

TARVIN VILLAGE QUIZ

The 32nd village quiz held on 10th and 17th January was a great success with some very closely fought contests. The winners were Tarvin Meeting Point who beat Tarvin Tennis Club in a well contested final. A more detailed analysis of the competition can be found on line at Tarvinonline.org.uk

Thanks to the Community Centre Management Committee and those who ran the quiz as well as all who entered and supported the event.

GRANT AID

The Parish Council allocates a small amount of its precept each year to provide grants to voluntary organisations based in the Parish who are in need of financial support. When considering grant aid to local groups the Parish Council normally takes into the following into account:

- The Group's current & forecast financial position
- Whether all other potential legitimate sources of funding have been tried and the outcome of those approaches, including reasons for any rejection.
- The overall benefit derived by the community from the work of the Group and/or the asset over which they have stewardship - where eligibility to partake is very narrowly defined or restrictive grants will not be given
- Whether access to the asset, facility or activity is available to all and if restricted the reason for and nature of any restriction.

Grants provided will normally not be restricted in any way but given on the condition that the Parish Council receive a written report from the recipient indicating how the money has been spent along with a copy of their annual accounts showing the grant as a separate item.

Organisations wishing to be considered for grant aid during the coming year should apply in writing to the Clerk of the Council no later than Friday 7th March 2014.

TARVIN EDUCATION TRUST

This is a Charity established up to manage the endowment of the old Tarvin Grammar School.

Its purpose is to assist the educational needs

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of students of secondary school age and older who live in the Ancient Parish of Tarvin.

This assistance may take the form of financial assistance for tuition fees, books, musical instruments, and travel on approved courses. The next round of applications should be made no later than 1st April 2014 to the Clerk to the Governors, Mr D H Cotgreave, Brown Heath Farm, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8NE - Tel 01829 740231

VILLAGE FETE

We've had to change the date for the Village Fete 2014. It will now take place on Saturday, 28th June on the King George V Playing Field and in the Community Centre, with a summer concert being performed simultaneously on the Community Centre car park

This major event is a great opportunity for the whole village to get together and the plans are going well. We've elected a Fete King and Queen from Tarvin Primary School and they'll be part of the great Fete Procession, together with their Retinue. A number of groups, organizations and businesses have asked for a stall or offered to contribute to the festivities and we've booked the performers for the concert. Follow the progress of the preparations on the village web site Tarvinonline.org.uk where you will find a weekly update.

In the meanwhile, if you any group/organization you belong to would like a stall or can help in any way, please contact me at jinks1107@aol.com or on 01829 741474 and 07945255680

Jo Richards

PARISH COUNCIL REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15

The Parish Council has agreed a budget for the financial year which begins April 2014. The overall increase in the precept will be 9%. For a Band D property this will mean a precept of £31.89 or 60 pence per week.

The main reasons for the increase are:

* work on the King George V Playing Field including the 3 year tree inspection, a tree removal near the bowling green, planting 4 new trees and football pitch goalmouth improvements.

*an increased grant provision for local groups

(see item on Grant Aid)

* meeting a contractual obligation to the Clerk that should have been addressed many years ago

* storage of P Council documents

* inflation

The Parish Council whilst regretting the above inflation increase believes that it is important to set a realistic budget that accurately and fairly reflects its commitments and responsibilities.

STREETSCENE

Keeping our streets clear of litter is the job of Cheshire West and Chester Council's Streetscene section. For sometime the Parish Council has been concerned about the standard of street cleansing achieved and these concerns have been taken up with Streetscene. Further consideration of the way forward will be examined at the February Parish Council meeting

FRACKING

Although there are, as far we know, NO PLANS to frack in the Parish Council area the Council is keeping a watching brief on this matter.

THE PARISH COUNCIL AREA

From April 2015 the area covered by Tarvin Parish Council will expand.

Adjacent unparished areas of Bruen Stapleford, Hockenhull and Prior's Heys are expected to come into the parish area whilst a few properties east of Common Lane, Willington Corner are likely to transfer out of the Parish.

The new, expanded Parish will continue with 11 elected Councillors but current ward arrangements will cease and not be replaced.

TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

New this season, films for grown-ups at only £5.00 a ticket

For all information about events at the Community Centre see the A-Frame in Tarvin High Street where up and coming events are advertised. For details of regular classes, meetings and rates go to our website www.tarvincommunitycentre.org or go on line at www.tarvinonline.org.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

A reminder that there are two ways to reach

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the new site, either via the Tarvinonline site or via the usual address (www.tarvinparishcouncil.org.uk)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our meetings will be held on Mondays 24th February, 24th March, and 28th April. All meetings will commence at 7.15pm.

All Council meetings are public meetings and held in the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend – there is an open forum at the beginning of every meeting, for you to have your say on any subject relevant to the Parish.

You don't have to stay for the whole meeting. Feel free to come and go as is convenient to you.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

There will be a change of format for the Annual Parish Meeting this year. The "New Look" meeting will take place at Tarvin Methodist Church throughout the morning of Saturday morning 7th June 2014. Further details will be available nearer the time.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR CONTACTING THE POLICE

Emergency 999 - Non Emergency 101

To report a crime anonymously - Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

A reminder that the "101" Police non-emergency number should be used to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response

ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL

Tarvin Parish Council is comprised of the following 11 Councillors – their contact telephone numbers, all dial code 01829 are in brackets: Cllr David Cotgreave (740231) Cllr Sue Hardacre (741962) Cllr Roger Hones (741580) Cllr Clare Jones (740186), Cllr Edward Lush (741468) Cllr Phillip Miles (741207) Cllr Matthew Pochin (741136), Cllr Andy Shaw-Pollard (740180) Cllr Brian Spruce (740393) Cllr Pet Twigg (740509) Cllr Ray Williams (740486)

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