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Thank you to everyone who supported late night: Lots of lovely comments have been forthcoming from people who came along.

A special thank you to Jason Durr for "switching on the lights" and to answer the question some raised no he didn't receive a penny in payment— A special thank you to John at Jesse Smith is due here for getting Jason involved and for their sponsorship towards the evening.

Anyone taking part would have seen our local police helping out during the evening whether closing Church Street, escorting Jason and the Vintage Car hired for the evening or generally making sure band members and entertainers got through the various road diversions. Thank you Kay for being our official photographer.

Our local schools did us proud—St Marys, Sir William Romneys, RoseHill, Leighterton and Westonbirt as well as The Splash Arts Dance Troup all helped add to the festive fun and atmosphere. And despite moving over the border to Wiltshire our very special Town Crier ensured announcements and pronouncements were received Loud and Clear.

Our Mayor and our Council were particularly supportive—putting out road signs and helping with traffic diversions—not made any easier by the weather and Cutwell water levels.

Finally a personal thank you from me to Committee Members (and their other halves) who worked so very hard in the run up and on the night to make everything run smoothly. Right down to picking up the rubbish at the end of the night. It's a "bugger" of an evening to sort and organise and I really do appreciate all your hard work and support—thank you—Kathryn

PLANS FOR 2010

A number of plans and initiatives are already under way for 2010 but we would very much like to hear from others who have ideas or suggestions. Do get in touch with any Committee Member—listed to the left here—and if you would like to get more involved or to join the Committee - we would love to hear from you.

We are currently working on a new Tetbury Guide for 2010/11 to come out during the latter part of the year—please contact David Fowles to advertise in the next edition. We shall also be looking for a number of new articles to go in the next edition—contact Kathryn to contribute.

The Food and Drink Festival is growing every year and 2010 will continue to build on success to date. We already have a number of stall holder enquiries for the Sunday market but what we really want is more of our wonderful hotels, restaurants, cafes and all the local businesses dealing in food and drink to get more involved and put on events we can help publicise and therefore encourage people to come along and spend time and money in the Town

2010 will see the introduction of The Tetbury Passport - a special Business to Business venture offering special discounts and services to Chamber Members.

Talks are underway with the Council and Chamber Member GreenLed to see how we can look to reduce the carbon footprint of businesses and the town generally in the town; whilst a series of Member Evenings are being looked into along with other events and happenings to showcase all Tetbury has to offer but the more the merrier so please do get in touch with your ideas and what you have in mind for the coming year.

CHAMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2010

Meeting 6pm for a 6.30pm start—If you want to come along to meet socially beforehand, have an issue you want raised or want to join the Committee please let one of us know so it can be added to the Agenda

January—Thursday 14th
February—Wednesday 3rd
March—Thursday 4th
April—Wednesday 7th AGM
May—Thursday 6th
June—Wednesday 2nd
July—Thursday 1st
August—Wednesday 4th
September—Thursday 2nd
October—Wednesday 6th
November—Thursday 4th
December—Wednesday 1st

RING ROUND SYSTEM—EARLY WARNING

Following a call from our local Police we tried to instigate the Ring Round System with not a great deal of success. A visit to a few shops later proved that either they had mislaid their copy or were using an old, out of date version.

The current version is headed in red ink — 2009 Tetbury Shops/Business early warning ring round system and is dated 4th July 2009 on the back.

If you need another copy or need it explained please do get in touch with either Kathryn c/o Perry Bishop or Mark at Eight Bells Gallery. It is in place to help us all and until the police Shop Watch system, really gets going, is the best way of getting information out across the town quickly.

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CHIPPING CAR PARK— Many of you may have read in the Tetbury Advertiser about the Feofees making changes to the organisation of The Chipping Car Park. New arrangements come into play next autumn but it is expected that present charges will remain and will not be increased.

Additionally it is suggested that opportunities be explored to offer free car parking days in order to attract more visitors—an idea we all heartily endorse.

COMPETITION RESULTS—The Mayor won the recent mince pie competition run by Hobbs House Bakery - the combination of homemade filling and super light pastry won accolades from all three judges. A worthy runner up and special award winner was 11 year old Matt Hodgson—perhaps a master baker of the future? Another winner was Nita Soden whose pastry drew high praise.

Results of the Colouring Competition and the Childrens Trail will be announced in January when all winners will be invited to a special awards ceremony at The Close Hotel where members of the Dolphins Am Dram Group will be on hand to help present prizes.

The Tetbury Tailor Bringing London's Savile Row and Jermyn Street to Tetbury

New Chamber member, The Tetbury Tailor has just opened its doors selling 'traditional menswear with a contemporary twist.' The concept has been created by Keith Leaver, formerly the national Sales Manager for the country-wear brand of Bladen, part of the Gieves and Hawkes group.

The shop in Chipping Street, will be selling its own brand of merchandise named The Tetbury Tailor, alongside Bladen and will offer a personal tailoring service. High-end formal shirts with all the quality features associated with the shirt makers of London's Jermyn Street will sit alongside more casual items, all sold in The Tetbury Tailor's relaxed shopping environment.

Keith, a Tetbury resident adds 'the ladies of Tetbury are well catered for with there being a number of high-quality independent retailers and the town has been without a menswear specialist for some years. Even in this challenging economic climate, I'm convinced the business will thrive.'

The product range will appeal to locals and visitors alike and the company logo features a dolphin reminiscent of the old local coinage, the 'Tetbury Token'. Keith continues, 'my wife and I enjoy the sense of community in Tetbury and we very much hope our efforts will add to the town's prosperity.'

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