

## TARVIN VILLAGE QUIZ 2016

Congratulations to Tarvin Bowling Club who won the competition by beating a team from the Methodist Church in the final.

## OSCROFT SPEEDING ISSUES

Work to implement the new speed limits within Oscroft is continuing. The public notice was published in the Chronicle on 14th January 2016 and the closing date for objections was Friday 5th February 2016. PSCO Reid has been checking the speed of vehicles both in Oscroft and along Tarporley Road, Tarvin.

Periodic speeding enforcement by both PCSO Reid and his Police colleagues will continue and those caught speeding will be sent warning letters, with the worst offenders being prosecuted.

## NEW COUNCILLOR

We are pleased to report that Mr Rob Ford has been co-opted onto the Council and will be able to attend his first Council meeting on 22nd February.

## CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

There is still one vacancy. If you are interested in how your Parish is looked after and how it develops then why not consider becoming a Councillor?

The positions are voluntary and take up as much time as you are prepared to give. The commitment is at least to attend the monthly Parish Council meeting held on a Monday evening. Councillors represent the views and concerns of the residents of the Parish to the Parish Council and, through it, to the Borough Council.

If you think that you would enjoy being a Councillor please contact the Clerk or any Councillor for further details.

## 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. The amount available during the coming year will be £2,900. When considering grant aid to local groups the Parish Council normally

takes into the following into account:

- The Group's current and 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 Thursday 31st March 2016.

## NO INCREASE IN PARISH PRECEPT

The Parish Council has agreed the budget for the year 2016/2017 and is pleased to announce that there will be no increase in the Parish Precept. This is the amount added to the Council Tax bill of each householder that pays for certain local service and activities. It is only a small proportion of the total bill, but as CW&C are expected to increase the tax by 4%, the Parish Council is playing a modest role in keeping that increase as small as possible for residents of Tarvin Parish. The Precept will raise £41,950.00 during the financial year

The Parish Council is also in receipt of just over £23,000 from the New Homes Bonus. This is a Government grant paid to local authorities who take new residential development and has been split 80%/20% between the borough and the parish. Regrettably CW&C are seeking to change their policy with the intention of keeping all the grant to fund other services on a borough-wide basis. Should this happen these payments to our parish will cease.

There are some changes within the budget.

More money will be spent on communications including hopefully a brighter and more readable website and newsletter. Money has been allocated to cover the cost of some minor services/repairs which perhaps should be done by CW&C but which have become almost invisible at a parish level.

### **TARVIN VILLAGE FETE**

Warm sunny days might still seem a long way off but plans are well under way for our 2016 Fete on **June 18** and this year we're planning to make it bigger and better than ever.

The all-important Fete King and Queen, together with their retinue, are being selected on February 9<sup>th</sup> at Tarvin Primary school. The Town Crier will again be leading the procession and the marching band has been booked.

New attractions we've added this year include Crazy Golf and a wellie throwing competition. There will be a Pimms tent on the playing field to refresh you while you watch the entertainment as well as the bar in the Community Centre. The stalls you all hopefully enjoyed last year will be back as well as a few new ones.

We're very excited and we can't wait for June 18<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, you can follow us on Facebook where you'll find the lovely pictures from previous years to remind you what a great day this is for our village.

Jo Richards (Fete Manager)

### **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 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 2016 to the Clerk to the Governors, Mr D H Cotgreave, Brown Heath Farm, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8NE - Tel 01829 740231

### **CYCLING TO CHESTER**

Cyclists now have more options when travelling to and from Chester thanks to CW&C Borough Council converting the

pavement for shared use (by both pedestrians and cyclists) alongside the A51 from Tarvin. The conversion also extends through Tarvin alongside the A54. The shared use is unsegregated which means that pedestrians and cyclists mix freely and share the full width of the route. Repeater signage has now been put up at intervals along the route to indicate the shared use (circular blue signs depicting pedestrians and cyclists). Tarvin Parish Council has campaigned for safer cycling routes over recent years.

### **CAMPAIGN TO CHANGE SPEED LIMITS**

The Co-op store and the Millfield Close estate have both been welcome additions to the village scene. But the two together have caused increasing concern about the safety of people crossing the A54 road. The density of traffic along the road and the speed with which vehicles use the road is causing increasing concern to local residents who are finding it very difficult to cross the road on foot.

When the proposal for Millfield Close was being considered at the planning application stage in 2012 the Parish Council urged CW&C to consider extending the 40 mph speed limit to Tarvin Sands. This would have given traffic, driving legally at 50mph from Kelsall, more time to adjust and reduce their speed before reaching the turnings for both the Co-op and Millfield Close. Unfortunately this was rejected.

Following a complaint by a local resident in August 2014 who was finding difficult to cross the A54 road the Parish Council asked Highways to reconsider moving the speed limit.

The setting of speed limits is judged by a national standard that looks at things like traffic density, residential properties, junctions and accident records. Changing speed limits is quite a complex legal procedure. The speed limit assessment was completed by Highways and discussed with the Police. Their conclusion was that it did not meet the criteria for a reduction in limit from the existing 50mph so the Parish Councils request was again rejected.

With the volume of complaints increasing, last week at the Parish Council meeting one of the editors of Tarvinonline announced that they were intending to launch a campaign to try and reverse the decision. The Parish Council agreed to support this campaign and decided to gather specific information about the population

affected. They agreed to undertake a survey to find out the numbers and ages of people affected by the road in order to present specific information to strengthen the case for change.

If residents affected by the issue have information that would help build a case for the reduction of the speed limit, can they please contact either the Parish Clerk, any Parish Councillor, or Tarvinonline .

### **TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Since the last edition of the Tarvin Times there has been some great news. The Community Centre has been successful in obtaining a £50,000 grant from WREN to redevelop the rear room into a bar/lounge area. This money, together with grants from the Garfield Weston Foundation and the Williams Family Foundation, financial support from the Parish Council and Mr Wright of Hockenhull Hall and the Centre's own savings, means that this planned improvement can go ahead this year.

Not content with this the Committee have also undertaken the improvement of the kitchen, which is now bigger, brighter and better equipped. This was undertaken by local firm AK Property and Landscaping and paid for out of the current budget. However the new super-fast dishwasher was bought with a grant from the Members Fund so thank you again to Councillors Hugo Deynem and John Leather for their continued support.

The Community Centre continues to be used for a wide range of activities. For a full list please go to our website [www.tarvincommunitycentre.org](http://www.tarvincommunitycentre.org) or join us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tarvincc](http://www.facebook.com/tarvincc)

However it is the artistic activities that really excite, so here is what is available in the coming months

February 19<sup>th</sup> – **Table Top Quiz**

February 26<sup>th</sup> – **Film Night – The Good Dinosaur** followed by **Bridge of Spies**

March 11<sup>th</sup> – **Tadpoles**, a story of Superheroes for little ones over 5 and their families

March 15/17/18/19 – the latest **Ashton Hayes** production

March 25<sup>th</sup> – **Film Night** – details later

April 8<sup>th</sup> – **Bane** – a one man + one guitarist + 40 characters comedy show from Cheshire Rural Touring Arts

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Folk Concert with international singer/guitarist **Sarah McQuaid**

Nothing there that floats your boat? Then tell us what YOU would like to see and we will see if we can put it on!

### **FIRST DRAFT PLANS FOR POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT**

The Parish Council has received a draft of a possible housing development on the east side of Tarporley Road. The plans have come from the land developer Gladman, who are working on behalf of a local landowner.

The plan suggests that 66 housing units be built. Following discussions with the Parish Council, the plans also envisage a Multi-Use Games Area, a skate park, and a 20 space car park.

The Parish Council were pleased to see that the developer had listened to what the Parish Council had requested as community requirements, though there were differences of opinion as the specific layout.

The policy of the Parish Council has stated for some time now that, should more residential development be considered for Tarvin, then it should be located east of Tarporley Road. The detailed community requirements and housing mix are the subject of research and evaluation by the Neighbourhood Plans Steering Group. Currently Tarvin has taken nearly all the 200 extra units proposed in the Local Plan, but is aware that this number is a guide, not a definitive limit.

However the Parish Council wish to stress that a draft plan is just the start of any proposal. There is a huge gap between what is suggested at this stage and what might be eventually approved, if indeed it is approved at all.

### **1ST TARVIN CUBS**

2015 was another very successful year for the Cubs. A number of Beavers from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tarvin Colony have come up to Cubs and our Pack is now operating at capacity level with 30 members. Some of these children will be eligible to move on to Scouts in 2016 so we are proud and pleased to be tell you that we are setting up a Scout Troop in September. This means that we will have all three sections in Tarvin, with a team of 10 qualified adults catering for between 60 and 75 children and young people. We will have achieved all this in just three years so we are justly proud of our efforts on behalf of our village.

During the past year the Cubs have been developing their scouting skills as well as working on behalf of our community. The children have learned map skills, pioneering skills, knots, camping skills and semaphore. During the summer months we organized three hikes, went bell boating on the River Dee, lit camp fires, did backwoods cooking and did some athletics. The Cubs have also done a night time walk through Delamere Forest, learned about food hygiene, cooked indoors and made sushi and truffles, they've learned First Aid, Astronomy, soap carving, painting and decorating and personal safety, both outdoors and indoors and when using mobiles and computers. In October we went to the Jamboree on the Air (Where the Cubs spoke to scouts from around the world), In November we held an Aussie Evening and on a wet December night, we held a camp fire and sing-a-long at Broomheath Plantation. 2016 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of Cubs and we've got some exciting activities planned to celebrate. We'll be going on our first camp in April and later in the year there will be more hikes and trips to a climbing wall in Manchester and a ski slope in Stoke. Tarvin Parish Council have kindly given us a grant of £400.00 to help us buy the equipment we need to set up a camp and the Christleton Lodge of Freemasons bought us a dining tent. Thank you so much for helping us. To further finance our activities, we had a stall at the Christmas Market and we'll be having a Sweet Tombola at the Coffee Morning at the chapel on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We'll also have some stalls at the Village Fete so please come along and support us. Finally, we would like to thank all the parents who have supported us through the year. Without their help none of this would be possible. If you would like to put your child's name down for Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, please contact Jo Richards at [jinks1107@aol.com](mailto:jinks1107@aol.com) or ring 01829 741474 and 07545255680

### **HEDGES**

The Parish Council continues to receive complaints regarding overgrown hedges. If you have responsibility for a hedge please ensure that it is always cut back sufficiently for those walking passed it to do so without either having to duck or walk on the road.

Thank you.

### **KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD**

It is anticipated that there will be some significant improvements on the Playing Field during the coming months.

Two benches have been ordered and will be placed at the top of the field to provide seating for those who wish to watch rather than participate and the Tennis and Bowling Clubs will be undertaking improvements to their facilities. The Tennis Club are replacing their clubhouse and installing floodlighting on the bottom two courts and the Bowling Club will be putting up a new building and completing the work to improve the green

The Parish Council is delighted that both clubs, who play such an important role in the sporting life of the Parish, will be moving into the new season with more confidence in the future

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 22nd February, 21st March, and 25th April. All will commence at 7.15pm and will be held in the Edna Rose room at the Community Centre. If you have an urgent need, or request, please contact either the Parish Clerk or one of the Councillors.

All Council meetings are public meetings and are usually 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/go as is convenient to you.

### **ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL**

Tarvin Parish Council is comprised of the following 10 Councillors – their contact telephone numbers, all dial code 01829 are in brackets: Cllr David Cotgreave (740231), Cllr Rob Ford, Cllr Sue Hardacre (741962), Cllr Larry Holmes (740564), Cllr Clare Jones (740186), Cllr Mike Lloyd (741748), Cllr Edward Lush (741468), Cllr Matthew Pochin (741136), Cllr Pet Twigg (740509), Cllr Ray Williams (740486)

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