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TARVIN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Tarvin Christmas Festival and Market is on! The festival committee are pleased to confirm that Tarvin Christmas Festival and Market will be taking place on Saturday 4th December 2021 between 5pm and 9pm on Tarvin High Street. The street will be closed to traffic to make way for a wonderful array of Christmassy stalls and activities.

There will still be plenty of time to see Father Christmas if you've been lucky enough to get tickets for one of the Mavis Sparkle shows at the Community Centre earlier in the afternoon.

There's lots to keep you and the whole family entertained. So come along, lend your support and enjoy the fun.



VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREES

The Parish Council will again be out and about in late November, installing over 30 Christmas trees around the village in readiness for the Christmas Festival. They will also be installing a large tree in front of the Methodist Chapel.

Additional lights have also been purchased which will be used to illuminate the green at Oscroft.

The trees greatly add to the festive ambience and will remain in place over Christmas and the New Year.



NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

There have been two recent resignations from the Parish Council and applications have been invited from interested residents who might wish to make a contribution to parish activities. As a result, Mr Steve Parker was elected to the council at the October meeting and the second vacancy will hopefully be filled at our meeting on November 22nd.

DOGS ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Tarvin is fortunate to have the King George V Playing Field available for residents' exercise and enjoyment. The Parish Council have spent well over £10,000 in recent years investing in exercise equipment for young and old alike and spend the best part of £2,000 annually on the maintenance of the grassed area.

The field is also used by dog walkers but recently we have seen an increasing instance of dogs being allowed to run free on the field. Most dog owners are responsible and clear up their dog's mess but sadly this is not always the case. The field is used extensively for football and there are obvious potential health consequences for participants as a result.

The Parish Council is investing in additional signage reminding dog owners to act responsibly and trust that this will have the desired effect. Please – keep your dog on a lead at all times and clean up any mess.



SPEEDING AND ROAD SAFETY

A number of residents have used the Open Forum at recent Parish Council meetings to raise various concerns over speeding and road safety in general.

There have in fact been a number of initiatives in recent years to improve road safety in the parish. Residents will be well aware that the majority of the village centre is now subject to a 20 mph limit for example. In addition, Shay Lane and Cross Lanes in Oscroft as well as the A54 Bye Pass Road have received speed restrictions in the recent past.

In response to these concerns, the Parish Council is examining the possibility of installing flashing speed warning signs on Tarporley Road and on the Oscroft approach roads. Other initiatives under consideration include requesting a more regular presence of a mobile speed camera van on roads in the area.

TARVIN VILLAGE QUIZ 2022

The 39th village quiz will be taking place on Fridays 7th and 14th January 2022 at the Community Centre. Doors will be open from 7.00pm and the contest will start at 7.30pm.

The rules are simple, teams representing organisations, streets or groups of friends play each other head-to-head in week one. Winning teams return on the second week for another bout until the exciting final round reveals the winner. Questions are a mix of general knowledge with some specialist subjects plus a quick-fire round, with teams facing each other across the stage. Teams must have 4 players plus a substitute who must be available for both evenings.



The cost of team entry is £6 while supporters and other non-players pay £2 to get in. For the evening to work smoothly, the ideal number of teams needed is 16 so a call is now going out to local groups and organisations for teams. Please ring Jane on 07803 908119 or email her at secretary@tarvincommunitycentre.org if you would like to take part.

SHOP LOCAL

If the recent queues for petrol/diesel, the COVID pandemic and the need to protect the environment have taught us anything, it must be that we should cherish and USE our local shops and businesses because they are here on our doorstep ready to meet nearly all of our daily needs.

Tarvin is fortunate to have a wide range of shops including a café, pubs, restaurants, take-aways and a Post Office. The retail offer does change from time to time so we may have lost our ladies' dress shop but we will soon gain a craft beer shop on Church Street. Other businesses meet our personal needs such as hair and beauty treatments, doorstep milk delivery, a petrol filling station and a shop selling wood-burning fires.

When it comes to other services, Tarvin parish residents can provide a complete suite for us to use at every stage of life, including builders, plumbers, lawyers, caterers, planners, accountants and estate agents, all the way to funeral directors.

The Parish Council wants all local businesses to flourish and encourages you to use a local business whenever you can or at the very least give them a chance. Of course, the choice is yours but there is an old adage which says "use it or lose it"

GOOD HEDGEKEEPING

The parish council regularly receives complaints about hedges and trees overhanging footpaths. This makes life very difficult for pedestrians.

Please inspect the hedges and trees on your property and check that they have not encroached onto the footway. If they have, please arrange to have them cut back. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 22nd November, 20th December, and 24th January. 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.

The Parish Council would also like to take the opportunity to wish all residents a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

The Community Centre is now buzzing again with a hive of activities, some new and some familiar. One new activity that needs some more support is Table Tennis. If you would like to use our two wonderful new tables, sessions are held on a Friday at 11.30am for a very modest cost.

Entertainment coming up in the next few weeks:

Saturday December 4th – With no Panto available this year from the usual company, the Committee has asked M6 Theatre Company in Rochdale to bring along their delightful tale of magic “Mavis Sparkle” to entertain families before the Christmas Market. As this is a shorter show than usual, there will be two performances at 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Tickets are only £6 for everyone, young and old.



Thursday December 9th – Christmas Bingo

Saturday December 11th – The Bowling Club Christmas Party with a disco and hot supper. Only £10 per ticket from Bowling Club members or the Red Lion (and that includes a complimentary glass of prosecco)

Friday Dec 17th – a children’s film, yet to be announced

Friday 7th Jan/14th January – Village Quiz

Friday January 28th – Children’s Film at 6.00pm and Grown-ups’ film at 8.00pm

On the weekends on **Jan 21/23 and 29/30** the Centre will be hosting the Deva Dance Festival, where young people from many local dance schools compete in a number of age-specific events and in a number of dance genres. The organiser has said that there will be tickets available to the public so that they can enjoy this spectacle of young people showing off their skills. Details to follow.

The Committee remain committed to developing and improving the Centre so all residents of the parish can benefit. If you would like to help, contact Sue at bookings@tarvincommunity.org

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