

TEALING FORWARD

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PETTERDEN WOODLAND UPDATE

Several development trust members responded to the survey about whether to accept the offer to gift this small area of woodland from the Fotheringham Estate and were generally in favour of its potential for community use. We also sought professional advice from forestry experts and spoke with nearby residents. This revealed some serious limitations - particularly in relation to access, parking, adjacent commercial activity plus recurring storm damage to many trees over the years. On balance, the TDT board has decided not to proceed at this location. Scottish Forestry also pointed out that there's a 50-acre award-winning community woodland (open to all) just 6 miles away at Dronley Wood. Find out more at <https://dronleywood.org>

ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTES SURVEY

Thanks to everyone who participated in the recent paths survey organised by Angus Council to find out what we all think are the priority routes for active travel. The report is being finalised by the STANTEC consultancy team and will be published shortly. We understand that it highlights many of the challenges we face getting around safely in Tealing and makes several costed recommendations for short, medium and long-term improvements. Watch the Tealing Village Facebook page for online publication of the full report.

ROAD SAFETY

In this issue the community council responds to serious concerns from residents about repeated road traffic accidents at the A90 junctions through Tealing and asks who is willing to come together to form a new campaign group for safety improvements. Email tealingcommunitycouncil@gmail.com to get involved.



The A90 was closed for several hours after the crash. Image: Kim Cessford/DC Thomson

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Some readers are suggesting that Tealing Forward should go online only, so we'd like to know if there's still demand for copies dropping through your letterbox. Should we keep printing this newsletter or are they no longer needed? Do you have neighbours or relatives who rely on the printed copies for local info? We'd appreciate feedback on this topic to secretary@tealingdt.org (Diane Begg) or chair@tealingdt.org (Sandra Burke) or any of the TDT trustees - Mike Bisset, Lorna Campbell, Lindsey Dryden, Kerry Kirkland, Donna Millar and Hilda Young. Please get in touch with your thoughts.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

There's much to reflect on since the last newsletter. The increasing use of Tealing Hall demonstrates the efforts of the local community to celebrate and make use of this space. The various fundraising and social events are a real source of pride and the installation of the defibrillator at the hall is much welcome. We're working to have more installed around Tealing and the next one will be situated at Tealing Primary School.



Regarding issues raised with the community council, foremost recently there has been some serious road traffic accidents on the A90 at the dangerous crossing points across the carriageway. Previous efforts to engage with BEAR Scotland (who are responsible for the road) and Angus Council, plus their representatives, have seen us presented with many reasons why there is no impetus to change speed limits, review the need for slip roads or create a bridge over or under the road.

It's deeply frustrating for TCC and others to hear all of these excuses, while constantly worrying that further fatalities and life-changing accidents might be prevented. Locals have demonstrated (through STIG for example) that there are strong voices in Tealing willing to campaign to change the perception of external agencies and to force them to engage constructively with residents. This feels like the right time to mobilise a similar group to push the urgent matter of road safety to those who can influence a change in attitude from the decision makers. We know this can be done if local feeling is strong enough. With that in mind, we'd like to know how you think this should be tackled and to hear who will come forward to help.

Steve McSwiggan, Chairman

EASTER AFTERNOON TEA



Community councillors helped out at the Easter Afternoon Tea organised by the Tealing Events Group and it was a lovely afternoon for all who attended. Pictured below are those who helped make the afternoon a success. A special mention goes to Hilda of TCC (front right) as she took the lead on this event and pulled everything together. She said that everyone worked so well as a team and she couldn't have done it alone. Thanks all!



Thanks also to Kirrie Dumplings for the lovely food and to the Tay Ukes for their wonderful musical entertainment.

LIFE SAVING CLASSES

Both of the FREE lifesaving training classes are fully booked. The adult class took place on 29 May and the infant/child class is on 5 June at 6.30pm. Sessions last about 90 minutes and are held in the hall.

WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP

The group meets at 1.30pm every Wednesday in the hall for tea, coffee cake and biscuits, a range of activities, a blether and good company. On the last Wednesday each month they meet at 12.30pm for a soup and pudding lunch. All welcome!

TEALING WALKING GROUP

Meets in the hall car park every Thursday 10:30. All welcome.

COLOURS FASHION SHOW

This exciting new fashion roadshow is coming to Tealing on 19 September – save the date!

BOOSTING HEALTH & FITNESS

This new exercise group is going from strength to strength and is now up to 20 attendees. Feedback is that it's an excellent class, led by Sara for NHS Tayside. It's free to attend and open to all - no need to book, just come along. Safe and suitable for all abilities and ages.



FUN SATURDAYS

Come along to support the STIG campaign over the summer.

7 June - Jumble Sale in the hall from 10am to 2pm.

28 June - Open Farm Coffee Morning at Balnuth Alpacas.

16 August - Summer Barbecue at Tealing Hall.

Contact Alison Wiseman 07961 885695 for more information.

MAY QUIZ

Big thanks to everyone who came along to the hall and made it such an enjoyable night. We'll be back in November (date tbc) for our next quiz so be sure to come along! Can anyone stop Gloria, Kerry, Johnny and Richie from making it three in a row?



TEALING SUPER DRAW.

Only £1 a week. Quarterly draws of £500. December draw £1400. Contact Kenny 07443 494719 to join.

BECOME A HALL TRUSTEE

We're recruiting more Tealing residents onto the hall committee. Please consider helping out in your community. Enquiries to Kenny on the number above.

SCHOOL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

Tealing Primary Parent Council FAMILY FUN DAY is on Saturday 21st June from 11am-2pm. Join us for a day of fun and bring a picnic. Entry is £5pp or £20 for a family ticket with all proceeds going to the school.

We've had another busy term at Tealing Primary. Two pupils won a competition for a free trip to the Unicorn in Dundee, so the P4-7 class are looking forward to visiting there soon. We have enjoyed being able to use the Dial a Bus and have been out and about locally.

We really appreciate a member of the community and a parent coming in each Wednesday to support our Pupil Groups as well as Ken, who is a volunteer helping us with our grounds. The Reading Pupil Group are enjoying a block of knitting and the Digital Group are going to be doing some coding. We're very close to having our Silver Rights Respecting Schools inspection soon too.

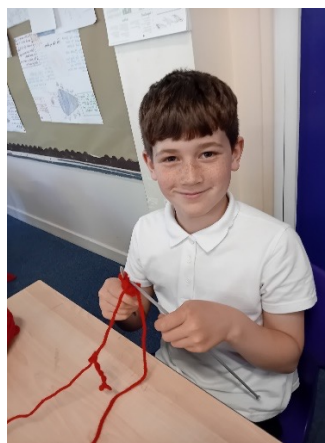


P6&7 pupils are going on a residential in June with Strathmartine P6&7 pupils and transition is well underway for new Primary 1s for August and P7 pupils moving to secondary. The nursery is full for August (8 children) and we are exploring increasing the numbers in nursery with the Care Inspectorate and Local Authority.

COMMUNITY POLICING UPDATE

Tealing is remaining under the remit of Carnoustie, Monifieth & the Sidlaws. As a result, the contact email for the community policing team is now taysidemonifieth-sidlawcpt@scotland.police.uk - please use this email to contact the team regarding any non-emergency issues. Also remember:

- dial 999 if you are witnessing an on-going crime or it is an emergency
- dial 101 to report a crime that has already happened.



Thanks to Carol Roulston whose knitting sessions with the pupils have proved very popular!

As a school we have been exploring 'From Farm to Fork' and pupils have been growing and planting around the grounds. We have a skip and some new bark arriving soon.

A Ranger from Monikie has been developing the pond with pupils and they were delighted to find some tadpoles in there last week! There is a Remembrance Garden in the grounds and the children have been sharing their ideas of how we can develop this and make it a quiet remembrance area for anyone who would like to use it.

TCC MEETINGS 2025

The community council will meet on Wednesdays 18 June, 20 August and 22 October (AGM) in the rear meeting room of Tealing Hall starting at 6.30pm. Residents are most welcome and are encouraged to attend. If you want something specific discussed, please get in touch beforehand either by emailing tealingcommunitycouncil@gmail.com or via Facebook messenger – look for our logo on Facebook. We still have room for one more member – if you would like to join TCC please email tealingcommunitycouncil@gmail.com with a personal statement indicating your interest.