TEVERSHAM NEWS

TEVERSHAM CHARITY CAN HELP YOU WITH WINTER FUEL BILLS

The trustees of the Lady Jermy Eleemosynary Charity have set aside money for eight £50 grants to help older Teversham residents with their heating bills this winter. They would welcome applications from those who are over 65 and either qualify for the government's winter fuel payment or no longer qualify but find paying their heating bills a challenge. In this way, the trustees hope to provide a little extra support to some and a proportion of the winter fuel payment that is no longer available to others. Please write a brief letter of application, giving your name and address and confirming that you meet the criteria above. The deadline for applications is Friday 14 February.

Letters should be sent to the Parish Clerk at 15 Station Road, Great Wilbraham CB21 5JA or email clerk@tevereshamparishcouncil.gov.uk or give it to the Clerk at the Hub.

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY TO THE HUB

Teversham Community Hub was one year old on 9th January. During its first year, there have been 769 visits by residents and that's over 2000 hot drinks enjoyed!

Thanks to generous funding by the Parish Council, Cambs County Council, CambsACRE and donations by Fulbourn Tesco, Fulbourn Co-Op and Dorringtons Ltd, the Hub has supported local residents make new friends, enjoy each other's company, play games, do crafts, have a go at armchair aerobics, learn about various health issues, speak to the police, find out about fast fibre broadband and eat cake!

Come and join us. We know it can be daunting walking into somewhere on your own where you don't know if you will know anyone or fit in. There will always be a friendly face to meet you. Make it your new year's resolution to come along, we are open every Tuesday, 1pm to 3pm, at Teversham Club.

LAUNCH OF TEVERSHAM FEAST 2025

Last June, the Teversham Feast made its long-awaited return, and what a fantastic day it was! The event was a huge success, thanks to the incredible community spirit and everyone who came along to join in the fun. We couldn't have done it without you - thank you!

We were thrilled to receive so much positive feedback after the event and suggested ways to make it even better. That said, to grow and improve, we urgently need more volunteers. Organising a community event like this takes a team effort, and we can't do it alone. Volunteering doesn't have to be a big commitment—even just being available on the day to man a stall, help with set-up or clean-up, or assist with an activity would make a huge difference.

If you'd love to see a dog show, why not get involved and help us make it happen?

Are you a performer or musician looking for an audience? The Feast could be your chance to shine!

We're delighted to announce that the next Teversham Feast will take place on Saturday, 7th June 2025. We're aiming for even more stalls showcasing unique handmade items, creative crafts, delicious food, or opportunities to raise funds for charities and local causes.

To make it possible, we need your help. Planning meetings are being held regularly. It's a great chance to meet others in the community, and get involved. Whether you're full of ideas or just curious to see how you can help, we'd love to see you there. Together, let's make the 2025 Teversham Feast a day to remember!

COUNTY ROUND-UP WITH CLAIRE DAUNTON

Making savings or driving efficiencies is what we hear about local government finance; but that's just one side of the story. Sometimes money is actually on offer. I'm delighted that Teversham has benefited from county funding for the refurbishment of the sports pavilion: a job well done. I'm also delighted that the county continues to provide funding for the excellent initiative of the Hub, a welcoming meeting place, with refreshments, each Tuesday from 1pm. There are often visiting speakers offering advice and help. Another good village development and a collaboration between parish council and county council.

Sometimes there's a long wait for improvements, and repainting white lines on the road is one of these: there is such a demand for this work. But action is coming to Teversham soon, with white-line painting promised for February in various parts of the village and on Airport Way. I'm constructively impatient to see this happen. Similarly, the continuation of drainage work on Cherry Hinton Road to prevent a recurrence of last year's flooding. Work has started and I'm now looking for the next stage to be completed.

At least the bollards on the footpath near the school have been put back up. If you see parking here on double-yellow lines, it shouldn't happen. Do report it. There are alternative places to park. County and district councils are working together on parking enforcement and here is the link.

www. cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Parking_Enforcement_request

Claire.daunton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
07905 473395

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH CLASSIC CAFÉ

We meet at Teversham Chapel on the High Street CB1 9AS (opposite Sheppard Way) on the following Fridays at 2pm: 24th January, 14th and 28th February, 14th and 28th March, 11th and 25th April.

Come and make new friends, chat, enjoy tea and homemade cakes and fruit, and hear a 'thought for the day'. There's no need to book, just turn up, and there is no charge. All warmly welcome. For more information, contact: admin@hopecommunity.org.uk website: www.hopecommunity.org.uk

YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

There are a number of planning applications in and around Teversham at the moment. As District Councillor, I'm able to discuss planning applications with residents and give advice on how your views can be put forward to the planning team at South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The District Council has agreed to do a survey of residents on the four-day working week. I am Chair of Scrutiny so if residents would like to feedback anything to me about district council staff and the four day working week, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to have your views heard. *Cllr Graham Cone, 07595361285* Graham.cone@councillor.online

BE A VOLUNTEER

Teversham belongs to us all and you are always coming up with ways in which we can improve it. Recently, residents have asked the parish council to look into speeding through the village and we wanted to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan - a way for you to have a say in future development - but we haven't been able to take these projects forward as we need input from residents.

The Community Orchard always needs more volunteers to help maintain it or the community litter picks we hold or the Community Hub, there are lots of projects in Teversham you could get involved with.

Everyone is busy but it's human nature to feel good after helping someone out. Volunteering can also help you gain valuable new skills, experiences, and boost your confidence and wellbeing.

Please contact the Clerk and get involved!

REMINDER - The Mobile Library visits on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; Sheppard Way 12.25 to 1.10pm and the Hub at the Club 1.15 to 1.45pm. As well as books, you can get walking stick ferrules, hearing aid batteries, stamps and reading glasses.

UPDATE FROM TEVERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



Autumn Term was very busy, with a number of trips out - Grafham Water, Wicken Fen and Duxford Air Museum to name a few. In October, we also had a wonderful music making afternoon, with 64 musicians playing their instruments together, ending the day with a mini-performance for parents. It was a real treat to hear them all together, in a wonderful celebration of the music provision at Teversham. We also had busy Christmas celebrations – a wonderful nativity from our reception, year 1 and year 2 children; Christmas Fayre; services in Church and a delicious Christmas Dinner enjoyed by all!

We have lots more fun planned for the term ahead. Our Year 5 children are working hard for a musical performance in March with the Perse School and other local primaries; trips planned to the Fitzwilliam Museum and Kettles Yard; Bikeability for Y6 pupils and a travelling planetarium visit to school. We are excited to get our long-awaited new pre-school build underway, currently aiming for a mid-Jan start date. Watch this space!

As a reminder, our pre-school is open to children that are two years and 10 months with full day sessions (8:45am-3:15pm), three hour morning or three hour afternoon sessions and a half hour lunch club. We accept 15hrs and 30hrs funding if you are eligible.

We also have a range of spaces in classes across the school, so please email or call office@teversham.cambs.sch.uk or 01223 293357. We would also love to offer tours to any families considering Teversham for their child - please do book in to come for a visit to see the school in action!

There is also more information on our school website www.tevershamschool.co.uk

Rebecca Simpkin Smith
Headteacher

VOI IS COMING TO TEVERSHAM

The e-scooter and e-bike scheme operated by Voi in Cambridgeshire is expanding. Plans are underway to roughly double its size by 2025, extending coverage to the north, south, east, and west.

In response to numerous resident requests, Teversham will be included in this expansion. The rollout is scheduled to begin in late February, with both e-bikes and e-scooters available. A new bike designed specifically for accessibility and comfort will be part of this. Micromobility options like these provide residents with sustainable and convenient ways to travel to Cambridge and nearby areas. By replacing car trips, they also deliver significant environmental benefits.



In Teversham, e-scooters and e-bikes will be available at designated parking spots. Voi is collaborating with local Highways and the Parish Council to ensure these locations suit the needs of residents. If you have suggestions for parking spot locations, please email theo.gough@voiapp.io

Once the service launches, any issues can be reported via the Report-a-Voi form or by emailing support@voi.com.

We hope this new transport option will be a welcome addition to Teversham.

GRANTS FOR LOCAL GROUPS

The Parish Council gives grants to local groups. It can support groups that residents attend outside of the parish. So, if your group needs extra equipment or is fundraising, please get in touch. Deadline for applications is 7th February.

COMING UP AT THE CLUB

Sat 15th February; Valentines Motown & Soul
Sat 15th March; Reggae Ray (+ Caribbean food truck)
Sat 12th April; BIG 10 Ska
Sat 26th April; Motown & Soul

We hold Fish and Chip Tuesday, twice weekly bingo on Wednesday and Sunday evenings and our popular quiz nights are held on the first Friday of the month.
The Club can also be hired for private functions/parties. For further information please contact: secretaryteversham club@outlook.com
Memberships for 2025 are now being taken, this is £15 or £10 for over 60s and students. If you are considering joining pop in for a visit and see what you think!

DOG POO MAKING TEVERSHAM SEEM A MESS

Residents are fed up with some dog owners not picking up after their dogs. Poo is left on grass verges, pavements, in play areas and even in private gardens of people who don't have dogs, just pick it up and put the bag in the bin! There a number of dog poo bins provided but also waste bins across the parish. It is unpleasant, makes your parish look untidy and can harm your health. PICK IT UP!

UPDATE FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON ROADWORKS

There are various roadworks projects in and around Teversham.
City Fibre, Cadent Gas and UK Power Networks are completing major projects. We also have a number of new developments and redevelopments that require new connections or reinforcement to existing networks to ensure they can keep meeting customers demands. There will also be emergency works.
All the works are plotted on https://one.network/tm giving up to date information and UK Power Networks have their own website with the latest information at https://ukpowernetworks-cambridgeshire.co.uk/
UKPN is working again in Coldhams Lane to lay up to 16 individual ducts and insert the cable into the ducting at lengths of up to 500m. This is repeated at 500m intervals to link the Fulbourn primary substation, next to Tesco, to the Sawston primary substation that is next to the former Spicers site along the Sawston bypass.

CHRISTMAS VANDALISM

After all the hard work, and expense, to replace the Christmas lights on the Village Green, they were vandalised within days. Evidence shows the cables were pulled and stretched until they broke.



Thank you to Cllr Irene Hills and her family who got some of them working again so that you could all enjoy them. The police are aware so if you have any information, please contact them.

THANK YOU

Thank you to former parish councillor Elizabeth Freeman who served the community for many years. She was on the Recreation and Environment and Community Care Committees and set up and managed the Phonebox Library. She was also the Parish Tree Warden. THANK YOU LIZ for all your hard work.

THURSDAYS AT HOPE

Starting on Thursday 16th January, join us at Teversham Chapel from 1.45 to 3pm to read from Luke's gospel and think about who Jesus is. Suitable for all with questions about Jesus, who'd like to find out more.

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