

## TARVIN HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Tarvin Annual Horticultural Show will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday August 16th. Doors open at 2.0pm, admission £1.00, children free. Tea and cakes will be served during the afternoon. All are welcome to either browse or take part. Schedules and entry forms available from Chris or Errol on Tarvin 741389 or from local shops.

## OPEN LAND IN TARVIN

Concern has been raised with the Parish Council about the future of the open grazing land bounded by the two main roads and backing on to Crossfields, currently part of the Green Belt. The issue was raised by a number of residents at the recent Parish Council meeting (4th August) and via comments given to the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council has always tried to take a proactive view of what changes might occur and had tried to anticipate the future rather than let events simply take them by surprise. In 2011 the Council looked at all parcels of land in the parish that might be the subject of development pressure and tried to anticipate what its response should be if those pressures for change became real. With regard to this piece of land, it concluded that the Green Belt designation was now a bit anomalous as this no longer fulfilled its original purpose which was to prevent settlements from merging together. The new by-pass and the A54 accomplished this much more effectively.

Though the land is zoned for recreation it was felt that it might be possible, in the future, to create more intensive facilities that would benefit more people in the Parish. If such a change involved some additional housing to make such a scheme viable then the Parish Council, **in theory**, did not object, subject to stringent controls.

However, the world of local planning has changed considerably since 2011 with the increase of economic activity and financial confidence in the area. The Parish Council has agreed to take another look at this piece of land in view of the development pressures elsewhere in the Parish. The Council

Strategic Working Party is to look again at the total needs of the Parish and will then report back to the September Council meeting where hopefully appropriate decisions will be taken. The Council is also aware of the strong feelings people have on this issue and the value they put on open spaces in the Parish. The Parish Council would like to emphasise that at no point has it sought to remove the Green Belt listing of this land and has received no plans for any changes from any source. The Council does note however, that recent outline approval for two houses has been granted on some of the land in this Green Belt area – between Bank Cottage and Hillcrest (Planning Ref 13/04891/OUT – full details can be found on the Cheshire West and Chester Council Website) even though the Parish Council objected to the proposal as it considered that there were no special circumstances to support the application.

## FUTURE GROWTH IN TARVIN

The Parish Council has had many discussions about the possibility of more development in Tarvin and the effect it would have on the quality of life in the Parish. It notes that Cheshire West and Chester Council has designated Tarvin a Rural Hub in the new Structural Plan and is very aware of the changes to planning policy inaugurated by the current Central Government that favours residential development as a means of generating economic growth.

Given that further residential growth is more likely than not, the Parish Council has concentrated on identifying those aspects of infrastructure and leisure development that would mitigate the effect of a future increase in population. The provision of a village car park and extra recreational facilities are at the top of the list. Garden Field, next to the old rectory has been identified as the only suitable site for the car park at the present time, and the adjoining field, Harris Field, as a suitable site for further recreational facilities, including an all-weather pitch and a sports pavilion.

The Parish Council does not own these sites but has recently applied to register them as Community Assets. This new procedure

ensures that the Parish Council has a right to know when development is proposed for that site and alerts developers to the needs of the community.

Development pressure on some of the land to the east of Tarporley Road is growing rapidly closer. The Parish Council is sympathetic to the desires of all the landowners to realise the development value of their land, but is determined to ensure that the needs of the wider community can be met within an integrated plan for the whole area. The Parish Council does not want to see a piecemeal development of the area into individual estates each with its own parking and small area of swings. The Parish Council is also adamant that a defined and 'settlement boundary' be established to fix and maintain the open space between Tarvin and Oscroft.

One way to underline the Parish Council's determination is for Council to apply for planning permission for a car park and recreational development on the two fields, even though Council does not own the land. Such a move will test the water among residents and identify support and objections to the plan. As the land is currently open countryside, though not green belt, it will be important for the Borough Councillors to be fully briefed and supportive, and that any plan be sent to Planning Committee for consideration. This course of action has been agreed at a recent meeting.

## **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Though the summer is traditionally a quieter time in the Community Centre there have been some great things happening this year.

Many thanks to all who took part in the Village Fete, as an organiser, a participant or simply as a visitor. Despite the weather everyone enjoyed themselves and money was raised for a number of local organisations with the Community Centre in the happy position of finding itself £1,610 better off. It is hard to pick out individuals when so many helped but Jo Richards, the principal organiser needs a mention, as do the ladies of the Methodist Church who endured the heat of the kitchen. A thank you too to Broomheath Plantation who funded the road closures, a not inconsiderable amount. All sorts of lessons have been learned which will be used going forward – or as we say in

the real world – next year!

Many thanks to all 479 households who completed the questionnaire, an exceptionally good response. The replies, both from users and non-users, will help us better prepare our grant funding bid. Costed and detailed specifications are being prepared as well so that we can approach funding bodies in a very professional way.

The Committee is wary of spending too much at the present time before the costs of the improvements are known, but did decide to renew the ceiling and lighting in the Edna Rose Room. Gone are the fluorescent tubes and in have come a number of ceiling-flush LED lights that give a much sharper and brighter light. Part of the cost was met from a grant from our local ward Borough Councillors, whose continuing support is appreciated.

The new season will see the return of the Family Film Nights on Sept 26th, a new Ashton Hayes Production in October called The Wolves of Willoughby Hall, and two excellent children/family theatre productions 'Whatever the Weather' on Sat Nov 8<sup>th</sup> and 'The Snow Queen' on Sat Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. The keen eyed among you will recognise this date as that of the much loved Christmas Fair – what a great way to start the Christmas season. On Nov 15<sup>th</sup> we are welcoming the excellent folk/acoustic band Bandersnatch [www.bandersnatch.org.uk](http://www.bandersnatch.org.uk). All these and our usual full programme of activities and clubs will keep the Committee, and you, very busy.

For more information please go to our website [www.tarvincommunitycentre.org](http://www.tarvincommunitycentre.org) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/tarvincc](http://www.facebook.com/tarvincc) or our Twitter account @TarvinCC. We also send details of events to [www.tarvinonline.org](http://www.tarvinonline.org) and if you wish to get information direct via email, then do join our Friends of Tarvin Community Centre group. Just email me at [bandshardacre@btinternet.com](mailto:bandshardacre@btinternet.com) to join.

## **SUPERFAST FIBRE BROADBAND ARRIVES IN TARVIN**

The £28.5m Connecting Cheshire Partnership has announced that its new fibre-optic network - bringing speeds of up to 80 megabits per second (Mbps) - is now becoming available from the Tarvin telephone exchange as part of its roll-out to more than 80,000 homes and businesses across Cheshire.

It is not just about a faster internet experience or doing one thing quicker, it is about everyone being able to do their own thing online, all at the same time. You can work or play - smarter, faster, better, whether from your smartphone, tablet or computer. Check the Connecting Cheshire website to see if your home or business can be upgraded and then contact your Internet Service Provider or shop around for the best deal and order a fibre broadband service - it doesn't happen automatically!

[www.connectingcheshire.org.uk](http://www.connectingcheshire.org.uk)

Connecting Cheshire, a partnership between BT and Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington Councils, aims to reach 80,000 homes and businesses with fibre broadband. This is in addition to BT's commercial investment in fibre across Cheshire, Halton and Warrington so that by the end of 2015 a total of 400,000 premises (around 96%) will have access to high-speed broadband. Andrew Arditti, Connecting Cheshire Partnership, Digital Engagement 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 8th September 2014 to the Clerk to the Governors, Mr D H Cotgreave, Brown Heath Farm, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8NE - Tel 01829 740231

### **PARKING ON PAVEMENTS**

We have featured this problem in our newsletter before. However the incidence of parking on pavements in our village is on the increase.

The general rule is that sufficient pavement should be accessible by a wheelchair or child's double buggy. Some residents, their visitors and delivery/trade vehicles are causing partial or complete obstruction of our pavements and, in so doing, causing

pedestrians to have to cross the street or, worse still, step out into the road.

The Parish Council is drafting a leaflet to be placed under the windscreen wipers of vehicles left obstructing the footway, avoiding for now the need to ask the Police to intervene.

### **CYCLEWAY TO CHESTER ALONGSIDE A51**

After representations over several years Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council has budgeted in this financial year to upgrade the pavement from Tarvin to Littleton alongside the A51 to a shared use Cycleway and Footway. This will improve the safety of cyclists wishing to take the direct route to Chester rather than using the rather more picturesque, slightly longer and rugged Cycle Route 71.

### **ANNUAL INSPECTION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT 2014**

In addition to the regular weekly checks carried out on the Play Equipment on the King George V Playing Field by those appointed by the Parish Council the Council also has an annual inspection and risk assessment carried out by an external independent body.

The latest written report has just been received from Morral Play Services Ltd and the good news is that overall the report is extremely good and that only a small amount of maintenance work is required. These minor works will be carried out as soon as practically possible.

### **TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN OSCROFT**

Oscroft is often thought of as the very quiet and peaceful corner of Tarvin Parish, but a delegation of residents came to the last Parish Council Meeting (Monday 4th Aug) to make sure that the Council was fully aware that this image was not necessarily the truth. Speeding traffic, a nuisance that has been increasing over recent years, has now become an urgent problem.

The approaches to Oscroft along Shay Lane in both directions are long and straight, encouraging a high speed when entering the built-up area. Cross Lanes has become a recognised 'rat run' to avoid the centre of Tarvin and recent house sales in Oscroft have brought a number of families with children into the centre. The Golf Club continues to flourish with most members arriving by car, and a local, thriving agricultural services business has

brought an increasing number of large and heavy vehicles onto local roads. The recent upgrading of the road surface, while welcomed by residents, has, if anything, encouraged drivers to go faster.

A number of solutions were suggested at the meeting: the re-siting of the 30mph signs, a 'flashing 30mph sign, and rumble strips were felt to be useful.

The Parish Council had already been in contact with Highways prior to the meeting, and had received an offer from them to conduct a traffic count with equipment to be sited in two areas for two weeks. This offer was accepted as a way of measuring the extent of the problem and as a starting point for discussions with the authority to create a comprehensive package of improvements that will improve the situation.

The Parish Council also agreed for two Councillors (including one who resides in Oscroft) to attend a Traffic and Speeding Issues Conference at the Police HQ on 25th September and for these issues to be raised at the conference.

This is an issue which is not going to go away and the Parish Council is determined, with support from local residents, to keep pushing the relevant authorities until a solution can be found and implemented.

### **TARVINONLINE.ORG**

A reminder that Tarvin has its own website – [www.tarvinonline.org](http://www.tarvinonline.org).

If you have an article, photographs, etc. that you want everyone to see then please contact the editor by email [editor@tarvinonline.org](mailto:editor@tarvinonline.org)

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Please note that there will not be another meeting in August. Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Monday 22nd September, and 27th October. Both 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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