

As well as the full range of regular activities there are plenty of special events to bring you across the threshold:

- Friday Family Film nights continue to attract good audiences. Friday February 28th sees *Spies in Disguise* entertaining the younger ones at 6.00pm and *Little Women* being offered for grown-ups at 8.00pm
- Friday March 13th is a very busy day with a children's theatre production in the afternoon – "*Ugg n' Ogg – and the World's First Dog*" will entertain pre-school and young ones while the George Heath Foundation hold their very popular Table Quiz in the evening.
- Ashton Hayes will be presenting their version of the French classic, *Madame Bovary*, on March 17/19/20/21st March. Expect amateur dramatics at the highest standard.
- On Saturday March 28th an evening of great comedy is on offer. *George Egg – Movable Feast* will introduce Tarvin to an eccentric, anarchic and unique comic who will cook perfectly edible food using the most bizarre of implements. (...and yes, you get to sample the food as well!)

Looking forward a bit, Friday June 5th will be the date when we celebrate VE day with a dance. The singers are already booked and preparations are well advanced for a great nostalgic evening

Details of all these events will be found on www.tarvincommunitycentre.org, www.facebook.com/tarvincc, www.tarvinonline.org and various noticeboards around the village.

Finally, to book an activity at the centre please go online or call Sue on 01829 741962.

Parish Council Meetings

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 24th February, 23rd March, and 27th 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, so feel free to come/go as is convenient to you.

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2020/21 Revenue Budget

The Parish Council ('PC') has agreed a precept increase of 4.3% for the financial year that begins on 1st April. This means that the element of Council Tax attributable to the PC and paid by residents in a Band D property will be £32.92 compared to £32.27 in the current financial year. This will be the first increase in the PC precept for three years.

The money raised by the precept will be used by the PC to maintain current standards of service, to invest in improvements and to undertake some important, albeit minor tasks that are really the responsibility of Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) but which does not have the resources to undertake.

Grant Aid

The PC allocates a small amount of its precept each year to provide grants to voluntary organisations based in the Parish who are seeking financial support. The amount available during the coming year will be £3,000.

There are a number of conditions for organisations to meet. For example, grants will only be given where the group's membership or activities are open to all of the Parish. Also grants will not be given for purposes which are commonly considered as the work or responsibility of businesses or bodies funded by any Government Department.

Voluntary Organisations within the Parish wishing to be considered for grant aid during the coming year should contact the Clerk requesting further details, including an application form. Completed Application Forms must be received by the Clerk no later than Saturday 29th February 2020.

Great British Spring Clean 2020

The PC will, once again, be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean and volunteers to help would be very much appreciated.

The Tarvin clean will be held on Saturday 21st March and the Oscroft clean on Saturday 28th March.

Volunteers should assemble at 09:30 on the appropriate day when they will be issued with reflective bibs, a litter picker and plastic sacks.

If you wish to volunteer for the Tarvin Clean please let Cllr. Ted Lush know so that 'rounds' can be worked out in advance. Ted can be reached at Woodlea, Platts Lane, Tarvin, CH3 8LH, or 01829 741468 or email: lushfamily2@tiscali.co.uk

If you wish to volunteer for the Oscroft Clean please let Cllr. Peter Ryan know. Tel 01829 740576 or e-mail: ryan218@btinternet.com

Home to School Transport

At the Open Forum of the January Parish Council meeting, Borough Councillor Harry Tonge highlighted a number of items, one of which related to a Council sub-committee which had reviewed home-to-school transport. The sub-committee recommended:

- bringing together the separate application processes for admissions and transport
- returning to the old school catchment area
- giving the people who heard appeals more discretion, particularly over distances and where a decision looked perverse.

CWaC may not accept all or indeed any of the recommendations but Tarvin residents will realise that, if implemented, these recommendations should benefit those local families who want their children to attend Tarporley High School. However, Cllr Tonge acknowledged that the proposals would come at a cost to CWaC and its budget is under significant strain because of the cap on Council Tax and the loss of Government grant.

Lower High Street

The PC has received a complaint from a resident living on Lower High Street concerning traffic speeds, inappropriate parking and CWaC's method for carrying out speed assessments. The PC felt that, while it was not impossible for vehicles to "race up and down this section of road at 30-40 mph or sometimes even higher" (as stated by the complainant) this would be exceptional given the number of parked cars and oncoming traffic, both of which have the effect of reducing vehicle speeds to the 20 mph limit imposed last spring. In order to justify any proposal for a particular speed limit, CWaC has to survey and assess the average actual speed of vehicles. The PC agreed to send CWaC Highways the resident's comments and criticism of the method used.

Parking Etiquette

The PC shares the resident's frustration about parking (see previous item) and believes that vehicles should not obstruct the pavement because of the difficulty this causes for people with buggies and those with a disability. Wherever people park, and particularly in the village centre, they should respect the needs of other users. However, unless CWaC parking enforcement can spend more time in Tarvin then inappropriate parking is likely to continue

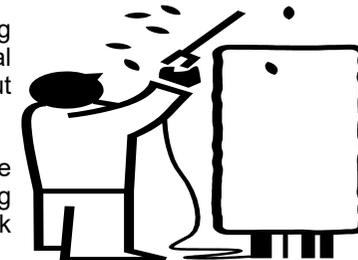
Parking near Tarvin Primary School

Poor and inconsiderate parking near to the school continues to be a problem, particularly at drop off and collection times. The PC continues to liaise concerning the problem with CWaC's Parking Enforcement team, the Police, and the School.

Matters could easily be improved if those parking near the school gave it more thought and showed more consideration.

Overgrown Hedges

The Parish Council has received complaints regarding overgrown and overhanging hedges preventing local residents from walking past the obstruction without stepping onto the road.



If you have responsibility for a hedge please ensure that it is always cut back sufficiently for those walking past it to do so without either having to duck or walk on the road.

Thank you

Defibrillators

There are now five working defibrillators in the Parish available to all. They can be found at the following points:

- Tarvin High Street, outside Jacqueline Wilson Funeral Directors' premises.
- On the wall of the Scout/Guide Hut facing the football pitch on the King George V Playing Field
- Tarvin Community Centre entrance porch (available when the site is open)
- Tarvin Primary School - by main entrance
- Oscroft Green - in the former telephone box.

Conservation Area

Parts of Tarvin village centre are in the Parish Conservation Area. If you live in or have a business in the Conservation Area, there are restrictions on developments to your property which may affect its appearance – e.g. installing plastic windows or inappropriate advertising signs whether temporary or permanent.

The PC wants residents to be proud of the buildings in the Conservation Area and to ensure they are protected and if possible enhanced. If you want to make changes to your property you should get advice from the CWaC Planning Department. If you are not sure whether your property is in the Conservation Area please either study the leaflet on the Notice Board on High Street Tarvin or go to the PC Website where it can be found under the heading "Your Parish"

News from the Community Centre

This New Year there have been some obvious changes at the Community Centre. There is new carpeting in the foyer and a shiny, renovated floor in the hall. These improvements have been paid for by the income generated from the constant support the Centre receives from everyone. The Committee is now looking for other investments to improve facilities and is hoping to update the stage as its next project.

Cheshire West and Chester Council are also investing in the building with new gas boilers being installed. The delay in completion and the large hole at the rear of the building have been a nuisance, but the results should mean a more efficient heating system.

