

A black and white photograph of a church building with a thatched roof and a stone monument in the foreground. The church has several arched windows and a prominent stone monument in the center. The foreground is filled with a dense field of small white flowers, possibly cowslips, growing in a grassy area. The overall scene is somewhat overgrown and rustic.

# Tankersley Parish Newsletter

**March 2008**

# Tankersley Parish Council

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**The Parish Council normally meet on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Parish Chambers within Tankersley Welfare Hall. Anyone wishing to attend and raise an issue is most welcome.**

**Alternatively you may also contact us via the Parish Clerk**



## Editors Comments

Spring is here, and thanks to the heroic bulb planting efforts of TPEG, Tankersley and Pilley Village looks beautiful.

Thank you TPEG.

### In this issue:

- Christmas Party report,
- Warehouse application resurfaces,
- Three Musketeers? Or more see centre pages
- And exactly what does the parish council do?

If you would like to advertise your local business or event in a full or half page advertisement. Please get in touch.

## St Peters Church Fund raising events

**3rd May 2008  
10am –noon**

**Coffee Morning Welfare Hall  
Senior Citizens Room**

**25 May**

**Garden Open Day  
See Notice boards for details**

### **Clyppings Weekend**

**12 July**

**Garden Party At St Peters  
School. Stalls , food,  
Maypole**

**13 July**

**Clyppings Service at 3pm at  
St Peters Church Tankersley**

# Tankersley Welfare Hall

- Do you have an up and coming party?
- Do you wish to start some daytime or evening classes or give a lecture?
- Do you wish to find a venue for a concert or hold theatre practice?
- Do you wish to hold a meeting or a series of meetings?

If you need a venue for any of the above types of event or any other form of function, Tankersley Welfare Hall will probably serve your needs.

## Now with Drinks licence

Rooms of all sizes from Main Hall (with stage), to compact ones for user friendly meetings can be booked, subject to availability by contacting.

Marjorie Clegg on 01226 745162

Roy Jennings on 01226 741128

Frank Etherington on 01226 742580

# Tankersley Welfare Hall

## Weekly Activities

Monday:	Painting 9:30am -3:00pm Ladies Club 6:00pm-8:30pm Karate Club 7:30pm-9:00pm
Tuesday:	Senior Citizens Tea Afternoon 1:30pm-3:00pm Chinese Physical Culture 7:00pm-9:30pm
Wednesday:	Ladies Club 6:00pm-8:30pm Karate Club 7:00pm-8:30pm
Thursday:	Mothers & Toddlers 9:15am-11:15am Young Farmers (Fortnightly) 8:00pm-9:30pm
Friday:	Youth Club (8yrs to 16 yrs) 7:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday:	Worsborough Dance Club 6:30pm-9:30pm
Sunday:	Arabic Dance Club 10:30am-1:30pm

# Warehouse Application Resurfaces

Richard Garforth

*The planning application which the residents of Tankersley and Pilley have successfully defeated in 2 separate battles over the last 2 years has licked its wounds, altered its battle plan and is now attacking again, for a third time, in as many years.*

*The tactical command, the parish council, is recruiting now. Your task, should you decide to accept this mission, is to make your objections known to the planning authority. Suitable ammunition has been arranged, and all you need to do is phone this number, Barnsley 740997, and speak to Richard. Leave your name and **address, and a letter will be prepared for you to sign. That's it.***

*We will fire this ammunition at the allies of the monster warehouse, the planning authority. We hope this time around to send in more than the two hundred and twenty five objections that were raised last time. We will continue to fight this monster until it either goes away permanently or an acceptable plan materialises in its place.*



### The objections.

- It is a massive over development of the site it has excessively high buildings, the sheer size of development in our rural area is downright unacceptable; it impacts on the Greenbelt land and spoils the countryside views around the village. Just **because it's a business opportunity and it is on land designated for "employment use" does not give it the right to** spoil the area for the people of Pilley and Tankersley, buildings must blend into the area and not detract from it.
- The development goes against advice in the *Supplementary Planning Guide 23*, **which states that "Speculative proposals for B8 developments are not normally allowed, as no indication of number or type of jobs can be certain."** **The numbers of jobs that will be created in the proposal are not fact.** As there is no current buyer, and the application is for a speculative build it is impossible to verify. Better use could be made of the land to provide realistic job opportunities for the surrounding area contrary there are enough empty warehouses currently on the industrial estate. There are empty warehouses in Hoyland (Yes the big one on the parkway that caused all the controversy last year), there are more further down the parkway including another enormous one. Where are the companies to fill these? They have been empty since they were built.
- There are already complaints of noise nuisance from the industrial estate, from units that are not supposed to be 24 hour when they were granted planning permission. This

application has a proposed 24-hour and 7 days a week use and this would cause a severe noise nuisance from operations and traffic entering and leaving the site. The noise would be heard throughout the village due to its elevated position.

- Light pollution from security lights, loading bays and vehicles would be intrusive on domestic properties.
- Drainage of the site is a concern also. If this area is covered with warehouses and tarmac, where will the water go? Not uphill, we are certain of that. Recent Storms saw the houses at the bottom of Lidgett Lane flooded, New road under 3 feet of water and saw the manholes along Colliery Yard lifted as the water poured from the industrial estate. All the water from the site still takes this path!
- The felling of woodland will greatly impact the wildlife and aquatic environment within and around the surrounding area; including protected species. This woodland has taken 20 years to get to the level of cover. The proposal claims that the woodland is diseased and decaying, it paints a picture that it would be better to remove it and start again than leave it. However I would counter this argument by saying that woodland has grown and died and decayed for hundreds of thousands of years, this is natural.
- Architectural materials, design and colour are not sympathetic to the surrounding area, which is designated **land of 'Borough landscape value,' and Greenbelt. The**

previous applications has the units painted Blue, this one is painted green. Whatever the colour, its still a huge metallic box, a huge blot on our landscape.



For Further details

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# 11th May

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# Parish Council's Children's Christmas Party

Helen Reckless

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The Parish Councils Children's Christmas Party saw more children than ever attend back in December, over the 2 parties 165 children attended, a record to date. The parties are run and organised by a group of very dedicated and experienced volunteers made up of councillors and church members

Planning always starts in January, however this picks up the pace in September when all the presents and prizes are bought, late October early November an army of helpers come together to wrap the present ensuring the right age group and gender are stored appropriately to avoid any disappointment.

The actual day of the parties is hectic to say the least, especially the younger childrens as it could be classed as organised chaos, and especially ensuring every child receives a present from Father Christmas. The older childrens party is a steadier pace with the entertainment crew organising games and giving out spot prizes.

The quietest part of the day is the clearing up the last of the party rubbish and that is usually around 9.00pm. At this point everyone is ready for home, tired but feeling very satisfied at yet another successful Parish Council event.

The event costs £500 that's roughly £3.03 for every child attending. The way this event is organised and managed we feel is excellent value for money.

On behalf of the Parish Council we would like to thank the organiser and all helpers for their hard work and commitment, and long may it continue.



Safer Neighbourhood Teams consist of police officers, police community support officers special constables and local authority Neighbourhood Wardens/ Ambassadors and managers. Some SNTs have Children and Young Persons Officers and Crime and Disorder Reduction staff. SNTs are dedicated teams who are visible, accessible and familiar to communities. They reduce local crime, bring more offenders to justice, and address quality of life issues through a problem-solving approach with communities.

SNT officers and response officers are all police officers with the same powers. Response officers deal with 24 hour emergency calls that need to be dealt with quickly. SNT officers work with communities, together with partner agencies, to provide high visibility patrols and address issues that concern local people.

**Goldenline (01226) 736457**

This number goes directly to an answering machine, leave a message including your name, address and telephone number, also as much detail about the incident you are reporting (name of those involved , dates, what is or has happened).

This is not an immediate response service.

For emergencies you should still ring

**999**

For non-emergencies but where police assistance may be required ring

**(0114) 2202020**



## Barnsley Arabic Dance

At Tankersley Welfare Hall

**on Sunday's from 10:30am**

The class lasts one hour and costs £3.50.

For further information contact:

Email: [jean.marshall2@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:jean.marshall2@ukonline.co.uk)

Jean Marshall 01226 790017



TPEG was formed in September 2004 and is still working hard to improve the two villages both environmentally and aesthetically.



It continues to hold regular litter-picks which have helped greatly in keeping the area tidy. Extensive bulb planting has brought colour to the verges and from the many complimentary comments from residents, has been much appreciated.

In the next couple of months coppicing will be carried out in Potter Holes Plantation to improve access. The group has also undertaken to clear footpaths in Broad Ings Plantation where some members have already cleared intrusive and damaging ivy from trees.

If anyone has any ideas for improving the environment they are welcome to attend the meetings held on the second Monday of every month at Tankersley Welfare Hall.

Residents can do their bit to help keep the villages looking attractive by clearing litter from their immediate neighbourhood.



# Lock Stop Chain Check

**This advice is for all, not just the elderly**

- Even before you answer the door, you should check through your door viewer or a window to see who is calling, even if you are expecting family.
- Before you open the door ensure you have the door chain or bar in place. If you don't like the thought of putting it on just before you open the door; then always keep it on.
- Check the caller's details and identity thoroughly, even if they have made an appointment, before you let them in.
- Do not feel pressured to open door quickly, genuine callers will always wait patiently while you confirm their identity. Alternatively, tell them to write to make an appointment.
- It is best to keep your front and back doors locked, even when at home.
- Check any telephone number against the phone book entry; then ring it for confirmation.

## Vicar of Dibley its not! (Part 1)

Richard Garforth

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I love Tankersley, it's the best place in Barnsley to live, a little gem of a community where your kids can still play in the street, where its quiet and peaceful, its rural without being too out of the way. When I found out there were vacancies on the Parish council I leapt at the chance, I didn't really know what was involved, but if it could help the area stay this good I wanted a seat. I wasn't picked first time around, but I was asked later and was really chuffed.

### **What does a parish council do?**

The parish council, is the lowest level of government, it does not sound very impressive does it? However it is also the closest level to the community it represents. As residents of Tankersley and Pilley, there is a body of councillors that listen to your issues and take them up for you, and best part is that they are your neighbours. None of the councillors are paid for their work; a secretary is appointed, who is not a member of the council and this post is paid. The secretary deals with all the correspondence, amongst a plethora of other duties.

So what do **we** do? How do **we** make a difference. Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community.

Some of the most common topics that we get involved with are planning applications, as we are statutory consultees. We also deal with crime prevention and roads and footpath issues.

On our own, we have limited powers to make decisions but we

have the ability to negotiate, and the power to influence organisations that do make the final decisions such as the Borough council, Safer Neighbourhood teams and Police , Fire etc.

In this respect the councils are extremely powerful, because the higher levels of government who make the final decisions know that Parish Council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about issues, and it's views will be taken very seriously.

### Funding.

From your council tax we take a few pounds, there are currently about 1500 residents in the parish and the precept as its known is currently £11000. Sounds a lot, but one piece of playground equipment can cost £8000, and we have been quoted £60000 to replace the Tennis court fence that was stolen. To supplement this we must identify grants available and lobby to make sure they are spent in our area, and there are quite a few, Yorkshire Forward grants, tourism grants regeneration grants.

We also award grants to voluntary organisations to improve the community, a grant to buy a professional strimmer with safety gear and training for the volunteers in TPEG to clear the footpaths in the woodlands. A grant towards the cost of new fire doors in the community centre

There are several events throughout the year such as the bonfire and Christmas Party that we put on.

Forthcoming articles will showcase some of the Parish councils recent work.

# Tankersley News and Post Office



**Joanne &  
Darren**

**01226  
742246**

## Post Office

### Opening Times

**Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:30pm**

**Sat 9:00am- 12:30pm**

**Post Office: Stamps, E111,  
Insurance (Home, Phone,  
Car), Loans, Personal  
Banking and Much More**

## Shop

### Opening Times

**Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri**

**7:00am-6:00pm**

**Wed & Sat 7:00am-7:30pm**

**Sun 9:00am-12noon**

**Shop: Newspapers, Lottery,  
Milk, Bread, Drinks,  
Confectionery, greeting  
Cards etc.**

## Tankersley Parents & Toddlers Group.

Thursday - 9:15am - 11:15am

Come along let the kids play and have a chat.

Contact Karen for details (01226) 350819

**Under 5's £1.50 per child**



# SPAM EMAILS

There has been a noticeable increase lately of fake emails, pretending to be from your bank asking to confirm your banking details. These are fake and under no account should you click any link or provide the information asked for. These emails are very convincing, and you could easily be persuaded. They will have official looking graphics, and take you to websites that look official.

## **THEY WILL STEAL YOUR MONEY.**

YOUR BANK WILL **NEVER** ASK YOU TO EVER CONFIRM YOUR DETAILS VIA AN EMAIL. IF YOU RECEIVE AN EMAIL LIKE THIS CONTACT YOUR BANK THROUGH THE NORMAL CHANNELS, AND REPORT THE MATTER.

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