

Welcome To Our Winter Newsletter

TILNEY ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Tilney All Saints Parish Council Newsletter!

As the year draws to a close, we're delighted to bring you the latest updates, news, and upcoming events from around our parish. Winter is a time of reflection, community spirit, and planning for the year ahead, and this newsletter is here to keep you informed and inspired.

In this edition, you'll find:

Updates on council initiatives and projects.

Information on local events, services, and festive celebrations.

Advice for staying safe and well during the colder months.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our community for their continued support and contributions throughout the year. Together, we make Tilney All Saints a wonderful place to live and thrive.

Stay warm, stay connected, and enjoy this season of goodwill!

Warm regards,
Tilney All Saints Parish Council



Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council holds meetings on the second Thursday of every month (except August) at 7pm in the village hall, Church Road, Tilney All Saints. Everyone is welcome to attend. A public participation session is included at every meeting for residents to give their views on items on the agenda or raise issues for consideration at future meetings. Parish Councils are independent bodies who represent the interests of the whole community and have wide ranging powers to become involved in activities that contribute towards the improvement of the environment and the quality of life in the parish.

Membership

The Parish Council is made up of 8 members and we currently have no vacancies. If you would like to more information about the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk or Chairman who will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Future Aims

The Parish Council's aims for the future include increasing community engagement to reflect the wishes of residents in future projects. Maintaining and improving local infrastructure and promoting biodiversity. If there are any projects or facilities in the Parish you would like the Parish Council to consider in the future, please contact the Parish Clerk

Contact Details:

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email on clerk@tilneyallsaintsparishcouncil.gov.uk or by telephone 07519 411098 during normal office hours

Chair of the Parish Council Councillor Andy Laughton
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The Borough Councillor for Tilney All Saints (Clenchwarton Ward) is Councillor Steven Bearshaw. Councillor Bearshaw can be contacted on Mobile: 07395369748 or cllr.steven.bearshaw@west-norfolk.gov.uk

The County Councillor for Tilney All Saints (Marshland North division) is Councillor Julian Kirk. Councillor Kirk can be contacted on: Mobile: 07816909870 or julian.kirk.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

Community Speed Watch

To date 129 sessions have been held along Church Road and School Road with 431 drivers reported for exceeding the 30mph speed limit. The Community Speed Watch Team try to hold sessions in line with the peak times for speeders as identified from the data collected by our SAM (Speed Awareness Mobile) sign which you will have seen flashing up your speed as you drive through the village. The Community Speed watch Team can only operate in 30mph areas and cannot operate at night. More sessions are planned. If you are interested in joining the team please contact your Chair and Community Speed watch Coordinator Councillor Andy Laughton on chair@tilneyallsaintsparishcouncil.gov.uk

No Cold Caller Zone

Tilney All Saints currently operate a no cold caller zone which has been a successful deterrent in preventing unwanted cold callers. Due to this success Tilney All Saints Parish Council would like to open this up to a wider area within the village. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Cllr. Peter Hodgson
cllr.peter.hodgson@tilneyallsaintsparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dog Fouling

Councillors have received several complaints recently about dog fouling along the pavement. This has been reported to the Borough Council. Please clear up after your dogs. Dog owners can be prosecuted and fined up to £2,000. Dog waste bins are located around the village at both entrances to the Millennium Green, outside the village hall, on the Glebe Estate Playing Field and on Lynn Road. Please use the designated dog waste bins and not the normal rubbish bins as the dog waste bins are emptied and disposed of separately by the Borough Council Kings Lynn West Norfolk.

Tilney All Saints Parish Council Newsletter

Exciting news for local businesses! The Tilney All Saints Parish Council Newsletter now offers a new advertising option, providing an opportunity to promote your services or products directly to the heart of our community. This affordable opportunity ensures your business gains valuable exposure to local residents who actively engage with the newsletter. By advertising here, you not only boost your visibility but also demonstrate your support for the village, fostering goodwill and encouraging locals to shop and support businesses close to home. Take advantage of this new option and make your business a recognised name in Tilney All Saints—reserve your spot today by contacting the parish clerk!

Local Improvements in Tilney All Saints: A Safer and More Welcoming Community

Completion of the New Entrance at Millennium Green.

The Tilney All Saints Parish Council is pleased to announce the completion of the new entrance to Millennium Green. This project, designed to improve accessibility and enhance the park's aesthetic appeal. The new entrance features a widened pathway, clear signage, and attractive landscaping, ensuring it is welcoming for residents and visitors of all ages. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in bringing this initiative to fruition, including our contractors and volunteers. We hope this improved gateway will encourage greater use of the park as a space for recreation, relaxation, and community connection.

Installation of Bike Racks at Bus Shelter

Tilney All Saints Parish Council have recently installed a new bike rack at the village bus stop. This addition aims to promote sustainable travel by providing a secure and convenient space for cyclists to park their bikes while using public transport. The bike rack is part of our ongoing efforts to support eco-friendly initiatives and enhance local amenities. We hope this new facility will encourage more residents and visitors to combine cycling and bus travel, reducing traffic and contributing to a greener community.

Looking Ahead: More Improvements to Come!

These recent upgrades are just the beginning. The Parish Council is actively exploring additional projects to improve our local infrastructure, community facilities, and public spaces. We encourage all residents to share their feedback and suggestions on how we can continue to make Tilney All Saints a vibrant, welcoming place to live. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we work together to enhance our village for everyone. Stay tuned for more updates on upcoming improvements!

Newsletter From Your County Councillor

Cllr Julian Kirk Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Borough Councillor for the Walsoken, West Walton & Walpole Ward. Norfolk County Councillor for the Marshland North Division.

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January 2025 newsletter / report.

Dear Constituents,

Happy New Year. Compiling this report on the 1st of December to meet Magazine print deadlines.

To recap on what I have been up too during November, I have attended all meetings I was scheduled too.

On November the 4th I attended the BCKLWN Planning Committee speaking under SO34 on another application for a traveller's site in West Walton. Residents are becoming angry and disillusioned, as am I, with the planning department. They appear to have no regard for the wishes of residents, forcing more traveller sites into this area and all that comes with them. Properties near to these proposed sites are becoming unsalable. I spoke against the application but was only supported by one other councillor. Our part of West Norfolk is being used a dumping ground for traveller sites, whilst other areas avoid having such sites forced upon them.

Bonfire night and weeks either side of it saw the usual anti-social behaviour by those letting off fireworks. In Walsoken a constituent lost a large barn and machinery, with a fire caused by a firework. Thankfully, 20 horses were saved, although one suffered an injury.

Not wishing to be a killjoy, but I do believe fireworks should not be available to members of the public. I have been contacted by a resident in West Walton with blocked drains (main sewer) I have been in contact with Anglian Water, the problem is in the main pipe under the road. In defence of Anglian Water, they have an increasing problem of drains being block by sanitary products, disposable nappies and cooking fat. Please dispose of both products safely.

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/news/unblocktober-2024-oh-balls-and-tools/>

I have been visiting local Christmas Fairs and Christmas Lights Switch On's. It is wonderful when the community comes together. Thank you to all the local organisations and volunteers making all this possible

I have attended Parish Council Meetings within my Borough Ward and County Division.

My offer of help to collect shopping and or prescriptions for constituents who are housebound continues, please contact me if you require help.

I have received phone calls and emails from constituents with concerns on many subjects, these have been dealt with in a timely manner and the outcome shared with the constituent concerned.

Anyone in Norfolk struggling with living costs can request support or advice via norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving or by calling 0344 800 8020.

To report a Highways issue <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem>

Kind regards,

Julian.

I can be contacted 24/7 365.

Christmas-Themed Facts from Yesteryear

1. Christmas Trees Were Once Decorated with Food

In the 1800s, people would decorate Christmas trees with fruits, nuts, and candies instead of baubles and lights. Apples, in particular, were popular, and early trees were even lit with small candles—a risky but beautiful practice before electric lights!

2. Santa Claus Used to Wear Blue and Green

Before the red suit became his signature look, Santa was often depicted in green, blue, or even brown robes. The red suit became standard in the late 19th century and was solidified by Coca-Cola’s holiday advertising in the 1930s.

3. Victorians Sent Spooky Christmas Cards

Victorian Christmas cards often featured strange and eerie images, like ghosts, anthropomorphic animals, or even skeletons. It reflected the era's love for the supernatural, even during the festive season.

4. Christmas Was Once Banned in England

In the 1640s, Christmas celebrations were banned by the Puritans under Oliver Cromwell, who considered it a sinful and indulgent holiday. Christmas was reinstated after the monarchy returned in 1660, but the celebrations remained more subdued until the 1800s.

5. "A Christmas Carol" Saved Christmas Traditions

When Charles Dickens wrote A Christmas Carol in 1843, many British Christmas customs had faded. The book's massive popularity rekindled interest in festive traditions like family feasts, charity, and holiday cheer, shaping how we celebrate Christmas today.

6. Mistletoe Was Hung for Protection

In ancient times, mistletoe was considered a symbol of fertility and protection against evil spirits. Later, in the Victorian period, it became a holiday decoration and brought the tradition of stealing a kiss beneath it!

7. Early Christmas Crackers Were "Bang-less"

The Christmas cracker was invented in the 1840s by Tom Smith, a British confectioner, and originally contained only a sweet and a small motto. The “bang” was added later to make them more exciting, creating the popular crackers we know today.

8. Christmas Pudding Was Once a Savory Dish

In medieval England, Christmas pudding wasn’t the sweet dessert we enjoy today. Known as “plum pottage,” it was a thick soup made of meat, wine, and spices. It only became a fruit-filled dessert in the Victorian era.

9. Oranges in Stockings Represented Wealth

Receiving an orange in your Christmas stocking was once a rare treat, symbolizing prosperity. Oranges were costly and hard to come by in winter, so they were cherished gifts and reminders of abundance.

10. The Twelve Days of Christmas Were for Celebrating, Not Shopping

In earlier centuries, Christmas was celebrated for twelve days, from December 25th to January 5th, with each day bringing its own customs and festivities. Gifts were typically exchanged on Twelfth Night rather than Christmas Day.

These festive traditions and quirks from the past remind us how Christmas has evolved over centuries, carrying with it the creativity and spirit of each era!

Embracing Winter In Tilney All Saints

As winter settles over Wisbech St Mary, our village transforms into a serene landscape of frosted fields and crisp, cool air. Though the days grow shorter and the temperatures drop, winter offers us a special opportunity to come together, celebrate, and enjoy the beauty of the season.

This winter, we encourage you to embrace all that the colder months have to offer. Whether it's taking a peaceful walk along our quiet lanes, enjoying the sparkle of frost-covered hedgerows, or simply cozying up at home with a hot drink, there’s magic to be found in the stillness of winter.

The Parish Council is also working to ensure that our village remains vibrant and active during this time. From community events to winter safety initiatives, we are committed to supporting all residents through the colder months. Keep an eye on our noticeboards and social media for updates on local activities such as festive gatherings, charity drives, and volunteer opportunities to help those in need during the holiday season.

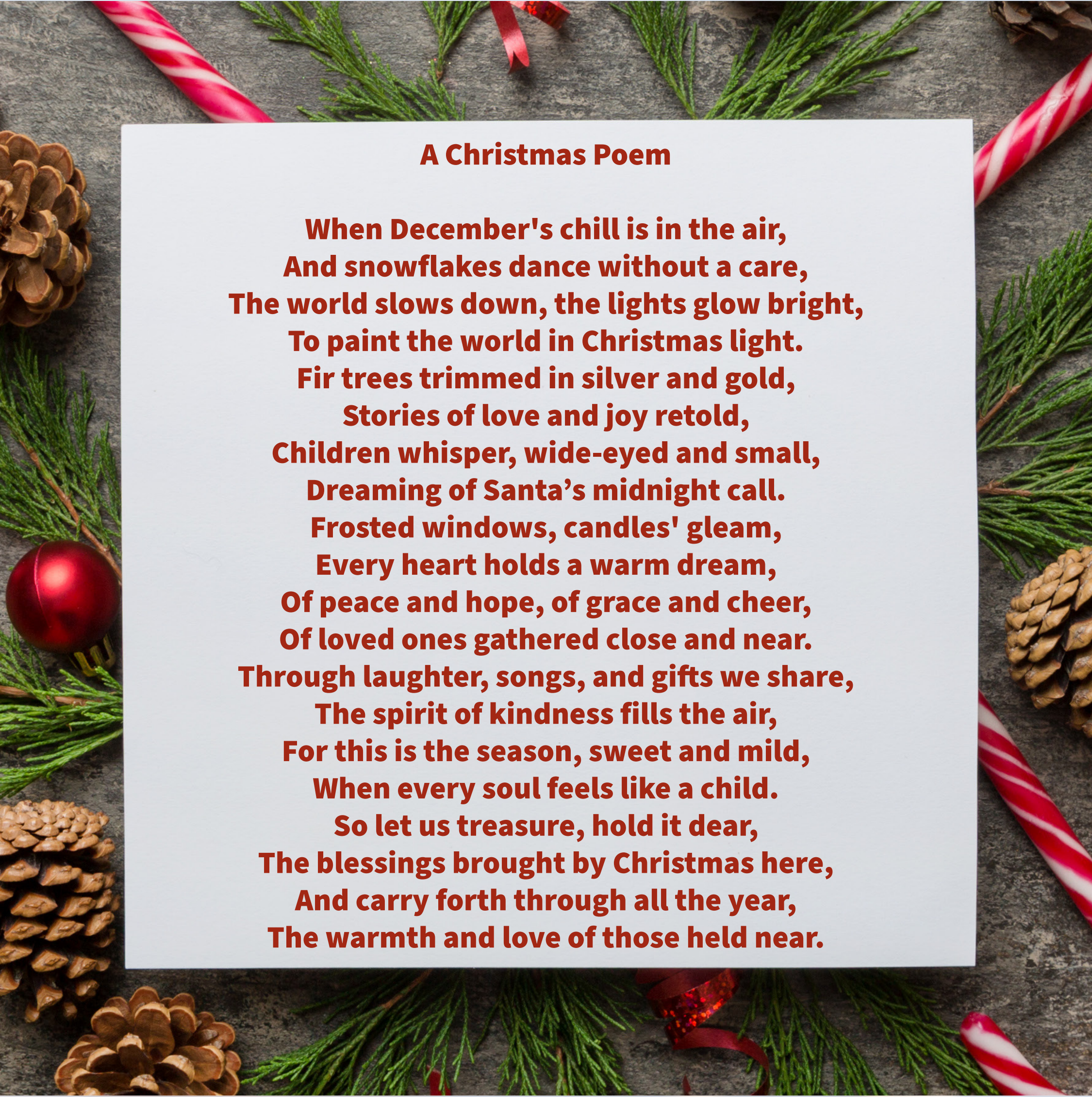
Seasonal Tips for Home and Garden

Check your Home’s Heating: With colder days approaching, make sure your heating systems are in good working order. Bleed radiators, check for drafts around doors and windows, and consider servicing your boiler to stay warm and safe this winter.

Check Your Smoke Alarms: As we begin to use heating systems and fireplaces more frequently, it’s crucial to check that your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly. Replace batteries if needed and test them regularly.

Be Visible: With darker mornings and evenings, make sure to wear bright or reflective clothing if you’re walking or cycling. Drivers should also take extra care during twilight hours when visibility is reduced.

Road Safety: Ice, rain, and fog can make roads slippery and reduce visibility. Remember to drive carefully, maintain safe distances, and ensure your vehicle’s lights and tires are in good condition.



Tilney All Saints Parish Council would like to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Embracing Winter in Tilney All Saints

As the frost settles and a crisp chill fills the air, winter in Tilney All Saints transforms the landscape into a serene haven. The community embraces the season with warmth, finding joy in simple pleasures—strolling through frost-kissed fields, gathering for festive celebrations, or savoring the peace that winter brings. Whether it's the allure of starlit skies, the comfort of shared meals, or the beauty of nature at rest, the people of Tilney All Saints come together to celebrate winter's quiet magic. Here, the season is not just endured but cherished, as a time for reflection, connection, and the enduring spirit of community.

1. Exploring the Frosty Countryside

Tilney All Saints boasts beautiful rural landscapes. Take a brisk walk along its country lanes or through the nearby fens, where the morning frost glistens on fields and hedgerows. Don't forget your camera to capture the natural beauty.

2. Visiting the Church of All Saints

This historic gem is especially magical in winter. The 13th-century church, with its iconic round tower, takes on a mystical aura in the crisp air. A quiet visit offers a reflective moment during the season.

3. Community Gatherings

Check if the village or nearby areas host winter fairs, carol services, or festive events. These occasions are perfect for connecting with the community and enjoying seasonal treats like mince pies and mulled wine.

4. Wildlife Spotting

Winter brings migrating birds to the Norfolk countryside. The Wash, a short distance away, is a haven for birdwatchers. Look out for geese, swans, and other waterfowl that find refuge in this area during the colder months.

5. Cozy Winter Evenings

Embrace the hygge spirit by spending evenings by the fire with a good book or enjoying traditional Norfolk recipes like stews or treacle tart.

6. Starry Skies

Tilney All Saints is far enough from city lights to offer breathtaking views of the night sky. On clear winter nights, wrap up warm and stargaze to fully appreciate the season's quiet beauty.

Dates for Your Diary

Parish Council Meetings in the Village Hall

9th January 7pm
13th February 7pm
13th March 7pm
10th April 7pm

Coffee Cake & Chat

The Village Hall Tilney All Saints Village Hall Committee are hosting a Coffee Cake & Chat session weekly on Wednesday 10am – Midday. Tea or Coffee £1 Amazing Homemade Cakes £1. Everyone welcome to join this event!

Mobile Library Visits

The mobile library service currently visits Tilney All Saints as detailed below. Route Number DER 303 Calls on Wednesday Normally Every 4 weekly

TILNEY ALL SAINTS 09:55 10:10
SCHOOL ROAD POST BOX PE34 4RS 10:15 10:30
WILLOW DRIVE PE34 4SU 10:35 10:55

VILLAGE HALL PE34 4SW
SHEPHERD'S GATE 11:00 11:15
SHEPHERDS GATE COTTAGE PE34 4RP

Date of Visits:

18-Dec-24 15-Jan-25 12-Feb-25
12-Mar-25 9-Apr-25

For all enquiries about this route please call 01603 222303

Tilney All Saints Church Services

Eucharist on 1st Sunday of month. Occurring Monthly. Every First Sunday at 3:30 p.m. for 1 hour

Informal Service

Occurring Every Second, Third, Fourth Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for 1 hour

Move, breathe and feel better

YOGA CLASS'S



SLOW YOGA FLOW CLASS – Suitable for the complete beginner to the more advanced

Monday 6.00pm – 7.10pm at Dragon Fly Hotel

Tuesday 9.15am to 10.25am and 5.45 pm to 6.50 pm Aerial Fitness and Fun

Wednesday 9.15am to 10.25 Aerial Fitness and Fun Behind B & Q

Thursday 9.00am to 10.05am Tilney All Saints Village Hall

Kindly bring a mat, cushion, blanket if you have them (I always have spares) comfortable clothing and a smile. All classes are very friendly and welcoming £8.00 per session.

BWY Teacher, Level 4 for further information, please contact Sharon on 07977 297143 or e-mail sharonmeans@talktalk.net



MERRY

Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

