

Tuttington Times - Winter 2019

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2019 has been a busy year in Tuttington, the weather may not have been as great as it was last year but it certainly hasn't stopped us enjoying lots of village events. As well as the regular coffee mornings held in church, 2 Big Night Out quizzes at the Banningham Crown, the Annual Village Picnic on the Green and the Pimms, Puddings and Past Times events during the summer, in September we held our first Village Show which we are hoping will become an annual event. As you will see later in this newsletter there are even more events planned leading up to Christmas so huge thanks must go to all the volunteers who work hard to organise these events and the helpers who made them all successful.

If you missed any of the events and would like to see what went on then please go online to the Tuttington Hub (Tuttington.org) where you will find reports and photographs as well as lots of other interesting articles and local news.

Burgh and Tuttington Parish Council: Chairman's report - meeting 13 November 2019

There was some extensive discussion around the introduction of village gates in both villages. Burgh are progressing well, however in Tuttington we seem to be at somewhat of a stalemate with the councillors from Tuttington split on whether or not to introduce Village Gates. As funding has been secured, the discussion now centres around whether they are a suitable marker on entering the village and if they will prove to be any sort of deterrent on the speed that traffic travel through. The councillors are to do further research before the next meeting on alternative measures to register and record the speed of vehicles. A motion will be raised at the next meeting to make a final decision on the subject, and on that basis if anyone has an opinion to express then please pass this on to the parish clerk as soon as possible, as he will then circulate this to all the councillors.

The council spent some time on matter of its own operation, adopting a set of 'standing orders' which guide the council and councillors on how they conduct parish council meetings and how business at those meetings is dispatched; establishing a base line for what is included on the asset register of the council and therefore what obligations the council has for maintenance of said assets; and having reviewed the risk register, the council will consider it at the next meeting. This meeting also focused on establishing the budget for the forthcoming year, which determines the precept issued to the Parish in order for it to carry out its duties.

The council also decided to change the item on the agenda for 'adjournment of the meeting for public discussion' to earlier in proceedings, allowing anyone from the parish to speak without having to sit through the whole meeting, although they are welcome to do so if they wish.

The vacancy left by the resignation of Chrissy McVeigh has been filled by Vicky Taylor from Burgh.

The Parish Council acknowledged the work done by Ruth Knowles in restoring the Tuttington village sign, and expressed their thanks to her.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the Burgh Reading Room on 8th January 2020 at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuttington Open Gardens 2020

The Biennial Open Garden Event will take place next year on Sunday 28 June. This is a fantastic community event that brings lots of visitors to the village and gives the keen gardeners a chance to show off the fruits of their labours. If you are interested in opening your garden or willing to volunteer to help for an hour or two on the day with refreshments, stalls or car parking please contact David Brett (david.brett1963@icloud.com).

Charity Stall in Aylsham Market Place:

Colin and James need your help!! Twice a year they run a bric a brac stall at Aylsham Farmers market on behalf of the Church to raise funds to cover ongoing bills and maintenance, but they can only do this if they have something to sell. So as you are making room for all those Christmas presents or having your spring clear out in the new year, if you have any quality items (or unwanted presents!) please consider donating them to the stall by dropping them with either Colin and James, Jane Covey at Church Farm House or leave them in the Church Porch from where they will be collected. The next stall is on 16 May 2020.

St Peter and St Pauls Church News

First phase of church repairs set to go ahead: As you know from previous reports Tuttington church is beset with a variety of structural problems, including cracks in the tower, failing timbers, damp in the nave, and a host of problems in the chancel. A decision has been made to break the work into phases rather than continue to wait for full funding risking further deterioration and on that note we have good news! The Church Commissioners have agreed to pay 61% toward repairs to the chancel end (section furthest from the road) the balance for this work is already secured through money raised by residents at events in the village over the last few years, we are now working with the appointed Diocesan architect to get work started as soon as possible.

The tower repair is a larger job (so more expensive!), whilst £14,000 has already been promised by the Round Tower Churches Society and the Norfolk Churches Trust, the group of volunteers are still pursuing other potential grants. The chance of success from applications is definitely boosted when we can demonstrate support from the village through the money donated by our generous residents at the various events. This year's fundraising toward repairs has made a magnificent £1950 so far— so thank you!!

A future for Tuttington church in the community: Funding is essential to restore the church, not just as a place of worship, but to enable it to be used for a broad range of activities involving the whole community. There are ambitious plans to develop it for comfortable all-year-round use - in fact most funding bodies are unlikely to award grants without developments that benefit the whole community so if we are successful both our historic building and the village as a whole will benefit.

Christmas Events in Tuttington

Sunday 8 December 10am	Decorate the Village Christmas Tree	Come along for breakfast and help decorate the village Christmas tree with your home made natural decorations
Saturday 14 December 10am-2pm	Coffee and Crafts in Church	Join us in Church to help us decorate for Christmas and enjoy coffee and cake whilst making your own decorations, gifts and cards. Something for all ages to enjoy!!
Sunday 15 December 4pm	Benefice Carol Service in Church	This year Tuttington Church hosts the annual service of Carols and Readings
Wednesday 18 December From 7pm	Carols around the tree	Wrap up warm and join us on the Green for Carols, Mince Pies and Mulled Wine (benefice carollers will join us at around 7.30)