Tetsworth Newsletter



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St Giles Church

Not much news to write this month for Saint Giles as, at this point not much has happened. So far we have had only two services in 2012. Jeneva reminded us about our baptism and Heather and the congregation made paper aeroplanes to remind each other about the exciting things we know about Jesus. Lots to look forward to however and dates for your

Feb. 19th Sunday before Lent -Come and join us making pancakes and decide what you will give up for

Mar 18th Mothering Sunday - On this special day we will be making posies and decorating a cake for our moth-

24th March Church and Church Yard Spring Clean - We would love to see lots of volunteers to join us to spruce up the church and church yard. Please come from 10-00a.m. onwards and if possible bring tools to do the job you would like to do. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits provided.

July 8th "Discovery Sunday" Watch this space!!

Saint Giles Church Yard.

The PCC would appreciate your help in the care of the church yard. Please could you not allow your dog to foul the church yard. This is upsetting for those trying to take care of this space and it is also not healthy

for the children from John Watson post 16 class who come to help in the care of the church and the church yard. They have recently cleared all the plastic from the compost heap. Please put all non-compostable items in the bin. Dead flowers and grass cuttings only on the compost heap. Thank you

Bulk Buying of Heating Oil

Tetsworth Parish Council has been contacted by the charity organisation Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, with a view to setting up a group in our village to purchase heating oil in bulk.

Over the course of the year you can purchase as much or as little oil as you require and the average discount at the moment is 5p per litre on an order of 500 litres or more. The cost per household is £20 per year to join and on a delivery of 1000 litres you could save as much as £50.

If you are interested in joining contact Paul Margan 01844 281404 or 208655 alternatively email paulrobertmargan @yahoo.com there are also details on their website www.oxonrcc.org.uk

Tetsworth Primary School

Well, what a great start to the New Year! We had such a lot of fun at the performance of Aladdin in Milton Keynes and lunch in Pizza Hut and all the children were very well-behaved and made us proud. To see everyone enjoying themselves so much makes

the effort of fundraising so worthwhile, so thank you again to the TPSA and Julie Eggleton for giving us these opportunities. The children are now busily preparing their own version of Aladdin which they will perform in March. The TPSA have also kindly funded a dance workshop to be held at school in which all the children will be involved in, learning dances for the school production and dance festival.

We are now looking forward to the Chinese New Year so that we can enjoy sharing a selection of dishes from the Dragon Inn, Thame. We look forward to seeing how many of the children will be able to manage the chopsticks?!

We have had a busy start to the new term. As well as continuing to practise for our performance at the O2 in March, we are now starting to learn the 'sign to sing' song for the 2012 record attempt. Last year we made it on to BBC Radio Oxford but this year we are joining with several thousands of other school children at the Guttman Centre, Aylesbury and so hopefully will get a mention on local TV!

John Hampden & Tetsworth Primary **Schools Federation**

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ROGER BELSON

A Memorial service will be held for Roger Belson on Wednesday 21 March 2012 at 3pm

The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, LONDON SW1E 6HQ

All welcome, wheelchair access.

We are hoping to arrange some transport from Watlington. If you would like more information about his, please either leave your name and email address at the Post Office, Watlington or contact one of us by 10th February. Sarah Pullen sarah@skpsolutions.co.uk 0797 004 1523 or Angie Paterson angie.paterson@btinternet.com 01491

Dear Editor

Sadly the village hall committee have had to cancel the Farmers Market due to lack of support from the village.

When we carried out a survey to find the sort of events that villagers wanted, the event that was most requested was a 'Farmers Market'. These types of events are not easy to arrange as the businesses have to be persuaded to come and the committee members give considerable amounts of time to open the hall, make refreshments, clear up, etc.

Recently fewer than ten villagers attended in the two hour period of the event, and correspondingly this means that it is not viable for the traders to come along.

The committee wonders why so many replied that they wanted a Farmers Market and yet did not support it when there was the opportunity to do so.

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Watlington Gardening Club

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March 7, 2012, Chris Marchant, Orchard Dene Nurseries, will talk about 'The Power of Creative Planting.

Please contact Cheryl Barnes, Chairman, Tel: 01491 614928 if you need further information.

What financial help is available to sixth formers who are struggling to stay in education?

First of all, it is always worthwhile talking to a trusted teacher to find out how the school or college may be able to help.

Although financial help for school students through the education maintenance allowance (EMA) has now been scrapped, young people who were already getting EMA before January 2011 will continue to get it until the end of the 2011/12 academic year.

Anyone in their first year of post-16 study who was getting maximum EMA is eligible for £20 each week they are in education or training until the end of this academic year.

The EMA scheme has been replaced by a bursary scheme of £1200 a year for young people with disabilities, on income support, children in care and care leavers.

There is also a new fund for schools and colleges to use to support any student who may find themselves in financial difficulties. This is a discretionary fund and it is up to the educational establishment itself to decide who should able to help.

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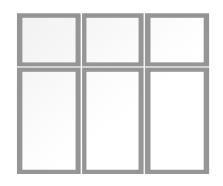
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Some charities and trusts can help with equipment and costs to enable young people to continue their educational studies. Youth workers can help with applications.

For more information on young people and benefits, go to the Citizens Advice microsite www.advice4me.org.uk which contains information and advice just for young people about the problems that concern them the most.

Parents may also be entitled to help. They can get free, confidential information and advice on this from their local Citizens Advice Bureau – see www.adviceguide.org.uk for contact details.

CAB adviceline 08 444 111 444 or 0300 3300 650(mobile) Your local CAB is in Market Square, Thame

Second round for sport facilities funding opportunities

Sports clubs in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire looking to extend or modernize their facilities have another chance to apply for funding.

In total, £50 million of Inspired Facilities funding, provided by the Lottery Plus Partnership, is available until 2014, with money allocated equally over five rounds.

The first round of applications took place in August with Henley Tennis Club being awarded £50,000 towards a new pavilion and Cumnor Cricket Club receiving just under £32,000 to help pay for a new three-bay cricket net.

Applications for the second round of £10 million funding begins on Wednesday 1 February. There will be another round later in the year, with the final two in 2013/14, so there will be plenty of opportunities for clubs to apply.

Inspired Facilities is part of the Sport England's Places

People Play initiative, which aims to bring the inspiration and magic of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to the heart of local communities.

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For further information, to apply for Inspired Facilities funding and for ideas of possible improvements that could be made to your club's facilities, go to www.inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org

Dear Father Christmas.

I don't know if all villagers know but every Christmas Eve Tetsworth has a visit from a very special person dressed from head to toe in bright red, with a hat & white beard. Father Christmas has been singling Tetsworth out amongst all the other villages, towns & cities in the world he has chosen us to visit us. Father Christmas comes between 5.30 & 8pm every Christmas Eve before he delivers presents to all the other children throughout the world. Of course he knows the names of every child, the fact that they have just moved house and what school they go to. He discusses the importance of going to bed on time and not playing on the play station all day long. He spends time chatting to them about what they would like for Christmas. Families from outside the village gather at friends homes in the village so that their children can also join in the fun. Parents cannot believe that when their children open the door to Father Christmas they just stand there with their mouths open, others cling to their parents legs, some cannot talk at all others chat away like he is a long lost friend.

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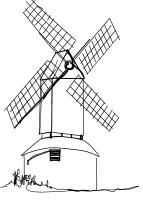
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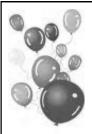
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Planning Applications at SODC

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