

## CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

You may remember that Mr Peter Maiden stood down as a Councillor earlier in the year. Mrs Clare Jones has been co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the place representing the Village Ward on the Council until the next local election which is likely to be in May 2015.

We wish Clare well in her new role.

## COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Parish Council Annual General Meeting in May Councillor David Cotgreave stood down as Chairman of the Council after 14 years. This was David's second stint as Chairman having previously held the position from 1977 to 1982.

We thank David for his many years of service to our community whilst acting as Chairman. Councillor Ted Lush was appointed Chairman and Councillor Phil Miles was appointed Vice Chairman for the coming year. We wish them both well as they carry out their duties.

## Tarvinonline.org – WEBSITE LAUNCH SUCCESS!

Tarvin Parish now has its own website – [www.tarvinonline.org](http://www.tarvinonline.org) - which went live on 25th June. The successful launch took place at Tarvin Methodist Church with over 60 residents attending.

The website includes daily news, a Directory of over 100 Tarvin Businesses, Clubs and Services, an up-to-date calendar showcasing what is on and when, Gallery of photographs, Buy and Sell, Sudoku, and much more.

With over 1,700 "visits" and nearly 6,000 "hits" recorded so far in July, Tarvinonline is becoming "The Place" to get local news.

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

## WOODLAND FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to the huge amount of support we received from Tarvin people for the footpath project, funding has been obtained from WREN, Cheshire West and Chester Rural Support Fund and from your own donations. We are pleased and proud to tell you that our contractor, W.E. Parsons & Co Limited, is

due to begin to upgrade the path surface through the woodland on 22nd July 2013 and should be completed by 12th August.

They are due to start at the Townfield Lane end, but progress should be pretty rapid and so the woodland should be completely available for families to use for the majority of the school summer holidays.

For everyone's safety, the section of path being worked on must be closed but we will give notice of any path closures as far in advance as we can. And, of course, whenever one of the "Grogan's Walk" pathways is temporarily closed, the bridleway will always be open as an alternative route – watch out for the diversion signs.

We hope that your walk will not be spoiled and we ask you to bear with us while the work is under way. You know that the outcome will be well worthwhile!

## ANOTHER ROAD CLOSURE

The Parish Council has received notice that Cross Lanes will be closed for up to seven weeks from the Junction with Tarporley Road towards Oscroft from Monday 5th August to enable water main installation works to be carried out. At least with this road closure access to properties and for emergency vehicles will be maintained

Such disruption seems unfortunate given the recent closure of Tarporley Road - the residents of Oscroft must be beginning to feel somewhat put upon. The Parish Council has no control over such work but hopes that it can be completed as quickly and as well as the works on Tarporley Road.

Thinking of the Tarporley Road closure when the five week closure was announced the Parish Council was very concerned and took every step to ensure any problems were mitigated.

The closure has certainly been an inconvenience to individuals and businesses, but despite our initial fears it has not caused traffic chaos at the remaining entrances and exits from the village on the A54.

This is perhaps the best evidence we have which suggests that the Highways engineers professional advice, that the junctions in the village are not at capacity, is correct

## **TARVIN COMMUNITY VILLAGE FAIR 2014**

On 17th July the Community Centre management hosted the first planning meeting for this exciting occasion which will take place on Saturday 5th July 2014.

Many local organisations were represented at the meeting and a number of ideas and offers of help on the day have already been made.

If you would like to be a part of this major event, please contact Mrs Jo Richards.

Jo can be contacted either by e-mail at [jinks1107@aol.com](mailto:jinks1107@aol.com) or by phone on 01829 7414744.

We also need some kind volunteers who could give a few hours to help with different aspects of the planning. If you can help with this, please contact me as soon as possible as we would like a small working group to be in place by September. Many thanks, Jo.

## **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Somehow things in the Community Centre seem quieter in summer, but there is still the steady use of the two halls every week. It is this regular support that forms the bedrock of the Community Centre's financial stability and we are delighted that so many organizations and individuals use our facilities.

To add to the services on offer we now have free Wi-Fi. Please ask a Committee member for the code if you need to use this while at the Centre.

The Family Film Nights continue to be a success and we plan to continue them. There will not be one in August but in September we will be showing the new Disney production *Monster University* so if you have young children do keep the last Friday of September free. Do look out for the A-frame in the village for further details, or visit our website [www.tarvincommunitycentre.org](http://www.tarvincommunitycentre.org) or the new village website [www.tarvononline.org](http://www.tarvononline.org)

The Committee has been working with the wonderful Cheshire Rural Touring Arts organization to bring a couple of new shows to the village in the autumn. On 18th October our younger residents will be able to hear the very talented story-teller, Dommy B in 'The Dragon who Hates Poetry' and on Friday 1st November there will be a weird and wonderful show called '6 Impossible Things'. Even the Committee is not quite sure what will be happening, as the show is being specially commissioned, but the company coming

usually do street theatre and this is described as using music, magic and daring. It will be suitable for all ages so please do put these dates in your diary and watch out for further details.

Following our successful Junior Disco last year, we have arranged to repeat the event on 15th November.

Contact Alan Wilkinson on 01829 740868 or Sue Hardacre on 01829 741962 for further details of any Community Centre activities.

## **VILLAGE BUS STOPS/SHELTERS**

Funding for improvements to the village bus stops and shelters is available in the 2013 Cheshire West and Chester Councils budget, and the Parish Council feels that it is important to get a renovation programme that gives the best value for the village and that benefits the greatest number of people.

There was a lively and complex discussion at the recent Parish Council meeting after which it was agreed to recommend that:

- The bus stop on the north side of the High Street opposite the Post Office and close to Well Cottages (currently used by the 82 only) be removed
- The bus stop on the south side of the High Street (near the chemist) remain but the road markings be extended along the High Street to allow the bus to pull in parallel to the kerb and thus allow cars to pass more easily while it picks up and drops passengers.
- Bus shelters be provided for both sides of the road for the stops at the end of Hockenhull Lane, with the one on the south side being moved a little further west away from the junction.
- The existing bus shelter on Church Street be upgraded and a new one installed opposite in a style appropriate for a Conservation Area. The new one should be sited as far away from Duckers Well as is practical to reduce the possibility of casual damage to this culturally sensitive site.

The recommendations will now be presented to Cheshire West and Chester Council for comment and if appropriate further examination before a final decision is reached.

## **TARVIN CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Please note that the Christmas Market will take place on Saturday, 30th November and not 7th December.

Help is needed to make this event happen. Can you join us on the Committee or help by contributing ideas as to what you would like to happen? On the day could you help with the physical work that will be required? If you are able to help in any way please get in touch with Lyn Hillier on 741062, Jo Younis on 740571, or Joan Millar on 741314.

### **ETAPE MERCIA CLOSED ROAD CYCLE EVENT – 18TH AUGUST 2013**

A reminder that a closed road cycle race mentioned in the last edition is coming through our Parish on the morning of Sunday 18th August.

The road from Willington Corner through Oscroft to Tarvin Sands will be closed with no vehicular exit from 7.30am until 10.20am.

There will be temporary traffic lights at the junction of Shay Lane and the A54 where the course crosses the main road and continues towards Barrow.

There will also be a feeding station, toilets, medical support and mechanic support provided on/near the Green in Oscroft.

So for about three hours we will be able to enjoy watching the event at close quarters. Further details are available on line at [www.talkingwestcheshire.org/ETAPE](http://www.talkingwestcheshire.org/ETAPE)

### **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 2nd September 2013 to the Clerk to the Governors, Mr D H Cotgreave, Brown Heath Farm, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8NE - Tel 01829 740231

### **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH.**

As you all are aware St Andrew's Church is a wonderful historical building in the village and is in need of your support. It takes a great deal of money to run, and is paid for entirely by those who attend the church. The Church receives no money from the central church or the Local Authority, and neither from the

Government. The church is a focus of the village and is always there through significant times in peoples lives, through the happy times and through the sad. It is one of the prime aims of the current members of the church to make sure that the building is here for many years to come.

If you feel you can support your church on a regular basis and can give a regular donation, possibly by standing order then please contact Richard Orfanelli, our treasurer on 741189 or email [r.orfanelli@tiscalli.co.uk](mailto:r.orfanelli@tiscalli.co.uk)

Harvest is coming soon this September and at St Andrews, our harvest festival is on the 22nd, all are welcome to come along, any produce will be sent to 'Save the Family', our service times are 8am, 10.45am and 6.30pm.

Revd Adam

### **TARVIN GARDENING SOCIETY HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

The annual show will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday 17th August 2013. The show will open at 2.00pm. Admission will be £1.00 for adults and free for children under the age of 16. All are welcome. For further information, entry forms etc., please contact the Show Secretaries on 01829 741389

### **MIND THE GAP**

As residents of the Ridgeway will know, an informal gap has been made in the hedge between the Ridgeway and the A54 road to allow access to the village via the main road and now to the Co-op store. During the store's construction the gap was widened with the removal of a tree to allow some utilities to be laid, which, when re-instated, has become very weak and spindly.

The suggestion has been made to the Parish Council that this gap be made a formal opening with the provision of steps/ kissing gate/ railings, for both the convenience and safety of users.

This suggestion was put to the Highways department during a recent 'walkabout' with Council officers, but turned down for a number of reasons.

The Parish Council determined to find out how great the demand for such an improvement was and conducted a simple survey of residents during June. Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete and return the form. The vast majority were in favour of improving

the gap. It was agreed that this information be passed on the Cheshire West and Chester Council by the Clerk.

The Parish Council will now concentrate on resolving the many difficulties relating to the ownership of the hedge as Cheshire West and Chester Council has said that it will not consider moving this project forward until ownership is resolved.

### **ANNUAL INSPECTION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT 2013**

In addition to the regular 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.

### **PARKING OUR CARS**

A reminder to car drivers - please show consideration to others when parking within the parish.

Some car owners are obstructing the pavement by parking either completely or partly on it causing pedestrians to walk in the road to pass. Others are parking on bends or double yellow lines. "I will only be a couple of minutes" or "everyone else is doing it" or "No one is going to report me" are not acceptable reasons for parking inconsiderately or illegally.

Parking your car correctly on the road can help to reduce traffic speed and keeps our streets safer.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Our meetings will be held on Mondays 19th August, 23rd September, and 28th October. All meetings 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

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

Cheshire Crimestoppers was established in 1998 and promotes the Crimestoppers message within the County of Cheshire and the Unitary Authorities of Halton and Warrington. Increasingly, witnesses to crime, and those who know who may have committed a crime, are reluctant to go directly to the Police, or to give evidence in court. Crimestoppers allows you to avoid both by anonymously contacting a dedicated national call number, with information about crime, at any time, 365 days of the year. Callers are not asked for their name, or for any other means of identification. A caller's number can not be traced and does not appear on itemised telephone statements. The information is passed to the Police but the Police will never know who has called Crimestoppers.

### **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) Cllr Ray Williams (740486)

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