

## **TILSHEAD NEWSLETTER REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 9.3.10**

The Tilshead Newsletter is published monthly, and is produced, edited and distributed by a small team of volunteers. It was started nearly nine years ago, and in December 2009 we reached the milestone of our 100th edition.

Unlike many village magazines which look to their parish councils or PCCs for subsidy, our village Newsletter is entirely self-supporting and editorially independent, our main source of income being advertising revenue and our main expenditure being the cost of printing. Our aim is to make a modest surplus each month, and in 2009 we were delighted to be able to sponsor the setting up of Tilshead's new Wiltshire St John Ambulance Community First Responder team by making a grant of £1,600 for the purchase of a defibrillator and other essential equipment.

We are grateful for the support of our advertisers, without whom the Newsletter would not be financially viable, and to all our contributors both regular and irregular. I should particularly like to thank Nicki Blighe for her regular monthly gardening page and Anne White for her mouth-watering recipes, as well as the children of Tilshead School who provide such splendid pictures for the Pic of the Month competition.

Our advertising manager Peter Painter, who made such a huge contribution to the setting up and running of the Newsletter, died in April 2009, and his 'can-do' attitude and wise counsel is much missed. I should like to thank Derek Anderson for his willingness to take over this role, and Norman Bayne, who keeps a watchful eye on our finances, Jane Smith, Becky Carter, Bert Gurr and Pat Dennis, who turn out in all weathers to ensure that your Newsletter reaches you on time, Humphrie James, who audits our books, and the additional help given by Tony Clist, Frank Druce, Theresa Leachman, William Leachman and George Smith.

We are always happy to advertise local fundraising events free of charge, and village people are also welcome to submit brief "For Sale" and "Wanted" advertisements for inclusion without cost. Copy should reach me by 15th of the month before insertion.

We hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter and find it a useful source of information. We are very much dependent upon you, as members of the village, to keep us supplied with material for it. It is your village magazine, so please think about contributing. Similarly, if you have any comments or suggestions do please let me know.

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