

# TILBROOK VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the October Tilbrook Village Newsletter

### BOILER REPLACEMENT

Some good news and some not so good.

The new boiler is in and working well. The hot water cylinder has been re-sited to the rear of the boiler room. We now have hot-water, we have more space in the boiler room for the pending room alterations and we have heat in the toilets and kitchen.

Unfortunately, there remains an issue with the underfloor heating circuits in the main hall. The problem has been investigated and probable solution agreed upon, we are hopeful that this will be resolved before Christmas.

In the meantime, we still have the wall mounted infra-red heaters in the main hall and four portable electric radiate heaters.

If using the latter, please ensure they are operated safely away from children and vulnerable people.

The problem with the slow filling of the toilet cisterns in the ladies' and gents' toilets has been resolved, so we are now feeling "flushed" with success.

### FIRST AID TRAINING SESSION

Victoria Coles (aided by James French) delivered the First Aid awareness training session on 21<sup>st</sup> November in the village hall to 14 residents where a wide range of topics were covered including:

- CPR - Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- AED -Automated External Defibrillator
- Bleeds
- Choking
- Burns
- Anaphylaxis - Autoinjectors (EPIPENS)

All participants were invited to take part in practical exercises and all felt it was extremely useful and that Victoria did an excellent job of comprehensively presenting all the subjects in way that was easy to understood.

We are planning to hold another session in the spring of next year out of normal working hours so that those who are working will be able to attend. Numbers have to be limited for practical reasons and those people who are on the waiting list from the first session will be given priority for the next session.



## FUND-RAISING EVENING MUSICAL CONCERT IN AID OF PROSTATE CANCER UK, FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

There are still some tickets left for sale for this concert where you can hear songs from film, stage, and the charts sung in the a cappella close harmony style. Tickets are on sale at £13 now via Ticket Source 100% of proceeds will go to Prostate Cancer UK.

The evening will be compered by Sue Wilson, who is a very experienced singer with the award winning all female Phoenix Chorus. The programme includes :

- Hereward Harmony (Peterborough)
- A1 Acappella (St Neots)
- Black Cat Harmony (Bedfordshire)
- Firebirds Quartet (Bedfordshire)

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Prostate cancer is the most common cancer affecting men in the UK with 1 in 8 men likely to contract it during their life. Many of us will know someone close to us that is living with it or experienced it. Prostate Cancer UK is a leading charity providing financial support to lifesaving research and other support services into this cancer.

Tickets can be purchased through TICKET SOURCE—TILBROOK VILLAGE HALL

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<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tilbrook-village-hall-amenities-committee/evening-harmony/e-xolojv>

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATIONS**

Following the popularity of this year's Pop-up Pubs, the village hall will be open from 6 pm on Christmas Eve for residents to get together for a seasonal Sing-along. The doors will be open at 6pm and in addition to the normal low-priced drinks, we are asking residents to bring a buffet contribution to the evening for all to share and enjoy.

We do hope to see you there for an hour or two. Please feel free to bring any family and friends you may have staying with you - they will be most welcome.

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# TILBROOK VILLAGE – FUTURE EVENTS

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Village Hall

- Musical Concert Fund Raiser In Aid of Prostate Cancer

TILBROOK VILLAGE HALL PROUDLY PRESENTS

# ♪ EVENING ♪ HARMONY

Friday 5th December, 7:30pm  
(Doors open 6:45pm)

Hear songs from Stage, Film and the Charts sung in close  
harmony a cappella style by  
local barbershop choruses and quartets

**Featuring:**

Compère - Sue Wilson  
Hereward Harmony (Male chorus - Peterborough)  
Black Cat Harmony (Mixed Chorus - Bedfordshire)  
Firebirds (Female quartet - Bedfordshire)  
A1 Acappella (Male Chorus St Neots)

**—>> Tickets £13 - click here <<—**

All proceeds in aid of Prostate Cancer UK

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# TILBROOK VILLAGE – FUTURE EVENTS

## Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.



## Festive Pop-Up Pub

Come along to **Tilbrook Village Hall** for a warm and welcoming **Christmas Eve Pop-Up Pub**. Enjoy good company, festive cheer, and a relaxed evening right on your doorstep before the excitement of Christmas Day.



### A Festive Village Celebration, including:

- **Christmas sing-along** – Join in with Christmas classics and traditional carols
- **Open Mic Time** – Have a sing if you fancy it!
- **Festive Music throughout the evening**



### Bar and Snacks

- The bar will be open
- Amenities Committee will provide complimentary snacks
- Please bring a plate of snacks or finger food to share – your contribution will help make the evening extra festive! (Contact Anne McManus to check what is already being provided so we don't end up with 23 plates of sausage rolls!)



### Let's Celebrate Together!

We hope villagers will join us for a friendly Christmas get-together filled with laughter, music, and festive spirit.

**Everyone welcome — we look forward to seeing you there!**



## CAROL SERVICE and CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm**

**Come and join us for our indoor candlelit carol service and Christmas celebration.**



- Everyone is invited to wear their Christmas jumper, and children to wear fancy dress if they wish.
- Take part in decorating the tree and placing the figures in the crib
- There will be an activity corner and colouring table for children
- If you would like to join in the scratch choir, come along at 3:30 pm for a run-through of the carols and Christmas songs we shall be singing.
- Enjoy mulled wine and mince pies after the service

There will be no service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December in Tilbrook but there are other services throughout the benefice, please see the website for more details.

Our next Communion service will be on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 11am.

The PCC would like to wish all villagers a very healthy and happy Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you on the 13<sup>th</sup>.



I tempted fate in my last news with the comment, that with only two calves left to be born, we looked like having a season with nothing born dead. The next calf was stillborn a few days later. So, we have ended up with one set of twins, and one born dead out of almost 70 calvings, still a good performance.

The bulls run with the cows again from the 1<sup>st</sup> December to produce next Autumn's calves. We recently did a fertility check, with the vet, on our main stock bull, Tilbrook Elite.

The result was unsatisfactory, and he could be described as "firing blanks most of the time". He will be leaving us shortly aged 6 years and can be described as having had a very good innings. Several years ago, his semen was collected and thousands of straws have been sold to numerous breeders around the world, and he has given us over 100 calves here at Tilbrook. It is a shame when a stalwart leaves, but this day was semi expected and a replacement bull was bought a few months ago.



A roadworks gang have been putting a new electric cable in from Kimbolton to Molesworth over the last 6 months, and for the last few years we have benefited from full-fibre connection into the farm. On 8<sup>th</sup> October as they were digging past the farm, they broke our connection, and it's only when you are without the internet that you realise how much you rely on modern technology. For the first day or two it was a bit frustrating, and we were assured that all would be good and reconnected within a week. However, a simple break was all too much for them, and using the phone with 4G does a bit, but not a lot. It won't run the television. After many visits from Openreach, phone calls with AI machines and finally with emails to the top of Openreach, we were connected again last week. It was a very long wait.

The farm shop is gearing up for a busy period supplying our home-produced beef, and many people will be enjoying local food for their Christmas lunch.

Seasons greeting and Happy Christmas to you all.

## VACANCY

Your Parish Council are now down to 4 people, as Paul, who moved from the village has resigned. This means there is a vacancy for anyone who would like join.

In case you hadn't noticed, it's December now, Christmas celebrations, the Winter Solstice, dark nights and the New Year to look forward to. So, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December , please take care with lots of extra parking required for the Village Hall concert and also on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, the Church Carol Service Celebration, with all the village walking or driving in their Christmas jumpers.

## COMING SOON

- The bus shelter is to be used as a book exchange. Thanks to Janet , Carol and Bridget for organising this for us all.
- The flower planters are to be replaced when ready. Thanks to Di for her green fingers
- You are all invited to come along to the Playing Field tidy up, from 8am until 10am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December with coffee and biscuits at 9am.  
Please come with some tools , gloves and a mug.



## IN ADDITION

Echoing Stephen's comments many earlier, thanks to Victoria, who has offered to run in the New Year, another First Aid Training meeting. For those who could not make the recent training in the Village Hall, an evening session is planned.

Finally, Huntingdon District Council have issued the revised bin collections dates for the festive season.

### *In Summary:*

Before Christmas, the usual bins will be collected one day early.

After Christmas , they are one day later than normal.

(or look to see what your neighbour is doing!)

Best wishes,  
Tilbrook Parish Council



# TILBROOK VILLAGE HALL FOR HIRE



## The ideal venue for:

- Receptions, Parties, Children's parties
- Business meetings
- Community Groups
- Yoga /Art Classes
- Quiz nights
- Coffee mornings
- Movie nights

And so much more....



**Contact:** [bookings@tilbrookvillage.co.uk](mailto:bookings@tilbrookvillage.co.uk)

Remember that you can book the Tilbrook Village Hall for all types of events *and* there are reduced rates for village residents!

Please mention it to your friends if they are looking for a venue.

# AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## THE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Stephen Birch (Trustee)	<a href="mailto:chairman@tilbrookvillage.co.uk">chairman@tilbrookvillage.co.uk</a>
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Comms:	David Cowan	
Members:	Stuart Purdie	
	Richard Gudgeon	
	Anne Mc Manus	

## Volunteers

Hall Manager:	Vacancy
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## ABOUT US:

The Amenities Committee (AC) are the Managing Trustees that operate the parish asset of the village hall as an unincorporated association. The operations are financially independent of the Parish Council.

All proceeds from the AC's operations are used to maintain and improve the assets and to provide community activities and facilities for the benefit of all in the community. Members of the AC are volunteers from within the community and receive no remuneration for their work.

The AC is a charity registered with the Charities Commission No: 302663