

TALES OF TINMOUTH

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Editors' Notes: *Peace on Earth, Good Will to All . . .*

The deadline for submissions (news, items of interest, get well wishes, ads, etc.) is the 20th of the preceding month. Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@vermontel.net) or drop it off at the Town Office.

Gail Fallar & Pat Psholka



~ Christmas Baskets ~

The **Roy & Anne Wilbur Fund**, under the umbrella of the Tinmouth Community Church, helps folks with heat, lights, groceries, etc. It also helps provide **Christmas Baskets** to folks in town. Donations of non-perishable food and other items (soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, paper products-toilet paper, tissues, etc.) can be left at the town office. Your generosity and help is greatly appreciated.

If you, or someone you know, need(s) a basket, please call Gail at 446-2498. If you have a bounty of potatoes, onions, or squash from your garden, or fresh eggs, they are most welcome. If you have an extra turkey or ham, that you would like to donate, they are welcome too.

Fruit Baskets are distributed to nearly 20 folks as well. If you have an extra basket, we still need a few. Please drop them off at the town office. Thanks!

There were **seven Thanksgiving Baskets** delivered, thanks to the generosity of folks who donated money for turkeys and perishables and left food at the town office and at the Thanksgiving Celebration held at the Church. They were very much appreciated.



~ Winter Plowing ~

As winter is quickly approaching, here's a reminder about plowing your driveway. **It's actually against state law to plow across the town road.** However, if you really, really, **absolutely**, have to plow across the town road, **please** make sure that you **clean the road really well.** *Thank you for your cooperation!*



Food Drive For **Tinmouth Community Christmas Food Baskets**

**Saturday, December 16th
9:00 AM until 11:00 AM**

in the basement of the Tinmouth Community Church

These items will be used to add to the 25 or so food baskets provided by the Mill River Union High School National Honor Society, for less fortunate families in town, who really appreciate your generosity. We add to those baskets with more food and other items.

Or you can drop items off at the Town Office anytime between now and then.

Non-Perishable Food Items such as peanut butter, jelly/jam, applesauce, pineapple, oatmeal, cereal, flour, sugar, oil, soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, juice, boxed cake mixes, stuffing, tuna fish, crackers, rice, mac and cheese, beans, vegetables, fruit, cookies, etc.

Household Items such as laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap, shampoo, facial tissue, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, sanitizer, wipes, Clorox.

Pet Food such as canned cat food, canned dog food, small bag dry dog food, small bag dry cat food, dog or cat treats.

Monetary donations to help cover the costs of perishable items such as meat, milk, juice, eggs, produce, fruit, and bread. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to the Roy and Anne Wilbur Fund (which is under the umbrella of the Tinmouth Community Church), and left at the town office or mailed to 515 North End Rd, Tinmouth, VT 05773.

Also needed are *monetary donations* to help provide clothes and gifts for kids (books, socks, mittens, toys).

Thank you to the Tinmouth Community Fund for two grants to help with this!!

*Thank you for your kind generosity!
Joyous Holidays to All!*



~ **TVFD Sends A Big Thank You!** ~

By Sherry Johnson

Thank you one and all for contributing to another successful Game Supper.

Without this community, we could not host this event. We thank everyone who cooked, provided food, prepped, served, cleaned up and came to eat.

Although we heard these comments every year, they never cease to amaze us. "This is the best dinner in the area", "I look forward to coming every year", "Tinmouth is a really special place", and "Thank You". We were especially happy that we could bring this event back.

This was, as always, an amazing community supported event and the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department's only fundraiser which helps to keep the taxes required to run the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department to a minimum.

So once again thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

*Members of the Tinmouth Volunteer
Fire Department*

Winners of the TVFD Raffle

1st Prize – Ali Usher

2nd Prize – David Moreno

3rd Prize – Jerry Stearns

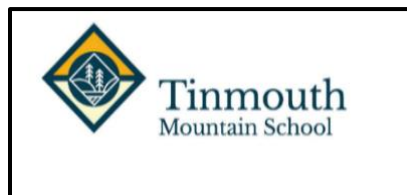
50-50 Raffle Won by Monica S. who donated the winnings (\$94) to the TVFD – *thank you!*

Holiday Treats!
First Congregational Church
So. Main St., Wallingford

Christmas Bazaar
Saturday - December 2, 2023 9 AM - 2 PM
Theme Basket and Gift Certificate Raffle
Tickets 6 for \$5 or \$1 each.
Soup and Salad Luncheon will be served - \$5
Home baked Cookies \$5 per pound
Vendor Tables
Arts & Crafts

~ **Front Porch Forum** ~
Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors

Have you checked out Front Porch Forum yet? To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>. Or stop by the town office to sign up!! 200+ households have signed to date! Good way to discuss community issues, sell a canoe, give away a kitten, etc. If you are a second home owner you can use your 911 address.



December 1, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to fathom that the Holiday Break is 3 weeks away. Thanksgiving seems to have come and gone all too quickly!

Although it passed by us so quickly, Thanksgiving was memorable! Our annual Thanksgiving Feast featured the Pre-K chorus chanting *Five Little Turkeys*. These budding poets captivated everyone! Students in grades one and two shared their rendition of *Over the River and Through the Woods!* It was the perfect audience sing-a-long during the pause between the main course and dessert.

The feast was shared with children, staff, and volunteers. It included turkey, stuffing, and all the fixings followed by dessert - pumpkin pie and gingerbread, with whip cream of course! The latter was the children's favorite and I'm certain a plate full of whip cream without pie or gingerbread would probably have been equally enjoyed.

Aside from the feast, November was a relatively quiet month. The trimester ended on November 17th. Reports cards were sent home on December 1st.

We will be caroling on December 20th. The bus will visit folks around town bringing cookie mix and handmade ornaments designed by our students. Remember to honk when you see the bus cruising around town on Wednesday, December 20th.

There are three weeks of school left in December. School is closed Friday, December 22nd through to January 1, 2024.

The staff of Tinmouth Mountain School hope you find gratitude and joy in unexpected places this year. We wish you peace throughout the holiday season and in the upcoming New Year!

Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker
Principal
Tinmouth Mountain School

~ We Want Your Thoughts On A New
Tinmouth Concert Series ~

By Lendy Krantz

Tinmouth used to have a concert series at the Old Firehouse.

Folk, bluegrass, and sometimes even classical music came to Tinmouth twice a month in the spring and fall. Old friends caught up on life events, neighbors met, and people traveled far and wide to enjoy the music. For us in Tinmouth, it was also an easy thing to do on Friday nights.

It's time to restart something similar.

A few of us have discussed what we loved about the concerts, what didn't work, and came up with new ideas to try. We considered concerts for children, game nights, talks where people share their expertise, and combining concerts with pizza nights.

We want to know what activities you would like to see in town, either a nod to one of the ideas above and/or your suggestion for something else.

Please email me at melendy.krantz@gmail.com by December 31st with your answers to the questions below:

- What type of events would you like to see at the Old Firehouse?
- What activities in town have you attended and what about them did you enjoy?
- What else is important to know regarding Tinmouth concerts and events?

I look forward to hearing from you,

Lendy Krantz

The *Tales of Tinmouth* is on the Tinmouth website (tinmouthvt.gov), the Town's new website address! Look under "Info".

If you would like to read it online. Or if someone in the house recycles it before you get a chance to read it!

There is much more information about the town on the website, take a few minutes and check it out!

Donations to help pay for paper and postage are always greatly appreciated! Expenses for 2023 have increased substantially.

~ Town Meeting 2024 ~

Thinking about serving your community? Town Meeting will find voters choosing the following officers:

- Moderator - Town - 1 year term
- Select Board Member - 3 year term
- Road Commissioner - 3 year term
- Lister - 3 year term
- Auditor - 3 year term

Tax Collector (Delinquent) - 1 year term

Petitions will be available after January 1st, five signatures are needed, and returned by January 29th.



~ Library News ~

By Ruth Drachman, Librarian

"A Library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life."

by Henry Ward Beecher

Merry Christmas to all. May your Christmas Tree have a new book under it!

And may the world settle down to a boring pace.

New books for Adults

The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams, a fictional telling of the real women whose work on the Oxford English dictionary went largely unheralded

Euphoria by Lily King, this book won many prizes. It is about three young, gifted anthropologists of the 1930's caught in a love triangle. It was inspired by the life of Margaret Mead.

The Thursday Night Murder Club continues with the fourth book in the series, **The Last Devil to Die.**

Watch for other new books arriving next week.

We will be open on Thursdays from 2 until 5. Come and check us out.

**Friends of the Rutland Free Library
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Saturday, December 9 (10-2)

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~ Community News ~

Thank you to Hollis Squier, Lendy Krantz, Ken Krantz, and Pat Psholka for ringing the Church bell on 11/11/23 at 11:00 AM to commemorate Veterans (Armistice) Day and to honor our veterans.

Get Well Wishes are sent to **Beth & Bart Eaton, Elouise Hauserman, David Stanley**, and **all those** dealing with Covid and RSV.

Heartfelt Sympathies are sent to family and friends of **Ronnie Roberts**; to family and friends of **Claudia Thomas**; and to family and friends of **Bob LaFantano**.



~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

TINMOUTH
CHURCH

We are hostage to our parochial thinking, to thinking that some lives matter more than others. Are the lives of Americans any more valuable than the lives of Israelis? Or the lives of Israelis any more valuable than the lives of Palestinians? Or the lives of Palestinians any more valuable than anyone else's? Devaluing the lives of others is a prelude to prejudice, racism, violence and war.

"We are all God's children" is the recognition and saving message of religions around the globe. Actually relating to one another as brothers and sisters has been our perpetual challenge. As an interrelated human family and interdependent human community, we must mature beyond sectarian, tribal, nationalistic, us-them thinking, lest animosity, blame, oppression and war continue to tear us apart.

The call of Life goes forth to recognize the sacred dignity of everyone, even when others don't, and to assure our brothers and sisters that we mean no harm and will do no harm. Let our interests and efforts promote one other's well-being and thereby foster mutual security. And given their influence, we must also guard against leadership that preys upon fears and stokes hostilities, leadership that betrays the good of people and undermines unity and peace.

Taking sides that are bias and exclusive is to submit to a spirit of strife. As we remember our common humanity and our sacred dignity, we can transcend self-righteous thinking and its divisiveness. Let us repent of recourse to violence in word or deed, and work toward the reconciliation and equitable justice that is in the best-interest of all. May we be free enough to do so.

**Blessings,
Pastor John**

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(802) 884-8249 (parsonage)
hzfam@hotmail.com



~ Community Thanksgiving Service Poem ~

'A Little Child Shows the Way'

by Marshall Squier

Once a tiny planet appeared in a solar system, just the right distance from its sun.

It had all the right ingredients to allow life, oxygen and fresh water that could run.

Things started appearing, like plants and trees, animals and humans, because everything they needed was already here.

In infinity there is always a chance that everything can occur, it may be we are alone and an enigma, or too unique for anyone else to be near.

We can raise or harvest the things that we need.
Things keep reproducing for they grow their own seed.

But things started going wrong when man wanted more than he needs,

It's a poison that's name is called greed.

This planet has the potential to always give us what we might need, sunsets and warm fall rainbows, a place for humanity satisfying all of their needs.

But now we are destroying it instead of enjoying its wonderful gift of a place where we can all call home.

Greed is the demon too many feed.

Man has created all the evil, wars inspired by hate and greed and want of power that doesn't need be at all.

If love and sharing and caring were the most important things we shared, man would not fall.

Bombs and poisonous war machines that could end life as we know it, all based on a false set of fears.

Mother Nature looks on with a sigh and a tear. "You all are destroying your ability to be here."

So maybe we need a time out from the path we are on, and look a different way.

Love and peace and sharing would change the dark into a beautiful day.

Decide as a planet, one world, one chance, for it could end for mankind, if we don't find a way.

The politicians and leaders of governments and religions are not able to make man understand

It will take something else, a power far greater to come to the rescue of man.

A little child shall lead them, a little child, purity and innocence, will put out its hand.

On that hand, more will be placed, brown, black, yellow, white,

That small child all of them together showing that loving each other is the only way to make things right.

And that small child, all of them together, will show the world that loving each other is the only path for man.

Because to them, there is no Right or Left, Christian, Jew, Muslim or Hindu.

That childlike trust knowing God is love, is the answer to what man must do.

So, to that small child on this Thanksgiving Day, thanks for reminding us that Love is the answer and showing us there is a way.

~ **Tinmouth Story Telling** ~

“Winter Adventure with My Dad at Tinmouth Pond”

By Jack Thomson

October 17, 2023

I had just gotten home from the service; it was right before Christmas. My dad asked if I wanted to take a ride to Tinmouth. I had just gotten my car out of mothball storage where it had been for the past 2 years. We stopped at Mach’s General Store in Pawlet for some beer and chasers. The radio announcer was talking about snow. We passed by Danby Four Corners and were on the road to the lake when it started to spit snow. When we arrived, it was snowing and my dad was so happy, “Snowing at the lake. It is beautiful up here. You can’t beat this.” My dad loved Tinmouth Pond during any season.

My dad was getting happy – he was drinking beer, watching the snow fall. Then he decided we should go down cellar to work on the sump pump. He kept sending me to the car to get more beer. Every time I went outside, I could see the snow piling up, getting deeper and deeper. When I told my dad we should really think about leaving, he would start singing, “no, we’ll be okay.” One time when I went outside the car was fully covered and I wondered if we would be able to get out of the driveway. Reluctantly, my dad agreed we should leave.

We had trouble backing out of the driveway. My dad was tipsy, singing, and leaning on me. We finally made it to the main road and there was so much snow. When we got to the first hill, I told my dad this could be a problem, but he kept on singing. I put the pedal to the floor. All I could see was a wall snow, the Indian Head Ornament on the hood of my car disappeared, and eventually reappeared. Somehow, we got through the enormous wall of snow and the car was still running.

When we got back to Danby Four Corners, the car suddenly pulled to the left and we slid into a ditch. The car was leaning toward the driver’s side. My dad said, “Do we have a problem son?” I replied, “Yeah Dad, we’re in a ditch.” I had to push him off me to open the driver’s side door. We were in the middle of nowhere,

there were no cars, no houses, no lights. To make matters worse, my dad was in rough shape, and he was still drinking. I got back in the car and sat behind the wheel thinking, how are we going to get out of this one?

Then I saw a yellow light in the distance slowly moving toward us. It was the town plow truck. Two people got out and they were visibly peeved at us. Luckily one of them recognized me from Friday night square dances (at Tinmouth Pond).

“Hey, I know who you are.”

I said, “We’re stuck.”

He replied, “Hell, we’ll get you out.” After they pulled us out, my dad said, “We need to give those boys some refreshments.” So, he gave them beer and whisky, and everybody left smiling.

When we got back to Pawlet, there was no snow, and we knew we would be in trouble when we got home. We put the car in the garage and went into the house. Dad’s wife, Elizabeth, was madder than hell – “you got your father all drunk.” I told her about the snow, but she wouldn’t believe me.

The next day, when I tried to back the car out of the garage, it got stuck on the snow and ice that had fallen from under the car overnight. I tried to get Elizabeth to come and look, but she refused and continued believing I had intentionally taken my dad out to get him drunk. She never believed me. But my dad and I knew the truth.

We had a winter adventure neither one of us would forget.

~ **A SEQUEL TO THE JOHN IRISH STORY** ~

By David Potter

John Irish, Tinmouth pioneer farmer, suspected Tory or simply of Quaker faith, armed or unarmed, was shot dead on his own land on July 27th, 1777, by four Revolutionary Patriots during a confrontation.

He was buried by neighbors in a gravel knoll near his cabin on North End Road in an unmarked grave. His land was confiscated and sold to help finance the Revolution according to law at the time. His wife and two children were forced to move off the land and live with relatives in Danby.

Fast forward 130 years from 1777 to about 1910. A road crew from Clarendon or Tinmouth was getting gravel for dirt road use in the same location as John Irish’s unmarked grave. The road crew unearthed his skeletal remains and reburied them in what is now the nearby Noble Cemetery. This was done less one important anatomical part, his skull, which they sent to Montpelier to the VT Historical Society.

The VT Historical Society does not really deal with human remains, so they sent the John Irish skull back down to Rutland to a member that practiced dentistry. The skull was to be reinterred with the rest of John Irish’s remains.

At this point a young 18- or 20- year-old, Henry Potter who lived in Clarendon just north of the Tinmouth line, entered the picture. Henry went to the aforementioned dentist who asked him, knowing he lived nearby, to return the skull to the John Irish burial site. Henry said he would and took the John Irish skull, tied up in a shoe box, home with him.

Well, Henry Potter was a good man and a brilliant man. With only an 8th grade education from the one room Chippenhook Schoolhouse, he received in later life, an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Natural History from the University of VT. He could talk ferns, birds and wildflowers with the best of college professors. If he had a single fault, it was that when it came time for doing certain things it might take him longer to get around to it than you or I might.

One day, probably around 1980, when Henry was around 90, I was down to his old colonial house and he said, "Can you help me with something I never got around to." I said, "Sure."

He sent me upstairs into a dusty cabinet to get the tied shoebox containing John Irish's skull. The skull had sat in that cabinet for 70 years. He told me where it needed to go. Obviously, he hadn't done it yet, but still he hadn't forgotten about it even after all those years.

So, off we went to ask permission from Mrs. Squier to bury the skull with the rest of John Irish's remains on her land in the Noble Cemetery. She said it was okay.

Henry said he knew where the John Irish grave site was located because a large field stone marked the spot. Sure enough, there was a field stone, and we commenced digging.

Down about three feet I hit a bone or root and said to Henry, "What do you think? Maybe we have gone deep enough." He said, "Okay."

At this point I lifted one corner of the shoe box and peeked in. Sure enough, it was a human skull. I put the box down into the hole and filled it in. John Irish's body was now complete.

Thinking about John Irish has caused some of us local folks to consider acquiring a proper grave marker for John Irish. A small granite marker has been acquired which states JOHN IRISH 1745 – July 27, 1777, and replaces the field stone marking his final resting spot.

~ Nature Notes ~

Several Blue birds were investigating the bird house on November 26th!

A local gardener and family enjoyed fresh raspberry shortcake on October 30th.

Dahlias blossomed until the end of October.

A dandelion blossomed on November 15th.

The full moon on November 27th had a huge red ring around it.

~ Meeting Highlights ~

Complete minutes are available at the town office.

Minutes are by Gail Fallar unless other-wise noted.

All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.

Select Board (SB) ~ 11/09/2023

Members present (in-person): Judy Gilmore, Meadow Squier, and Kevin Eaton

Others present:

In-person: Michael Fallar, Rick Fallar, Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Stan Martell Jr., Susan Holcomb, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, Miles Fallar, Deb and Tom Bromley, David and Nancy Birdsall, and Pat Psholka

Minutes of 10/25/23 were corrected to include Accounts Payable warrants #16 and 17, and to indicate that salt bids were to be re-issued.

Citizen's Input ~ None

Highway ~ Eric reported summer equipment was put away, getting ready for winter, handrails on the upper level at the new town garage are done.

West Tinmouth Winter Road Maintenance – Board opened bids from Stan Martell and Nate Marcell. Martell bid \$310 per plow and \$385 per sanding, hourly rate of \$65 for tree work, and offered a yearly contract of \$12,000. Marcell bid \$650 per plow with no bid for sanding, and \$75 per hour for tree work. Board discussed options and variations in the bids. In the end, the Board voted to accept Martelle's proposal for winter maintenance in West Tinmouth, rates are per time (not per storm).

Truck/Equipment Replacement ~ Eric reported lead times are quite far out, Viking is the only vendor for equipment as there are now territories, current quote is for just under \$100,000 for the dump body, sander, plow, wing, etc. Custom built trucks are 2 years out, without a set price. Board will review process used last time at its December 14th meeting. A member of the audience suggested getting a single axel or another 550 instead of a tandem, asked if the town really needed two tandems. Much discussion, SB would like a cost analysis regarding size, cost, etc. SBA will check with Vermont Local Roads to see if another town has done that.

Financial ~ Board reviewed FY23 end of year highway report – ended the year in the red due to the grant reimbursement for Potter's Brook not being received by June 30. Board discussed reimbursement still due from the Capital Building Fund to the highway fund to cover new town garage expenses. Board voted to transfer \$16,241 from the Capital Fund to cover the FY22 balance due of \$2,594 and \$13,647 for FY23.

Bills and Orders ~ Board reviewed warrants, Board voted to approve all. Payroll warrants #17 dated 10/30/2023 for \$1,590.29, and #18 dated 11/06/23 for

\$4,054.14; and Accounts Payable warrants #17 dated 10/30/23 for \$143,235.69, and #18 dated 11/06/23 for \$22,079.98.

Speed Limit Committee ~ Kevin gave a brief report, members are discussing enforcement concerns – does the town need to appoint a Special Officer? He added that members wanted to request the Select Board consider adding speed feed-back signs for the school zone to the ARPA list.

ARPA Funds ~ Board discussed, at the suggestion of the Speed Limit Study Committee (speed feed-back signs cost of \$12,684, plus the flashing light on the stop sign at the intersection of Route 140 and Mtn. View Road), added to the list for now. Kevin reported the fire department’s request was for \$53,250. The Old Creamery Committee is still working on its request. No decisions at this time.

Speed Limit Enforcement ~ Kevin, as the SB Liaison with the Rutland County Sheriff’s Dept. advised that County Sheriff Dave Fox would attend the special SB meeting on the 21st to discuss speed enforcement issues.

Road Commissioner Job Description ~ Rick noted the SB had started talking about it a couple of months ago. He sent a Feedback form to encourage more discussion and was discouraged when the SB simply took that under advisement. He thanked the SB for adding it to the agenda. Discussion ensued regarding whether the town needed someone to do the admin part of the job, how much time would be involved, what other towns were doing, how to deal with the discussion, what was the problem trying to be solved, should the SB appoint a committee to research and report back to them, impact on community, and how to involve more town’s people in the discussion – now that town meeting issues are voted on by Australian ballot. SB asked the SBA to check with other towns to see how having a separate highway administrator worked for them.

Errors & Omission ~ The Board of Listers requested Select Board permission to correct an omission on the 2023 Grand List. Ashley Pettus, Trustee, was omitted from parcel #00200160.000 and it was simply listed as 160 Merrill Spring Trust. Board voted to approve the correction.

Feedback Forms ~ Rick inquired when the gullies on the gravel roads would be repaired. They are caused by water not being able to get into the ditches and just runs down the road, some are 3 inches deep, hard to drive through, and dangerous. Eric advised it was on the list, may not get done before winter sets in. The Board gave the FB Form to Eric to resolve. Eric inquired if it was resolved, Rick said no. SB asked the SBA to email the Gravel Road Manual to Rick for his review.

Correspondence – Gail, as a Lister, advised that the Vermont Association of Listers (VALA) had sent an email requesting the Town take action regarding the study being done by the Dept. of Taxes for the Legislature

concerning the State conducting town wide reappraisals every six years.

Planning Commission ~ No Meeting in November
Next meeting is December 21st.

Speed Limit Study Committee ~ No Meeting in November.

Equity and Inclusion Committee ~ 11/14/23
~ Minutes not available as Tales goes to print.

Conservation Commission ~ 11/20/23
~ Minutes not available as Tales goes to print.



You are welcome to join the
Tinmouth Community Church
for a very special
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
on Sunday, December 24th
5:00 P.M.
Come at 4:45 for Caroling!

~ *WiFi Hot Spot* ~

There is a WiFi Hot Spot next to the town office – FREE – look for ‘Project Connect’ on your device. It is unsecure, but available to anyone who wishes to use it. It beams toward the church and school, will also work in front of the town office.

You can also log onto ‘Town Office Guest’ as another option for free WiFi, also at the Town Office.

~ **Dishes from the Game Supper** ~

If you are missing a pie plate or other dishes that you provided food in for the Game Supper, they have been left in the vestibule of the Town Office. Or may be at the Fire House – stop by the office and we’ll look for them.

Tinmouth Stories: a story slam
Friday December 8 at 7:00 pm
at the Tinmouth Old Firehouse



Please join us for an ongoing series of storytelling evenings at the Tinmouth Old Firehouse in beautiful downtown Tinmouth on Friday December 8 at 7 pm.

**This is a free event sponsored by the Tinmouth Community Fund.
All are welcome!**

This event is based on our desire to connect with each other through shared experiences in stories and to keep the tradition of storytelling alive. It is based on the STORY SLAM model. Audience members put their name in a basket and storytellers are chosen randomly to tell their true story. The prompt for the evening is Close Encounters so your story could be your close encounter story or another story. Stories about Tinmouth are always welcome.

If you want to come just to listen, you will hear all sorts of tales and definitely laugh out loud. The audience is kind and supportive with enthusiastic applause for all. Please join us for the fun and refreshments!

Weather permitting we will host an event on the second Friday of each month.

Please follow us on Facebook: Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concerts & Town Events.

Questions: 802-881-6775 (call or text)



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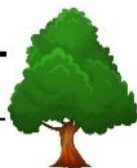
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~ Molasses Drop Cookies ~

2 cups sifted enriched flour
1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ cup shortening
¼ cup sugar
1 egg
¼ cup milk
¾ cup molasses

Mix and sift together flour, baking powder, salt, soda, ginger and cinnamon.

Cream shortening and gradually add sugar, creaming well; add egg.

Mix mild and molasses. Add dry ingredients alternately with liquid, beating until smooth after each addition.

Drop from teaspoon onto light greased baking sheet.

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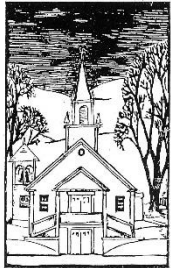
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~ December 2023 Calendar of Events ~



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|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Christmas Bazaar | Saturday | 2nd | 9:00 am-2:00 pm | Wallingford Congo Church |
| Recreation Committee | Monday | 4th | 7:00 | Town Office/Virtual |
| Hannukah | Thursday | 7th | | Sundown |
| Fire Department | Thursday | 7th | 7:00 | Fire House |
| Select Board | Thursday | 14th | 7:00 | Town Office/Virtual |
| Xmas Food Drive | Saturday | 16th | 9:00-11:00 | Community Church |
| Caroling (Maybe) | Sunday | 17th | 6:00 | Meet at the Church Parking Lot |
| Tales of Tinmouth Deadline | Wednesday | 20th | | Don't Miss It! |
| Planning Commission | Thursday | 21st | 7:00 | Town Office/Virtual |
| Christmas Eve Service | Sunday | 24th | 5:00 (4:45 caroling) | Community Church |
| Christmas | Monday | 25th | | Town Office ~ Closed |



~ January 2024 Calendar of Events ~

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| New Year's Day | Monday | 1st | | Town Office ~ Closed |
| Fire Department | Thursday | 4th | 7:00 | Fire House |
| Select Board | Thursday | 11th | 7:00 | Town Office & Virtual |
| Planning Commission | Thursday | 18th | 7:00 | Town Office & Virtual |
| Tales of Tinmouth Deadline | Saturday | 20th | | Don't Miss It! |

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~ **Sunday Church Service ~ 9:00 AM All are welcome!** ~

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