

# Tetsworth Newsletter



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Dear Editor

Hats off to the Humble Apple!

As we rush headlong into Autumn and wave goodbye to harvest festival season, I have been rapidly collecting the abundance of rosey Bramley apples from my huge tree in the back garden. Having distributed as many as possible to friends, family and passers-by, it occurred to me just how many lovely apple trees of differing varieties there are around the village. In these days of the credit crunch and the trend towards healthier lifestyles, how can we make more of the produce we have in our village?

The answer, I discover, could lie in 'Apple Day', as launched by Common Gound - a charity that focuses on celebrating 'local distinctiveness' through local apples, apple trees and orchards, back in 1990. Apple Day is celebrated on 21st October every year and encompasses all things appley!!

I wonder whether Tetsworth would be interested in taking up the challenge and organising an event - a bit late for this year but perhaps next? It could include an apple tree trail, an apple swap, family games such as 'apple bobbing' or an 'apple shy', decoration of a prominent apple tree in the village, identification of unknown varieties, advice and help with pruning and care of trees, plus of course a sale or charity event of local appley produce - toffee apples, cakes, pies, jams, chutneys etc, etc. The pub or TSSC could even get involved selling juices and cider - now there's an idea! We could even hire an apple press and make our own!

You can read more about Common Ground and other

Apple Day Events on the web at [www.commonground.org.uk](http://www.commonground.org.uk)

If anyone is interested in making this seed of an idea flourish into a full grown Tetsworth event, then please do contact Jo Hinchliffe at [pottyjo@hotmail.com](mailto:pottyjo@hotmail.com) or via the Editor.

## Tetsworth Community Website

Can anyone tell me what has happened to the village website? I accessed it recently just to see if there was any current Parish news on the site or anything else of interest, however found the whole website to be largely out of date. I tried to email the 'web master' and also the contacts on the Parish Council pages for more information, but to no avail.

Being a relative new-comer to the village (I have been here about 10 years but still feel like I only just arrived!), I think the website is or could be a very useful resource for the whole community. Not only is it a useful point of reference for existing villagers, particularly newcomers but also to people thinking of moving into the village, to see what's on offer.

Perhaps the website could be updated with current contact details of the various groups and facilities in the village but also it could build on a real sense of community with a more interactive approach? It could include a 'forum' where community members and groups can discuss their interests, concerns and thoughts about what's needed in the village, the Parish plan or advertise events/services and even display pictures and information of what's been going on. There are loads of things I'd be interested to know about in the village, but don't have a clue about who to contact, for example, who organises the allotments or what is the history of the village?

With the ability to exchange ideas and have the opportu-

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## Christmas Concert

with the Festival Choir

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November

6pm, St. Giles Church, Tetsworth

Everyone invited

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nity for informal 'chat' on the website it may become more inclusive and help to create more opportunities for community events, fundraising and generally more community spirit and fun!

Please feel free to respond via the Newsletter; to me personally, Jo Hinchliffe at [pottyjo@hotmail.com](mailto:pottyjo@hotmail.com) or via the Editor.

#### M40 Environmental Group

The Annual General Meeting of the M40 Environmental Group will be held on Thursday 18th November 2010, 7.30 for 8.00pm, at St Peter's Church, Treadaway Hill, Loudwater, HP10 9QL. The Guest Speaker will be Steve Baker, newly elected MP for High Wycombe. The meeting is open to all TETSWORTH residents.

#### NHS Oxfordshire

As part of Oxfordshire's healthy weight strategy NHS Oxfordshire wants to find out about what you do to maintain a healthy weight. If you know where to go for information and what support you think should be on offer to help people to maintain a healthy weight and lifestyle. You can tell us what they think online at: <http://bit.ly/dnmQe4>

Or, to request a paper version of the survey please contact Annika Howard at NHS Oxfordshire on 01865 334643. Once completed, it can be returned freepost; the address is included at the end of the form. The consultation is open until Friday 3 December 2010.

We will also be out and about in Oxford, at the Westgate Centre, on Friday 26 November from 10:00 - 4:00, offering free BMI checks, measuring people's weight and height.

## Computer Repairs



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Contact David: 07966 168401/01844 351364

Dear Editor

My daughter has just started at Tetsworth School. What a wonderful place this now is. The whole feel of the place is happy, welcoming and positive.

As a parent I feel involved and included in my daughter's education and am delighted with all the fantastic ideas coming from the school.

My daughter is very happy and has settled very quickly into a calm environment provided for her by the teachers. She is enthusiastic and excited about going to school and appears to have matured in front of my eyes over the past few weeks.

The staff is a motivated, happy group who have a great rapport with each other and the children. The school itself looks wonderful. The class rooms and the hall look fantastic and the hard work of the staff over the summer period shows in all the lovely displays in the hall.

Thank you to every one who has worked so hard over the years and made it possible for me to send my child to our village school.

Angela Cannon

#### TPSA news

We have another Bingo Night scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the school. These are always great fun family nights and raise much needed funds for the TPSA. Look out for the posters and feel free to come along on the night.

We will also be taking party in the village Craft Fayre on December 4<sup>th</sup> with a cake stall. We hope to see you there!

We are also pleased to be able to cover the cost of Oxford United football training again, which proved popular and successful every year.

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Dave (daytime) 07702 085962

Dot (evenings) 01844 281345

We are now working on plans for our February quiz night - date to be confirmed soon.

#### Parish Council

Alan Martin who has been the longest serving of the current Parish Councillors has tendered his resignation.

We should like to thank Alan for all the time and effort he has put in over the years to help maintain Tetsworth as a pleasant place to live.

The Parish Council are advertising for a new councillor to take his place and notices have gone up in the village notice boards.

If you feel you can contribute to the Parish Council we should like you to apply in writing through our clerk Sarah or indicate this to a Parish Councillor by mid- November so that a new Councillor can be elected at our December meeting. However you must have resided in the Parish for over a year to be eligible.

Please look at Parish notice board for other information

Recently at a police production to help bring fraudsters to the attention of local residents - the Fire department were offering free 10 year smoke alarms to any household that does not have them. They will also install them free of charge. If you are interested in this offer please call them on 01865-842999 to fix a date. If there are several people that wish to take advantage they may do them all together.

You will all know that the councils are tightening their budgets this year. This will mean that many of their smaller jobs will not get done.

This will include the weeding of road verges and cleaning of footpaths. In certain areas of the village this lack of attention can already be seen. Could we request that all householders try to clean and clear the areas at the front of their properties- it does not take long but certainly makes a difference to the look of our village.

For information on the Parish Council and what is happening in the village please look at our website - [tetsworthparishcouncil.co.uk](http://tetsworthparishcouncil.co.uk)

We value your input and comments

#### Tetsworth School Trust Fund

Thanks to everyone who responded to our 'Where Are You Now?' advert. It's great to hear stories of ex Tetsworth students! We are now on the hunt for photographs or video footage of your time at the school. If you have any, and are happy for us to make copies please let either Sarah Bhagat (281596) or Petra Eden-Parish (281446)

#### Tetsworth Primary School

Anyone for chess? The children at TPS are really keen to start up their chess club again, after they enjoyed the chess tournament last year so much. However with staff changes we now have no-one to teach them who is familiar enough with the game. Please get in touch with the school office if you are a chess fanatic with an hour or so to spare per week

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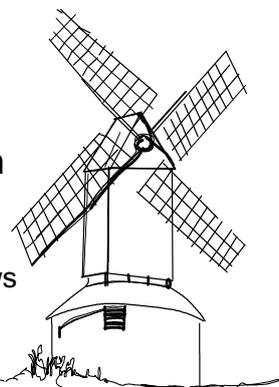
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and would be willing to help the children start their club again - please contact the school office on 01844 281328. The children have had a busy first half of the term and have just enjoyed creating their Harvest Festival animals made from vegetables. Check the website for some great photos of these. Some fantastic creatures were created from a great array of fruit and veg! The vicar visited school on our Open Day to have a look at them, and the children sang their harvest songs. We aim to continue holding regular Open Days throughout the year, but please contact the school office if you would like to look around the school at a time convenient to you.

Book week was also a highlight of the last few weeks. Thanks to the Bookhouse in Thame for coming in with a great range of books, many of which the children were able to purchase. The week really improved their appetites for reading

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We currently have an after school club running on a Wednesday afternoon and the children are working hard on their outdoor area with the help of the £400 raised in the Waitrose green token scheme (thanks to everyone who voted with their tokens for us). They have been making a tepee as well as a family of scarecrows.

At time of writing the children are also looking forward to another theatre trip. They loved Oliver so much last school year that we have arranged for them to see Joseph in November. TPSA money is helping to pay for transport to and from the theatre, and to contribute to the cost of the ticket, enabling the whole school to go.

Dear Editor

We are a young group of BMX riders, who are trying to raise money for a new half pipe ramp. We need to raise at least £1000.

We are hoping to approach the Parish Council to ask if they can donate any money towards it and also to see if



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an area in the village can be used to put the ramp on, we will also be looking into any grants that may be available. The ramp will be available for all BMX and skaters to use. Any donations will be much appreciated.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that have donated so generously so far.  
Josh lamb, Oscar Harris and Jack Gomell

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesdays  
2.00 pm - 4.30 pm  
Thursday  
8.00 pm  
2nd Monday of Month  
7.30 pm

The Coffee Shop  
Memorial Hall, Tetsworth  
Bingo  
Sports and Social Club, Tetsworth  
Tetsworth Parish Council Meeting  
Tetsworth Memorial Hall

Sat 6th November  
2.00 pm  
Fri 26th November  
7.30 pm  
Sun 28th November  
6.00 pm

Jumble Sale  
Tetsworth Memorial Hall  
Quiz Night (Memorial Hall)  
Tetsworth Memorial Hall  
Christmas Concert  
St Giles Church, Tetsworth  
(Funds raised in aid of St Giles Church)  
Craft Fayre  
Tetsworth Memorial Hall

Sat 4th December  
10.00 am—2.00 pm

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**Call Chris on 01844 281645  
For details**

### Planning Decisions from SODC

29th September, 2010—30th October, 2010

[P10/E1225](#) Attington House High Street Tetsworth  
Demolition of existing dwelling and large attached service wing, attached outbuildings, detached garage/annex, separate garden/sunroom and pool building. Erection of new small country house with attached garage block, home office, au-pair suite and outbuilding. Formation of new drive and parking area. Detailed landscape works.  
Granted

[P10/E1233](#) Green Sward Thame Road Tetsworth  
Erection of single storey front and side extensions to bungalow.  
Granted

The above information is taken from the SODC web site [www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk)

### Planning Applications at SODC

29th September, 2010—30th October, 2010

[P10/E1609](#) 28 Back Street Tetsworth  
Erection of detached two storey 2 bedroom dwelling with access and parking.

[P10/E1391](#) Mellon Place Stud Attington House Tetsworth (in the parishes of Tetsworth and Lewknor)  
Erection of indoor exercising and training facility and attached equestrian storage/workshop/machinery and implement store. Formation of yard, turning and manoeuvring area (amendments to scheme approved under ref: P07/E1458)

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