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# Tilton Telegram

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VILLAGE MAGAZINE

News from Tilton and Surrounding Area

# Introduction

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## ISSUE ONE

Welcome to the first issue of the Tilton Telegram Village Magazine. We decided to create this magazine to help support the hard work of volunteers and businesses in the village. We have also been told that members of the village who are not part of the WhatsApp group sometimes miss out on what's going on so we hope this helps them feel more connected. We want to create a magazine that is fun and helpful to our community and provides a curated source of village information.

In this first issue we are trying out different content types for the magazine. This issue starts by highlighting some of the work happening on the village playground and upcoming fundraising efforts,

the Tilton Village Hall Committee, and the Parish Council. There is an events page, a recipe and a puzzle page. The magazine will also have a place for sponsors on the back cover. If you would like to sponsor future issues please get in touch.

It would be great to hear from you and find out what you would like to see in the magazine. Please feel free to drop us an email with any comments and ideas or if you would like to write any content.

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# Project Focus: Park Investment



The Village Hall Playground is annually inspected by the council. In recent reports, there has been an increased number of issues, which has resulted in the Village Hall Committee taking action. The committee has spent £1764 on the deer rocker, toddler play unit, seesaw, and swings. The committee spent a further £672 on repairing the gate and £708 on fixing the mechanism for the binoculars. In total

£3,114. With many children and families in the village (past and present) enjoying this amenity, we are looking to raise funds to keep the park a well maintained feature of the village.

U P C O M I N G F U N D R A I S I N G

The March Flicks on the Hill evening will be raising money for the park. Entry tickets and refreshment profits will go towards the park.

You can donate directly using the following QR code or at any village hall event.



# Parish Council

**Jack Crankshaw**



It is just over two months past the winter solstice and we are on our way to summer. Snowdrops, crocuses, and daffodils are lining our gardens and village green spaces - spring is here. A superb addition to the village is the 'Tilton Telegram', so a massive thank you to Jim and Megan Gough for their hard work and dedication into publishing this first edition. I believe this will be a great asset for our community.

A roundup of the Parish Council activity in the last quarter has been vast, which is great news for progress. With speeding being viewed as the main concern within the village, we were delighted with the installation in late 2023 of the new speed signs. Being colourful and indicating the travelling speed, as well as having capability to download the data off them for monitoring and evidence purposes, makes them a fantastic new addition. Less obvious progress is the repairs to streetlights, namely near the bus stop and in the central reservation over the main road near Digby Close. We also urged authorities to trim back a few tree branches to allow street lighting to reach the ground again in a few places, making it easier to walk in the evenings.

A future project for us, is the installation of a new speed sign in Halstead. This will be located at the bottom of the hill on Oakham Road in Halstead, hopefully reducing the speed the vehicles travel throughout this section of road.

As always, we require your views to progress, so while we continue the 'Fight against Speed', with the Halstead campaign, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to populate our meetings, we would like to know what we can do to help, progress, and make our parish the best it can be. Keep an eye out for any information on meetings on the village WhatsApp group, our noticeboard within the bus stop, or contact direct [clerk@tiltonandhalsteadpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@tiltonandhalsteadpc.org.uk)





# Rhubarb Frangipane

With the recent wet but mild weather, our rhubarb is shooting up! We first made this recipe on a baking day at the wonderful Artisan Bakehouse in West Sussex. The bright colour of the rhubarb makes it a great choice for a spring dessert.

## Ingredients

### Pastry:

175 g plain flour  
45 g butter  
45 g vegetable fat  
(such as Trex)  
2 tbsp cold water

### Frangipane filling:

125 g butter  
125 g caster sugar  
1 egg  
125 g ground almonds  
1 tsp almond essence

### Other:

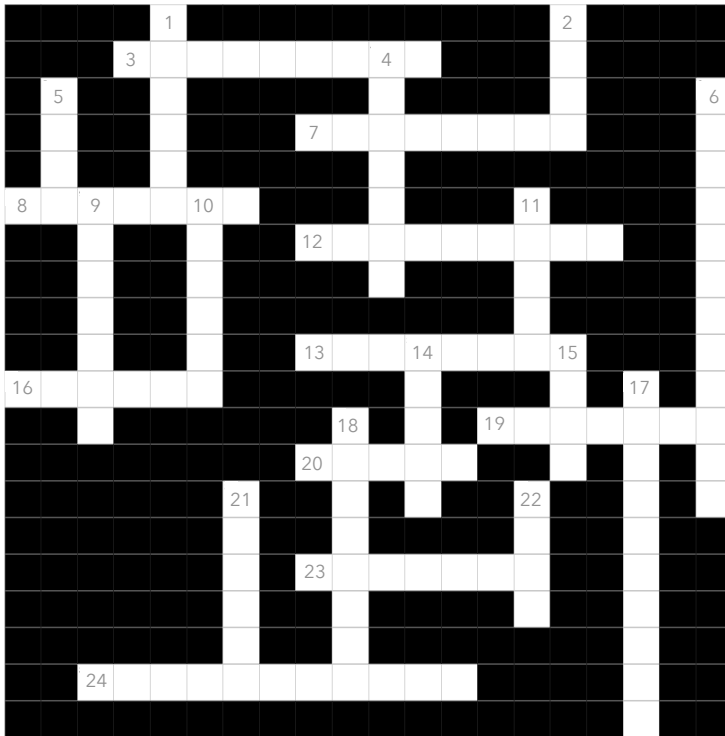
2 tbsp rhubarb jam  
2 sticks rhubarb  
Flaked almonds to  
sprinkle

Set oven to 180°C.

## Method

1. Rub the butter and vegetable fat together until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Mix in the water to make a soft dough. Wrap pastry in cling film and chill for 30 minutes.
2. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured work surface and line a 20cm flan tin with the pastry. Prick all over the base of the pastry shell with a fork and place a circle of baking paper over the pastry and fill with baking beans. Bake for 10 minutes, then remove the beans and bake for a further 5 minutes. Leave to cool.
3. Cream the butter and sugar together until pale and creamy, then mix in the egg, ground almonds and almond essence.
4. Spread the jam over the cooled pastry base. Spoon the frangipane filling over the jam, making sure you spread to the edges. Slice the rhubarb and scatter over the top, then sprinkle with flaked almonds.
5. Bake for 35 - 40 minutes until golden brown and frangipane is set. If the pastry edges are getting too brown, cover with foil.

# Spring



## Across

3. Blades to cut blades
7. A flower named for its colour and shape
8. Spring is a symbol of this
12. Tapioca eggs
13. Evening herbal remedy flower
16. Sometimes beauty occurs when we reorganise
19. The birds leave their wintering grounds
20. The chicks began to walk through a trap door
23. We celebrate these people on 10th March
24. A thorough tidy and clean up after winter

## Down


1. He said, "Some of the tea's terrible!"
2. You will be one of these if you play a prank after noon on 1st April
4. From the Latin *aequinoctium*
5. Spring is a good time to fly this bird of prey
6. These are said to bring the May flowers
9. A tree's efflorescence
10. You fell out when the drinks spilt backwards
11. We love to see them skip and jump
14. A thirty one day parade
15. These come from birds and the Easter bunny
17. Singing at first light
18. A national symbol of Wales
21. A new time to add salt and pepper
22. A home amongst the branches



# Events

- 20th March  
1930-2100  
**Village Hall Committee AGM**  
Village Hall - New members and public welcome
- 21st March  
1930  
**Flicks on the Hill: One Life**  
Village Hall
- 25th-28th March  
0900-1700  
**Tiddlywinks Holiday Club - Ages 2-10**  
Village Hall - Contact: Nicola (07960 298751)
- 29th March  
0930  
**Tilton Good Friday Reflections with hot cross buns**  
Tilton Church
- 30th March  
1500-1700  
**Family Easter Event**  
Village Hall. Free activities including craft, games, face painting and an egg trail. Refreshments will be on sale.
- 31st March  
0930  
**Tilton Easter Day Family Service with Egg Hunt**  
Tilton Church
- 13th May  
1900-2100  
**Quarterly Parish Council Meeting**  
Village Hall
- 29th June  
**Tilton Village Fête**  
Village Hall





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