



NEWSLETTER

TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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Meetings of the Council

6 November – Full Council

6 November – Recreation & Leisure

6 November – Personnel

27 November – Burials Committee

27 November – Highways & Planning

11 December – Finance & General Purposes

18 December – Highways & Planning

2 January – Full Council

8 January – Recreation & Leisure

29 January – Highways & Planning

12 February – Finance & General Purposes

26 February – Highways & Planning

All meetings are held in the Town Council offices and usually start at 7.30pm. Members of the Public are welcome to attend. Please come to the rear of the building.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Abandoned Cars 01256 844844

Fly Tipping 01256 844844

Street Lighting 0800 506 060

Highways 0300 555 1388

Allotments 0788 168 6351

CAB 03444 111 306

Hampshire County Council
0300 555 1375

Basingstoke Council
01256 844844

Swimming Pool 0118 9817818

West Berks Council
01635 42400

Good Citizen Awards

Do you know anyone who deserves one of these? We believe that those residents who have worked hard and/or have made a significant contribution, in an unpaid capacity, in the community should be recognised. Awards can be made to people whose voluntary work benefits Tadley residents even if they do not live in the parish. A permanent record of those to whom Good Citizens' Awards have been presented is mounted in the Council Offices. If you would like to nominate someone the form can be found: <https://www.tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk/Good%20Citizen%20nomination.pdf> or ring the office.



You Decide

Following the success of the 2016 and 2017 'You Decide' grants, Tadley Town Council are offering local clubs and groups this opportunity again for 2018 and as before the residents of Tadley will be asked to look at the various grants being sought and to vote for their choice at the Annual Town Meeting on 7 April 2018.

This is an opportunity for any local club or group who have a small project in mind for which they require additional funding, to apply for up to £2,000. Providing the club or group serves the people of Tadley and meets the criteria of the grant, they can apply. (Application packs will be available in January 2018 with all the funding application details). Each club and group will have the opportunity of talking to residents at the Annual Town Meeting about their group and their project and the residents will then vote for their choice.

For the clubs and groups, it is an easy way to not only apply for a grant but to let the people of Tadley know what their organisation does and for the residents it is an opportunity to have their say in who receives the grants.

Further details, including the application criteria, application forms and voting criteria, will be available on the Council's website or in hard copy from the office, from January 2018.

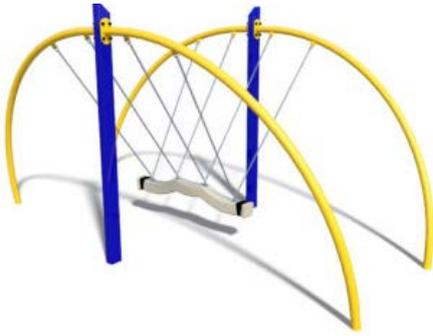
Tadley Christmas Tree

This year the Christmas tree lights will be switched on, on the 24 November. The evening will start at 6.00pm with a Christmas Market in the Ambrose Allen Centre, with singing from the children of Burnham Copse School. There will also be entertainment and refreshments available. At 6.30pm Tadley Band and the Tadley and Hurst Singers will perform and sing carols, followed by the switching on of the lights by a celebrity at 7.00pm. The Point will be serving a selection of hot snacks and drinks including burgers, hot dogs and mulled wine. Father Christmas will be coming along too!



Play Areas

We continue to maintain and repair our play areas at Tadley Common, Giles Road and The Green. If you see any broken glass or litter at any of these sites please let us know. Later this year or early next year we are going to install some new pieces of play equipment at the play area next to the Common, these will be a mini basket swing, a small trampoline and a crusader.



Bonfires

There is nothing in law that says people cannot have bonfires at any time, however there are restrictions on what items can be burnt, for example, it is not permissible to burn tyres or rubber.

Residents should be mindful of their neighbours when lighting a bonfire, we suggest you speak to your neighbours beforehand and arrange a mutually convenient time. Make sure all the items you are going to burn are dry, don't burn damp garden waste as this produces thick smoke. Have bonfires on still days where there is little or no wind.

If you do suffer from a neighbour's bonfire you can report this to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council on 01256 844844.

Loddon Valley Day Care

This group are looking for volunteer drivers to collect and take home elderly people within the Tadley, Baughurst, Pamber Heath area and general volunteers to help with their varied activities.

This is a great opportunity for those 'between or looking for' work, recently retired or part-time workers. No experience is necessary. If you are interested pop-in for a chat any time when they are open: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm. To find out more: phone 07501 406573 or email beverleyjwhite@btinternet.co.uk

Loddon Valley Day Care Centre provides care and entertainment for the elderly living in your area. They provide a daily programme of activities including a two-course lunch. Their aim is to provide a friendly and lively place for our local elderly and give time-off for their carers. They also give local people the opportunity to join their team of dedicated volunteers, make new friends and learn new skills.

Age Concern Tadley Lunch Club

The Lunch Club is held at the Ambrose Allen Centre in Franklin Avenue on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm and has been operating for the last nine years. It is run in voluntary partnership with the Tadley Community Church. The volunteers, many of whom have been serving the club for all of those years, provide a friendly face and a welcome drink to all their diners upon arrival. Later, each diner is served with a delicious two-course lunch for £4.50 from a good selection of meal choices to suit every taste.

Every month they provide musical entertainment, as well as a weekly raffle which funds their annual Christmas Lunch at a local hotel; all of which is much enjoyed by their diners and their team of volunteers. Their diners are an amazing group of about 55 local folk of a variety of ages and from many different backgrounds, each with their own story and life experiences.

The Club provides a warm welcome to the newly-widowed looking for a new identity, friendship and conversation to the lonely and isolated, and to elderly couples trying to adjust to the many challenges of old age. When their diners arrive on a Tuesday morning, their smiles and cheerful manner make it so obvious to the volunteers that the Lunch Club is the highlight of their week. They are greeted with enthusiasm and love, all of which makes for a very happy and relaxed atmosphere for all.

If you like what you have just read and think that this Lunch Club could be something that either you, a member of your family or a close neighbour would enjoy, then please pop in on a Tuesday morning between 10am and 1pm, or if you prefer, phone them on 07586 506791 or you can also email tadleylunchclub@hotmail.com and they would be happy to arrange for you to join them.