, pincushions, earrings and other items and also to exchange ideas, skills and chat. Also, a Piccalilli workshop in September was led by Derbyshire WI preserves guru Nancy Hawksworth which helped build on current skills and knowledge.

We're looking forward to a similar event next year and all suggestions and feedback will be welcome.

### **Ticknall22WI - Bollywood came to Ticknall**

Ticknall Women's Institute welcomed members of the Shakti Academy to its October meeting, to give a demonstration of Bhangra and Bollywood dancing. WI members were encouraged to have a go, and afterwards enjoyed bhajis, samosas and Indian snacks. We hope to arrange a 6-week Bollywood dancing class after the New Year, where everyone will be welcome.



Ticknall22WI meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month at 7.00pm. New members are welcome.

1. Next meeting is Wednesday November 8, 2023, 7pm, Ticknall Village Hall and will be a demonstration of a wreath for the festive season and a table decoration. Non-members always welcome.
2. Date for the diary - Wednesday January 10, 2024 Samantha Hancock, Cyber Protect Officer, Cybercrime Unit Derbyshire Police is giving a talk in Ticknall Village Hall on Cybersecurity for us all. It is Hosted by WI but all villagers are welcome. Admission free and refreshments provided after the talk.
3. Textile Art Installations Ticknall-style - From Saturday October 28, 2023 - Friday November 3, 2023 the Ticknall22 WI is using our local resources and skills to give our own interpretation on the national WI campaign - Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife.

Fourteen Ticknall Taps will be decorated with post-box-topper style tops and on each there will be a fun fact about Clean Rivers and also a quiz question. There will also be 3 scarecrows on the theme around the village and a gazebo hub with information opposite The Wheel Inn. The newsletter insert gives more details. Please join us by following the trail!

### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023**

Once again, this year, Gill Holt will be collecting in Ticknall in aid of the British Legion Poppy Appeal, during the two weeks up to November 12<sup>th</sup>. There will also be collection boxes placed in the pubs. Gill wants to thank everyone in the village for the generous donations that Ticknall people made last year. £699 was collected door to door, and £263 was collected in the shop and the pubs.

### **Coffee Club dates:**

Everyone is very welcome to join us at the Village Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10.30am. Dates of the upcoming coffee club mornings are:

November 7th and 21st  
December 5th and 19<sup>th</sup>



### **St. George's Church**

Christmas Tree Festival - December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Bazaar - December 9<sup>th</sup> with Father Christmas - Stalls include: Preserves, Cakes, Wreaths, Ticknall Crafts, Raffle.  
On both days - Home Made Refreshments  
Soup, Baps and Cakes.  
Carol Service - 17<sup>th</sup> December - time to be confirmed.

### **Ticknall Methodist Chapel**

Over the winter months the chapel will be having a break from the quizzes that we have been holding periodically and beginning on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our prize bingo again, 1.45 for 2.00 start, this is a free event no charge for the bingo tickets as the chapel relies on donation only. We try to aim to have some nice little prizes to win as well as have a bit of fun.

The dates for the bingo are as follows - November 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm start, this date may be subject to change but hopefully not, and will have a Christmas theme.

January 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 usual time of 2.00 pm start and February 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 2.00pm.

In March we will probably hold our first quiz of the year.

The Chapel will be going to 3.00pm services at the end of the October and will remain at this time until spring when the clocks go forward again.

The Chapel also will continue to support the food bank in Swadlincote taking contributions of tinned, packet food or household products to the CVS to be distributed to those who have been affected by the rise in inflation and the cost-of-living crisis. Our doors are open every Thursday from 10.30 till 12.30 for this purpose and also to offer refreshments to anyone who may want to drop in, again for donation only.

### Carols around the Christmas tree

The Parish Council invites you to Join the Parish Councillors to sing Christmas Carols around the village tree on Christmas Eve. The Methodist Chapel has kindly offered to serve refreshments afterwards.

### Reporting Potholes

Potholes are persistent and annoying. If you spot a pothole near you, you can report this by using Derbyshire County Council's website on a page dedicated to potholes. To report a pothole, type into your search engine, Derbyshire County Council Potholes and you will be taken straight to the page.

### Overhanging trees and foliage

Would you please cut back any trees or foliage overhanging the pavement. Trying to pass these as a pedestrian is very difficult, and often forces people to step off the pavement which can be very dangerous in Ticknall. Thank you.

### County Councillor David Muller – Community Fund

Councillor Muller has a community fund at his disposal, so if the Parish Council or any local groups want to purchase anything for the community, then let him know on [david.muller@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:david.muller@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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#### Police

- Facebook – send a private message to Derbyshire Constabulary Main Facebook page
- Twitter – direct message our contact centre via @DerPolContact
- Website – There crime reporting tools on our website or use our online contact form
- Phone – call us on 101.  
Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or go online [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

To report obstructions on the road, e.g., inappropriate parking, fallen trees etc Tel: 101  
Severn Trent Water Floodline 0800 783 4444

#### Highway Flooding [highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Severn Trent Water - the call centre is 03457 500 500 – we should inform residents who have water or Sewerage issues to call them direct. Even if adjacent residents have called it in!

You can find further Parish Council information on the Parish Council website, [www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk)

#### Defibrillator use:

- telephone 999 immediately.
- The operator will take details and send an ambulance.
- If on hearing the patient's symptoms, the operator decides that the defibrillator is required, you will be told its location (red telephone box on High Street, and back wall of the village hall), and the code number to open the box.
- Remove both the defibrillator and the accompanying package from the box and take it to the patient.
- Open the defibrillator and you will be given full spoken instructions from the defibrillator on how to use it

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