



TARVIN TIMES

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NO INCREASE IN PARISH PRECEPT

The Parish Council has agreed the budget for the year 2017/2018 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, the Parish Council is playing a modest role in keeping that increase as small as possible for residents of Tarvin Parish.

CO-OPTION ONTO THE PARISH COUNCIL

We have two Parish Councillor vacancies. 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.

You must be over 18 and qualify under one of the provisions of Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1972 as follows:

- a. be on the Electoral Register for the Parish, or
- b. have owned or rented land in the Parish for 12 months, or
- c. have worked in the Parish for 12 months, or
- d. have lived in the Parish or within 3 miles thereof during the whole of the 12 months preceding appointment.

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

TARVIN VILLAGE QUIZ 2017

Congratulations to Tarvin Meeting Point who won the recent competition by beating a team from the Bowling Club in the final.

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 Friday 31st March 2017.

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 3rd April 2017 to the Clerk to the Governors, Mr D H Cotgreave, Brown Heath Farm, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8NE - Tel 01829 740231

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

It is anticipated that there will be some significant improvements to the Playing Field during the next couple of months. The car park is to be resurfaced, maintenance will be carried out within the children's play area and a picnic table will be installed at the bottom end of the field. There will be some disruption in when the work is undertaken as both the car park and children's play area will be closed to the public for a few days. As soon as dates are available appropriate notices will be placed at the entrances to the field.



LENGTHSMAN

The Parish Council is looking to employ a “lengthsman” for one hour per day, five mornings per week, to include weekends, to remove all litter from the King George V Playing Field. If you are interested in applying for this position please contact the Parish Clerk, on 01829 741075 or by e-mail at Miketarvinparish@aol.com

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

The Parish Council has purchased the telephone kiosk in Oscroft from British Telecom and is in the process of turning it into a home for a defibrillator which has been obtained from the British Heart Foundation. The picture above shows the one recently installed in Tarvin High Street.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 27th February, 27th March, and 24th April. All will commence at 7.15pm and will be held in the Edna Rose Room at the Community Centre.

Everyone is welcome to attend Council meetings – 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.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tarvin theatre-goers will have three excellent productions to choose from in the next few months

March 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th will see the return of the excellent Ashton Hayes Theatre Club with their adaptation of Dicken's **Great Expectations**. This amateur group is professional in its approach and always seeks a theatrical challenge. Tickets are £9 for adults and £7 for children and can be booked on 01829 751927/07707 830286 or on their website www.ashtonhayestheatreclub.co.uk

Saturday April 22nd at 4.00pm, families with children over 4/5 will be able to enjoy **Sammy and the Snow Leopard**, a delightful tale of stuffed animals, evil neighbours, school projects and – apparently – limes! Tickets will be £6 for adults and £4 for children and will be available on line and at the Post Office. This production continues the tradition of first class professional children's theatre offered through Cheshire Rural Touring Arts.

A bit further off on **Friday May 26th** the second CRTA production will be **Lightning Under their Skirts**. Full of music and poetry, this is a tale of the monochrome 1950's being pushed aside by the vibrant and daring 1960's. If you lived through it, come and revisit that extraordinary time, if you are too young and it sounds like history, come along and see what all the fuss was about! Tickets will be £10.

Tickets for the CTA shows will be available at:-

www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts

ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL

Tarvin Parish Council is comprised of the following 9 Councillors – their contact telephone numbers, all dial code 01829, are in brackets:



Cllr David Cotgreave (740231)

Cllr Ben Dean (07789 278827)



Cllr Rob Ford (740371)

Cllr Clare Jones (740186)



Cllr Mike Lloyd (741748)

Cllr Edward Lush (741468)



Cllr Matthew Pochin (741136)

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