

# TICKNALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to our 81<sup>st</sup> newsletter

### Date of meetings:

Agendas can be found on the Parish Council website:  
[www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Defibrillator

The Parish Council is pleased to have obtained another defibrillator for the village. It was a special offer from London Hearts, who paid half the cost and the other half was donated by the Parish Council. We were able to site the defibrillator onto Briarfield House's barn wall, next to the electricity sub-station, facing Main Street. Mr Johnson of the The Harpur Crewe Estate kindly gave his permission to put the defibrillator here, and we thank him very much for doing so. This defibrillator serves the Derby end of the village, making 4 that we have in Ticknall. They are this one, one in the telephone box on High Street, one behind the village hall and one attached to the cricket pavilion, which is the property of Ticknall Cricket Club, but of course it is accessible to everyone. We hope in the future that we can purchase another defibrillator to instal on the Ashby Road end of the village, if a suitable site can be found.

## Carols around the village Christmas tree

The carol singing this year was very well attended and a collection was made which raised **£193.06**, which is a record. Thank you to all of those who attended and for your generosity. The Parish Council has made this amount up to £400 and donated £200 each to St. George's Church and Ticknall Methodist Chapel. The Parish Council would also like to thank the Methodist

Chapel for kindly providing refreshments on the evening.

## Christmas Gifts to Swadlincote CVS

The Parish Council has noted the generosity of Ticknall22 WI members. As Christmas drew near, they were asked if they would care to donate a Christmas present for young children in the area, some of whom do not receive even one present at Christmastime. Lots of presents were collected and taken to the CVS. The generosity of Ticknall people is to be congratulated. The Parish Council passes on it thanks to those who gave.

At its meeting in December the Parish Council agreed to donate £500 to the CVS Food Bank.

## Your Village Needs You!

Can you spare an hour per week to assist our Speed watch group here in Ticknall. We have had a lot of success in educating the drivers coming to, and passing through our wonderful village. We start again in the spring, and would warmly welcome new volunteers. Training will be given, and it is a great way to meet other villagers and put a little back. Please contact Councillor David Scott on 07966 226648 or email on [d\\_scott29@sky.com](mailto:d_scott29@sky.com)  
Thank You.

## Village Picnic

The Parish Council has discussed whether it's time for another Village Picnic or similar event. If you loved the Jubilee and the Coronation celebrations and would love to get together to celebrate the wonderful place where we live why not talk with your friends and email

an idea to the Parish Council for a small grant to get things started.

This would truly be a village event, run by villagers not Councillors (although one or two of us might be happy to join in!). If you'd like to have a chat about it just get in touch with one of us or email

[clerk@ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **Drainage Update**

The Parish Council discusses issues around drain maintenance and performance as an agenda item at each regular meeting. Here we'd like to reflect on the current situation

As everyone is aware we have experienced longer periods of heavy rain over the past few years.

This has meant that, at times the drains have been unable to cope with the rainfall running off already saturated land. That said, once the rain stops, generally the excess water is taken by the drains within a few hours. Although we have experienced flooding on the streets and gardens it is five years since villagers have experienced water ingress in their homes.

The Parish Council makes sure it has up-to-date contact details at Severn Trent Water, Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council for both regular and monitoring purposes. Some of our affected householders have taken proactive action in building flood defences. The Parish Council has engaged with the relevant agencies to ensure that the existing gutters, drains and gullies are kept clear and unblocked from debris. We will continue to monitor this situation but if you see a blocked drain please contact the Parish Council. Some work has recently been carried out on Stanton Hill and we are waiting for an update on what was done and any further action that will be carried out.

These actions have helped our village cope with the weather extremities that we are experiencing with some success. Where we can help ourselves is by picking up debris from the pine trees when putting out our brown bins, and also clearing the top of surface drains if you notice they are covered. Every little helps.

### **St. George's Church Christmas Tree Festival Maggie Fenby-Taylor writes:**

St George's Church held its annual Christmas Tree Festival on December 7th and 8th. Despite the awful weather we had a very successful event raising £800 which we were very pleased with. Our theme was Christmas Carols and we had many lovely trees which were admired by everyone. As is usual, everyone said it was the best one ever. Simon Melen also entertained us on the piano on Saturday afternoon.

Our thanks go to all who helped, baked and decorated and of course to those who came and supported us.

### **Gethin Davies writes:**

**Ticknall Environment Network TEN  
Do you care about our Ticknall environment  
and how we can take care of it?**

The inaugural meeting of the Ticknall Environment Network (TEN), took place in the Staff of Life, on the 30th January.

A discussion was held about the aims of the network and in what way it can influence local organisations and people to help address environmental concerns in our village. We were not short of ideas for practical ways to help our lovely village and surrounds.

It was agreed to hold another meeting in February and we would love to include your ideas and skills to carry things forward. If you think you can help, or would like more information we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Gethin on [gethin.davies2021@gmail.com](mailto:gethin.davies2021@gmail.com) or Alison on [Trowhill203@gmail.com](mailto:Trowhill203@gmail.com) Alternatively you are welcome to join us at the next meeting on Wed 26th February at 6.30pm in the Staff of Life pub.

### **Ticknall Art Group**

We currently have 1 space available in Art Group. We meet every Thursday afternoon in Ticknall Village Hall. If you are interested in joining the group please contact 01332 865226.

We welcomed tutor Amanda Jackson recently to give a demonstration with pastels. Everyone joined in and created their own version.

*From left to right, Linda Shields, Janet Burt, Anita Lawton, Sue Hallifield, Jackie Pollicott and Sue Knutton.*

### **Coffee Club**

The dates for Coffee Club are as follows

February 4th and 18th

March 4th and 18th

April 1st and 15th

May 6th and 20th

Everyone is very welcome to join us on the above Tuesdays 10.30 onwards. We serve an amazing selection of cakes and savouries and regularly have 40 people attending.

If you wish to join our walking group, they leave the Village Hall every Tuesday at 9.15am for a 3–4-mile walk. Back for coffee club around 10.45.

Our nominated charity for the last six months of 2024 was Alzheimer's Society and I am pleased to say we were able to donate £1700 to them at the end of December. For the first half of this year, we will be supporting Parkinson's UK.

We are looking for a Volunteer Driver to occasionally pick up 2-3 residents if anyone can help us. Please contact Mary Magson for further details on 07814 113125.

### **Dame Catherine Harpur School Easter Quiz**

Join us for our Annual Easter Quiz night with Easter hampers and goodies to be won!

Friday 4th April at Ticknall Village Hall 6.45pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm.

£6 per person with a choice of Beef Chilli and Rice or Tomato and Cheese Pasta both served with Garlic Bread.

Please email [bria@damecatherines.org](mailto:bria@damecatherines.org) to book your table and give your food orders.

Thank you

Dame Catherine Harpur School

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### **Ticknall 2025 Book (Tanya Card writes)**

As part of the millennium celebrations the people of Ticknall created a book "Ticknall 2000 – The People Of Our Village" recording the village, the villagers and their activities. For those residents lucky enough to have a copy, it is a fascinating read. Twenty-five years later I am going to create an updated version, "Ticknall 2025".

Between April and July, a group of volunteers will be visiting the homes in Ticknall to ask some questions and take a photo. We'll collate this information into a new book, Ticknall 2025, which will be available to buy. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this project, please email [ticknall2025@gmail.com](mailto:ticknall2025@gmail.com). We'll keep you updated with progress and how to buy a copy later in the year.

### **Dates for your diary:**

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

5<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday – at 7.30pm

30<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday – at 10.30am

13<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday – at 9.15am

17<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday at Stanton – at 7.30pm

20<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day – at 9.15am

26<sup>th</sup> April – Gift Day – 10am to 1pm

27<sup>th</sup> April Patronal Festival – at 10.30am

#### **Ticknall Chapel**

**Quiz night** - Friday 28th February starting at 6.45 for 7.00 pm with a break for refreshments.

As usual donations are gratefully accepted.

#### **Ticknall22 WI**

Second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in Ticknall Village Hall. New members and visitors welcome.

**Contact via Facebook (Ticknall22), or by email:**  
[ticknall22WI@dfwi.co.uk](mailto:ticknall22WI@dfwi.co.uk)

**11th Feb** – 'Come & Join Us', at 11am at the Staff of Life  
**12th February** – Potty Plotters – Elaine and Julie 'grow, talk, repurpose and have fun'. As heard on BBC Radio Derby.

**12th March** – Confessions of Game Show Junkies. A jaunt through TV game show history.

**9th April** – Kim Adcock. Line Dancing. Let's get moving together and learn a new skill.

## Useful Information

South Derbyshire District Council can be contacted on 01283 221000, [www.south-derbys.gov.uk](http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk) for the following: Planning Permission, Clean Team, Bus Shelters, Council Tax collection, Concessionary fares, Environmental Health, Housing, refuse collections, Register of electors, Street Cleaning. For any rubbish that has been dumped etc. and you want removing phone: 0800 5872349.

### District Councillor details:

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Derbyshire County Council can be contacted on 01629 580000, [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk) for any of the following: Education, Libraries, Social Services, Street Lighting, Highways and Pavements, Potholes.

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### Local MP

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### Police

- Facebook – send a private message to Derbyshire Constabulary Main Facebook page
- Twitter – direct message our contact centre via @DerPolContact
- 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.

### 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!  
Severn Trent Water Floodline 0800 783 4444

### 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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