

TIVVY TALK

Local News for Tiverton Businesses



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Town Centre Partnership

Update from September's Meeting

The launch meeting was held on the 12th September and Jan Wheatley was elected Chair with the Vice Chair being Brenda Hull from the District Council. It was a good meeting and it was decided there was a need for sub committees to cover: promotion and marketing of the town, events, and crime issues. There are groups now set up working on these subjects which are all important to the town. If any of you can spare a couple of hours now and again to help with any of these committees, please let me know.

Dion Howells, the town's PCSO, gave a very good presentation on what was happening with issues in the town at present and that hopefully improvements to the current situation could be achieved. It was also recognised the excellent work being done by the District Council's CCTV operator. Jan explained the retail crime initiative TARCA, which he was currently administering, but would like someone else to take over if possible as he has other commitments to the partnership. TARCA is proving successful and should anyone wish to join then please get in touch with Jan and join the secure 'Whats App' site. We all have a responsibility to beat crime in the town.

Adrian Welsh from the District Council informed the partnership of the current working group set up by the District Council to review car parking but as this had only recently been established there was little to report and more would be reported in the future.

The meeting was fairly well attended but we need more of the businesses in the town to take part and come to the meetings (or let us know if you're interested but for whatever reason you are unable to attend). Please contact so we can include you on specific information and use of the secure 'Whats App' groups.

It is proposed the next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th November to be held at the Town Hall at 6pm. There will be a secure 'Whats App' established for those businesses that attend meetings or if unable to attend meetings, actively keep in regular touch and take an active part in the Partnership.

Update from the Chair

"The Partnership gives Tiverton Town Centre more than just a voice; it gives us the opportunity to make things happen. Amongst other things our first (proper) meeting established plans to make the town a safer place to live, work and shop in. A group was formed to market the town as a great shopping destination this Christmas and create a Festival of Christmas in the town.

We did this in an hour and a half, so I would say that's a good start! Thank you to those who made the time to attend, contribute and get involved, I think together we can make a difference.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on Wednesday 14th November, 6pm at the Town Hall."

Jan Wheatley

Update from Alan



Christmas 2018

When we did a poll about Christmas opening it was decided that the town should open on Sundays (at least between 11am and 3pm) rather than late night shopping. We hope that all the retail businesses in the town adopts this as it could help both your business and the town. Jo (from Jo Amor) and Lisa (from Market Café) will be helping to promote this so get in touch with them if you can help.

December 1st is the Christmas switch-on which is a good shop window for the town. Can you make your premises 'Christmassy' and put on a great show. Throughout December is the Festival of Christmas and if anyone is doing something special then let me know. We also need to look at raising funds or sponsorship for entertainment etc during this period so if you have any ideas or would like to sponsor something then please let me know.

Events

I have put together an events list for the town, which is attached. I am sure there is a lot more and a calendar is being prepared so you can see, so if there is more then let us hear about it.

Promotion

In relation to promotional issues then Daisy, Lizzy, Kayleigh (all Gold Street) and Pippa (Museum) have started to get a committee together to look at ways we can promote the town so any ideas, pass them on or help them put the town on the map.

That's enough for now and I will follow up with another newsletter nearer to the switch-on.

Tour of Britain

Thank you to all of the businesses that took part in the window decorating competition for the Tour of Britain on 3rd September. The windows were really well done and the amount of support was encouraging. It all helped to promote the town and the cycle race coming through the town centre.

On the day the town was really busy with crowds lining the route from Lowman Green to Westexe. Lloyd Maunders had a member of staff out on their old butchers' cycle and a display of old cycles was held at the Market with the help of Tiverton Museum.

The Mayor, Councillor Janet Rendle, thought that the displays were very good and the decision as to the winner was extremely hard to make. The judges all thought the businesses should be commended on taking part and the extent they had gone to make a window display.

The winner was RoseTime on Bampton Street with a very colourful and flowery display. Highly commended was Sarah's Kitchen, who came in as a close runner up.

The Mayor wishes to thank all those who took part and helped to promote a major event for the town to be involved in. She did stress how hard it was to select a winner as the standard and innovative ideas was outstanding.



Update from Tiverton Market

Wednesday Workshops

The Market has started to attract new traders and has recently introduced workshops every other Wednesday. These workshops include art and show how relaxing it can be; you do not have to be an artist. This is supported by a grant from 'Hand of Hope' to Silvertown Horse Sanctuary to promote art in the community. You will see a mural taking shape on one of the walls inside the market which will make it more welcoming. We have also introduced classes on 'powertex' craft which is done by a trader on the Market and we also have wool spinning, knitting and lap and peg weaving. If you know people who are interested send them along. The more people we can interest, the more people we get to town so businesses will benefit.

Farmers' Market

Following requests from the public and local Members, we are pleased to announce that Tiverton's Farmers' Market will be returning on Friday 23 November and will run on the fourth Friday of each month.

Similarly, the popular Car Boot Sales have recently made a return to the Pannier Market. They are taking place once a month (usually on the last Sunday of the month).

Welcome!

Welcome to the following new businesses, which opened in Tiverton since our last newsletter, including:

- Gifts at Market Walk (Market Walk)

(If we've missed anyone, this is unintentional - please let us know so we can include you in the next newsletter: aottey@middevon.gov.uk)

There are other new businesses due to open over the next few months.

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Night Market Events

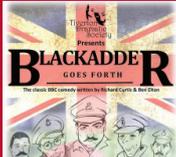
Applications are open to join the night market events (Electric Nights Streetfood) at the Pannier Market during 2019.

At each event there will be an information stand with promotional information about the town. There are also free pitches (a maximum of three per event) for local community groups and charities to promote their causes/activities/events.

Town Centre businesses are invited to join the events, or, if you are open or have anything you would like to promote about your business at the events, please send information to:

electricnightsevents@gmail.com.

Tiverton Town Events

	<p>Oxjam Music Festival @ Multiple Venues across Tiverton 16:00 - 01:00</p>	<p>SAT 20 OCT</p>
	<p>Car Boot Sale @ Tiverton Pannier Market 14:00 - 16:00</p>	<p>SUN 28 OCT</p>
	<p>Mayor's Charity Dinner and Auction @ Best Western, Tiverton Hotel (tickets from Tiverton Town Hall)</p>	<p>SAT 3 NOV</p>
	<p>Blackadder Goes Forth @ New Hall</p>	<p>TUE 6 - SAT 10 NOV</p>
	<p>Remembrance Parade and Service (100 years since the end of WW1)</p>	<p>SUN 11 NOV</p>
	<p>Holistic and Wellbeing Event @ Tiverton Pannier Market 10:00 - 16:00</p>	<p>SUN 18 NOV</p>
	<p>Farmers Market Returns to Tiverton! @ Tiverton Pannier Market 09:00 - 14:00</p>	<p>FRI 23 NOV</p>
	<p>A Vanity of Villains (Murder Mystery Play) @ Tiverton Town Football Club 19:30 - 22:00</p>	<p>FRI 23 NOV</p>
	<p>Car Boot Sale @ Tiverton Pannier Market 14:00 - 16:00</p>	<p>SUN 24 NOV</p>
	<p>Christmas Light Switch On and Christmas Electric Nights @ Tiverton Pannier Market and Town Centre</p>	<p>SAT 01 DEC</p>

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