

TARVIN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND MARKET

The Tarvin Christmas Festival and Market is taking place on Saturday, 6th December this year and it will be held between 5.00pm and 9.00pm in the High Street. The Street Market will have craft and food stalls along with books and games to test your skill. There will also be musical entertainment.

Father Christmas has promised to make a special trip to Tarvin again this year, so children are invited to visit him in his Grotto. There will be fun and entertainment with something for everyone.

Keep a look out for further information in the village and on Tarvinonline to find out what is happening. We do hope that you will be able to join us and enjoy the perfect start to the run up to Christmas.

If you are interested in joining our small Organising Committee, interested in contributing ideas, or can help on the day please get in touch with Lyn on 741062 or Joan on 741314 or email

tarvinchristmasfestival@hotmail.com

We will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday, 22nd November, in support of the Christmas Market at the Methodist Church between 10.00 am and 12 noon. Please come and have a cup of coffee and a cake. There will also be cakes to buy. We do need your support.'

TARVIN VILLAGE QUIZ 2015



The 33rd village quiz will be taking place on 9th and 16th January 2015. A team consists of 4 members with 1 reserve. If you wish to enter a team please contact Margaret Dixon (Tel 01829 740665).

Closing date for entries is 24th December 2014

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the Meeting on Monday 27th October the Parish Council received a presentation about

Neighbourhood Plans from John Heselwood of Cheshire Community Action. This organisation is working with 22 local parish groups who are in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan, once formally approved, becomes part of the planning decision process and has to be taken into account when planning decisions are made. It must 'generally conform' to the Local Plan that the planning authority, in Tarvin's case, Cheshire West and Chester Council, produces. Tattenhall recently became one of the first local areas to be covered by such a plan, though only after a High Court challenge by developers.

A Neighbourhood Plan must be based on sound evidence and it is the collecting, analysing and professional presenting of this evidence that takes time, usually between 18/24 months. Though the Parish Council must legally take the lead, the work is done by a broad range of volunteers from the Parish. No formal qualifications are needed but volunteers who may have planning, statistical, I.T. or environmental experience can make the process run more efficiently.

Funding for the production of the plan, which costs about £7,000, is unlikely to be available until April 2015 so the Parish Council still has time to decide if and when it should go ahead. **The Council is very keen to hear from anyone who lives or works in the Parish who would be interested in joining a Steering Group to look more closely at the issue, with a view to starting the process. The decision to go ahead will partly depend on the level of local support.**

Anyone interested should contact the Clerk (01829 741075 or Miketarvinparish@aol.com) or talk to any Parish Councillor.

TARVIN CONSERVATION AREA

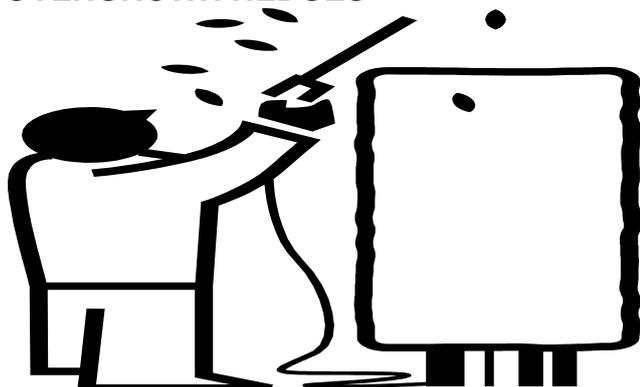
Tarvin Village centre was designated as a Conservation Area in 1973. Conservation Areas are designated to protect places of significance and tighter planning controls exist within these areas. A map showing the extent of our Conservation Area can be viewed on the Parish Council website www.tarvinparishcouncil.org.uk along with guidance notes for property owners

in the Conservation Area.

If you own or occupy a property in the Conservation Area, including commercial premises, and you wish to make alterations the Parish Council recommends that, before commencing work, you consult Cheshire West and Chester Council's Planning Department where you will get a sympathetic hearing and possibly save yourself time and money in the future.

Tel 0300 123 7027 during office hours and ask to speak to the Duty Planning Officer. Tarvin Parish Council is proud of its Conservation Area and would like to thank the vast majority of property owners who have helped to improve and preserve the character of its Conservation Area

OVERGROWN HEDGES



The Parish Council is receiving an increasing number of complaints regarding overhanging hedges preventing local residents from walking past without stepping onto the road. 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

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 2015

The next election will be on Thursday 7th May 2015. Eleven Councillors will need to be elected to represent Tarvin Parish. Existing Councillors can be re-elected.

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

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 want to give. The minimum commitment is to attend the monthly Parish Council meeting held on a Monday evening.

Councillors are usually also members of committees and working groups. Councillors represent the views and concerns of the residents of the Parish to the Parish Council and, through it, to the Borough Council.

How to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor.

Come along to one of the Parish Council meetings and listen to a session to see if it's something you would enjoy being part of. Alternatively contact any of our existing Councillors to find out what's involved. Our Parish Clerk can also be contacted for more information. Visit our website to read the minutes of past meetings. Further details will be available in the next edition of Tarvin Times.

TARPORLEY ROAD SPEEDING CONSULTATION

Cheshire West and Chester Council is proposing to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph along Tarporley Road from the junction with the A51 to where the current speed limit begins at Gamul Place.

A speed limit assessment has been undertaken by the Borough Council in line with the Council's 'Setting Local Speed Limits Guidance'. The outcome of the assessment recommended a 40 mph speed limit to be appropriate and has full support from Cheshire Police.

Thank you to the many residents around the Tarporley Road area who took time to complete and return the consultation paper. 98% of the returned documents supported the proposal. Cheshire West and Chester Council will now implement the change in the very near future.

NEW SIGNAGE FOR THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council has been anxious to support local businesses by improving the road signs at the entrances to the village in order to encourage more people to use local shops. There are strict rules about what can be put on road signs, including what can be put on the 'brown' information signs.

After a period of lengthy but productive consultation with CW&C Highways Department it has been agreed that new signage incorporating brown 'church' and 'walk' symbols will be erected at the three entrances to the village, the A51/Tarporley Road junction and the A54 junctions at the High Street and Lower

High Street. These two symbols are the only ones from the approved list that reflect what is available in Tarvin. Also to be added are three smaller, black and white signs road signs indicating that the village can offer petrol, food, drinks and accommodation. It is also hoped that the sign at the A51 junction can incorporate a Pool Bank Park symbol that will inform heavy vehicles approaching from the south that they should proceed to the roundabout and turn left rather than cut through the village.

The cost of the new signs will be approximately £2,600 and will be met by the Parish Council from money received from the New Homes Bonus.

TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Autumn sees an increase in activity at the Community Centre as a number of classes and clubs get going again after the summer break. There continues to be a wide range of activities available on a regular basis catering for the needs of all age groups from the very young to the more mature. The **Family Film Nights** have started again though the programme was interrupted by Halloween in October and by an unfortunate clash with a major school event in November. To make up for this, grown-ups will be able to enjoy David Tennant, Rosamund Pike and Billy Connolly in the comedy **What We Did on our Holiday** on **November 28th** and there will be a **Children's Film Night and Party** on **December 19th**.

To add to the mix there will be a folk concert – **Bandersnatch** – on **November 15th**, a **Craft Fair** in aid of the Ash-worth Time Bank on **November 22nd**, a **Barn Dance** for the Cubs and Scouts on **November 28th** and a family theatre show, **The Snow Queen** on **December 6th**. Plenty of events for everyone to enjoy!

January will see the return of the ever popular Village Quiz (see separate item). Please do think of getting together with some friends and entering a team, you don't have to be part of an organisation or club to take part. Plans for renovations and improvements continue to progress, albeit slowly. Plans have been drawn up and costed and now the focus is on finding and approaching funding bodies to persuade them that we are a sensible, sustainable and worthy cause who

will use their generosity wisely and well for the benefit of the village. As the population of the village grows there will be increased demand for time and space at the Community Centre, already there are more requests for slots than can be met. Getting the rear room developed into a usable and let able space is one of the priorities that the Committee wants to achieve as quickly as possible.

One of the problems identified by the recent Community Centre questionnaire was the lack of information about activities so here are the best ways to find out what is going on:

From the Community Centre's own website, www.tarvincommunitycentre.org or from the local website www.tarvinonline.org

From our lively Facebook page www.facebook.com/tarvincc

By joining Friends of T.C.C. group by contacting bandshardacre@btinternet.com

From the A - Frame on the High Street and notices in the Community Centre

By ringing Alan on 01829 740868, Sue on 01829 741962 or Jane on 01829 741468

TRAFFIC SAFETY ISSUES

A51 Junction – After much discussion Highways have agreed to reduce the width of area used by vehicles turning right into the village to 3 metres in the hope that this will give vehicles turning right out of the village better sight-lines south along the busy road. It will be reassessed after a trial period.

Oscroft – A full speed assessment on all three roads into Oscroft, Cross Lanes, Willington Road and Shay Lane should be completed by the end of January 2015. This will provide the evidence on which improvements can be made.

1ST TARVIN CUBS ANNUAL REPORT

It's now almost 12 months since we brought Cubs back to Tarvin and in this short space of time we have achieved a full Cub Pack and we already have a waiting list.

The main aims of scouting are to have fun in a safe environment where children can develop their skills and learn new ones, whilst developing a caring and responsible attitude towards the world and its people. With that in mind, we have played a lot of games and enjoyed a number of activities which have enabled the Cubs to gain Award and Challenge badges which have given them a real sense of achievement and we hope that some of our Cubs will have made enough progress to gain

the Chief Scout's Silver Award next spring. Two of the highlights of this year have been the trip to Cosford Air Museum in June and the Cheshire Jamboree in August but during the year we've also done such diverse activities as code breaking, animal care, athletics, cooking, D.I.Y., soap carving, gardening, map reading and knots. We've planted 160 crocus bulbs outside the scout building and maintained the Tarvin Millennium Garden. We visited St Andrew's church and climbed to the top of the tower where we learned about campanology. We've raced around the playing field and roamed through the Woodland where we helped to build a multi-storey bug house (which we named 'Bugingham Palace'. On two very noisy evenings, we made notice boards to put into gardens and we had a lovely time cooking a delicious meal. We've made two trips to Broomheath Plantation where the Cubs learned how to light fires safely before tucking into toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate. One of the most important events of this year has been taking part in the World War 1 Memorial service at St Andrew's church. Our Cubs paraded with their Standard and it was an honour for us to be part of this very solemn and poignant act of worship. Finally, I would like to thank the fabulous team who enable Pack meetings to be filled with fun and exciting activities. My co-leaders, Simon and Pam, are invaluable, as are the parent helpers, Linda Fisher and Jennie Bodger, who give unstintingly of their time to make scouting in Tarvin the success it is. We also have three young leaders, Rob Anderson, Samuel Wildboar and Rob Thorp whose energy and commitment make Pack meetings so wonderful. If you would like to put your child's name on our waiting list, please contact me at jinks1107@aol.com or ring either 01829 741374 or 07545255680. Jo Richards (Akela)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Monday 24th November, 15th December, and 26th January. All meetings 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 and go as is convenient to you.

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)

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