

TARVIN VILLAGE QUIZ

The 31st village quiz held on 11th and 18th January was a great success. The winners were Tarvin Meeting Point who beat Tarvin Parish Council in a well contested final. Thanks to the Community Centre Management Committee and those who ran the quiz as well as all who entered and supported the event.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

Mr Jonathan Kirby has resigned as a Councillor due to his ongoing work commitments outside the Parish. We thank Jonathan for the valuable contribution that he has made to the Parish over many years whilst acting as a Councillor.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Jonathan's resignation leaves us with a vacancy that will be filled by co-option. Ideally the position will be filled by someone living in what is known as the Parish Outer Ward (roughly Oscroft, part of Willington, Weetwood, and Austins Hill) but if no one comes forward we will consider anyone who has:

- a. been an elector in the Parish for at least 12 months and has either occupied or owned/rented premises in the Parish
- b. resided within three miles of the boundary of the Parish
- c. his/her principal or only place of work in the Parish.

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 minimum commitment is at least to attend the monthly Parish Council meeting normally held on a Monday evening. Councillors are also often members of committees or 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.

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

PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2013/14

The revenue (day-to-day spending) budget for the 2013/14 financial year has been agreed. The amount that the Council will need to meet its proposed expenditure is £31,124, an increase of £2,884 against the previous year. The total of £31,124 equates to around 50p per week (£26 per year) from each household in the Parish, varying slightly depending on which band the property is in.

Tarvin Parish Precept is currently not out of line with near neighbour parishes of a similar size. Looking at comparative figures for 2012/13 reveals that two Parish Councils (Kelsall and Duddon) have precepts slightly lower than Tarvin's whilst four are higher (Guilden Sutton, Waverton, Mickle Trafford and Barrow). Much of the proposed expenditure in 2013/14 is very similar to this year; the main exceptions are as follows:

We are replacing two expensive pieces of equipment which are 5 years old. This is forecast to cost £1,500.

In 2012/13 we withdrew from the umbrella body which represents most Parish Councils in Cheshire. The Parish Council considers that this was a mistake as we lost their expertise, advice, and guidance on a number of matters. The intention is to rejoin in 2013/14 and this will add £650 to the expenditure.

Grants to Tarvin Community Woodland Trust and Tarvin Community Centre are being increased to £1,000. This is in recognition of the work they do on behalf of our community and the additional costs that they are facing. A grant of £300 will be available for the Christmas Festival which contributes to the life of the Parish.

In 2013/14 we are establishing a fund which will be used to replace play equipment on the King George V Playing Field. The intention is to put £2,000 into the fund during the coming year. It is worth noting that the replacement value of all the equipment on the playing field is in the region of £80,000 and therefore it is prudent and sensible for the Parish Council to make provision. Whilst grants from outside bodies will be sought when the time does come to replace equipment they usually look for match funding from the applicant.

During the current financial year Scottish Power

informed the Council that the charge for energy used by the 25 street lighting columns owned by the Council had been on a 1999 tariff! The proper tariff is now in place, and although no attempt was made to claim 12 years of back charges, the increase will add around £700 to the expenditure.

A more detailed explanation of the budget changes can be found on the Parish Council website.

WARD WALKABOUT

At the beginning of December 2012 Parish Councillors met with Borough Councillors and representatives of Cheshire West and Chester Council Highways and Streetscene for a "Ward Walk".

Numerous issues were raised with the Officers during the walk and Cheshire West and Chester Council has promised to work through the list and either action them or explain why nothing can be done. A progress meeting has been scheduled for March 2013. A more detailed summary of the issues raised can be found on the Parish Council website.

DOG FOULING

The majority of dog owners appear to act responsibly with their dogs but a minority are giving dog owners a bad name.

All dog owners should act responsibly and pick up any mess that their pet makes. This is not just the law (with a likely £1,000 fine) but a health issue. Most do but a minority don't. Sadly recently the number of complaints has increased, particularly regarding the Playing Field.

Allowing dogs off the lead on the Playing Field is also breaking the law and again here the number of complaints against those ignoring the law has increased.

Please report anyone you know not acting responsibly with their dog to Cheshire West and Chester Council Community Enforcement Team (0300 123 7033) or alternatively pass on the information to the Parish Council Clerk.

TARVIN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Celebrations abound this month as Tarvin WI reaches its 90th Birthday. It was formed in the village in February 1923 and is still going strong. The ladies of the present group meet on the last Wednesday of each month, at 7.30pm, in the Edna Rose Room at the Tarvin Times is Published by Tarvin Parish Council

Community Centre, to share friendship, learn new skills and be part of an iconic organisation. The WI gives women a voice to be a force for good in their local community and during recent years our members have been involved in numerous activities. We have planted several trees and flowers, in the Community Woodland and around the village, to mark various events in our history. We take part annually in the Village Quiz and have won on two occasions; we support the Christmas Festival; we help our local hospital in Tarporley. Next time you visit the Doctors' Surgery take a look at the embroidered wall-hanging there which was created by some of our members.

First of all we support our membership, but we also give help to women in the developing world. This is done through our County Federation via ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World). A recent project in Cambodia has just been completed there. At the end of last year Tarvin WI were awarded 105 trees from the national Woodland Trust organisation. This was part of the Jubilee Woods venture. All but one of these were donated to our Community Woodland. The remaining tree is a Jubilee Oak, grown from an acorn gathered in one of the Royal Parks. It will be planted, later this year, in our Woodland, to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; Tarvin WI's 90th Birthday; and in memory of past members.

Tarvin WI is a rich source of experience, knowledge and talents passed down through the generations and updated regularly. We are creative, active, relevant and welcoming. Why wait when by joining us you too could be having so much fun.

For further information contact Elizabeth Brereton, tel. 01829 740664.

RURAL COMMUNITIES SERVICE

Rural Community Services West Cheshire (RCS) is a local Charity that provides a range of services for older people in the rural communities of West Cheshire.

Services include OPAL clubs (older people at leisure) which are clubs for older people who are finding it more difficult to get out and about to take part in social activities in their community without support. www.rcswc.org.uk Rural Communities Service is also starting a new servicecalled `Breaktime`... providing a few hours respite and support to Carers [relatives, friends, neighbours] of older people.

The service is intended to be of a flexible nature and operated by volunteers as indeed are the clubs. The volunteers will be supported by the newly appointed RCS organiser, Jean Toyn, who is currently actively seeking volunteers and can be contacted on 07984 299 140 or by email jean.toyn@rcswc.org.uk.

If you are a Carer or know of a Carer who may benefit from the Breaktime Respite Service please contact Jean. Thank you.

ANYA BENTHAM APPEAL

You may be aware of the local fundraising for a little girl in our community who has been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive cancer neuroblastoma at 21 months old. If you wish to make a donation please use the following link on line link to her Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/appeal4Anya

TARVIN OCCASIONAL CYCLING KLUB (TOCK)

The Tarvin Cycling Club recently celebrated its third anniversary. 2012 was a fantastic year for the club. Not only did we cycle the normal north west sportives, but two of our members, Roger Hones and Mark Staker, joined forces with our sponsors, Global Bikes, to take part in the 24 hour Le Mans race. The year also saw the club invest in a team cycling top, so if you see what appears to be 13 dalmations cycling bikes, you know it is the TOCK group!

Roger, Mark, Steve Parker and Doug Highley took part in a 230 mile charity cycle ride from Birchwood to Bridgewater. The team raised over £1,000 for Brainwave, who help children with cerebral palsy and downs syndrome. If you want to find out more about TOCK, we now have our own website at <http://www.tock.org.uk/>. The group cycle each Sunday morning and in the summer months on a Thursday night. Trips to the Alps for June have already been arranged and a three to four day tour of Wales for September and mountain bike trips are being planned. There is also a ladies section who cycle Friday and Sunday mornings and we always welcome new cyclists.

TARVIN FLOWER CLUB

Do you like flowers and enjoy meeting people? Why not join us for an evening of entertainment as you watch a skilled flower

arranger demonstrate their art. All arrangements are raffled so you may even take one home with you!

We meet in Tarvin Community Centre, on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30 p.m., (except August and December) and you would be assured of a friendly welcome. Initial visitors £2.50 on production of this newsletter.

Further information from 01829 740855 or 01829 740473

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 6th April 2013 to the Clerk to the Governors, Mr D H Cotgreave, Brown Heath Farm, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8NE - Tel 01829 740231

TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre starts the New Year full of confidence with the new lease edging its way to being signed. Plans are beginning to be made but until we finally have signatures on paper we shall tread quietly.

The last few months have been busy and we are delighted that the **Family Film Nights** have become well established, with about 120 turning up for Madagascar 3. Even the tuck shop sold out of goodies! It is lovely to see the youngsters come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, some with cuddly toys and blankets, and we are much cheaper than the commercial cinemas. These are the films we have lined up for you next, all major new releases:

Friday 22nd Feb – Rise of the Guardians

Friday 26th April – Wreck-it Ralph

Friday 24th May – Oz the Great and Powerful

All start at 6.00pm and tickets, £2.50 for children and £4 for adults are available from the Post Office or on the door. And do remember adults you don't need to be accompanied by a child to come along.

It is our ambition to get full use out of the stage and we are delighted to be able to welcome back the **Ashton Hayes Theatre Group** from

March 21st to March 23rd. Their performance this time is **Arabian Nights** and from what we have heard, a magical transformation of the big hall is being planned.

We continue our association with **Cheshire Rural Touring Arts** with three performances this spring. For those of you who love singing we have a real treat, **Handbags, The Musical** featuring the wonderful, as seen on TV, local ladies choir A Handbag of Harmonies. This is on March 16th so come along and unleash your inner Gareth Malone. For a younger audience, a puppet based play called **Street Dreams** – about rubbish – on April 27th, and on May 17th, **Spitfire Solo**, a one character play about the past and how it affects the present. While we expect this might appeal to an older audience we hope that students studying the Second World War might also find it interesting as well.

Are these the kind of things you want to see? We are thinking about a monthly Luncheon Club and are wondering if there would be support for the revival of the pantomime. We are talking to a Theatre Company about bringing more children's theatre to the Centre and even have a line on a circus skills event. **PLEASE** let us know your views. If you want to be kept in touch with our forthcoming events please send your email details to bandshardacre@btinternet.com to be added to our Friends mailing list.

For further information watch out for the A-Frame on the High Street or call Alan Wilkinson on 01829 740868 or Sue Hardacre on 01829 741962

TARVIN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Tarvin Environment Group aim to help local residents save money while making Tarvin a more sustainable community.

Information and advice regarding "The Green Deal", a Government backed Scheme to help home owners pay for Energy Saving Measures, will be available at their next coffee morning event on Saturday 16th March commencing at 10:00am at Tarvin Methodist Church along the High Street. Refreshments and cakes available.

RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

You may be aware that the Parish Council website includes a resident's directory. The directory includes details of clubs,

associations, and useful numbers but it needs updating.

We would be grateful if you would help us with the update. Please look at the directory and let the Clerk know via e-mail or pass on the information to a Councillor if there is anything you find to be incorrect or missing completely. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our meetings will be held on Mondays 25th February, 25th March, and 22nd April. The February and March meetings will commence at 7.15pm and the April meeting will begin immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting which 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.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR CONTACTING THE POLICE

Emergency 999 - Non Emergency 101
To report a crime anonymously - Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

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 Sue Hardacre (741962) Cllr Roger Hones (741580) Cllr Edward Lush (741468) Cllr Peter Maiden (741078) Cllr Phillip Miles (741207) Cllr Andy Shaw-Pollard (740180) Cllr Brian Spruce (740393) Cllr Pet Twigg (740509) Cllr Ray Williams (740486)

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