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TARVIN CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Christmas Festival and Market will take place on Saturday 1st December from 5pm to 9pm in Tarvin High Street. The Street Market will have a food court with various food stalls and over 30 stalls with Christmas gifts for sale. Father Christmas will again make a special trip to Tarvin for all the children to visit him at his grotto.

The Methodist Church will also be open and there will be children's nativity puppet shows there between 5pm and 8pm, as well as tea and coffee being served.

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

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

A51 PRESSURE GROUP

The Parish Council is actively working with other Parish Councils along the A51 in efforts to 'do something' about the increasing volumes of heavy traffic on this road.

Travelling times between the M6 Junction 16 and the A55 at Vicars Cross have increased considerably in recent years, not helped by the 'smart motorway' works on the M6 which have encouraged HGVs in particular to come 'across country'. The choice of Crewe as a key hub for HS2 will increase volumes still further in the next few years.

Cheshire West and Chester Council have secured funding to improve traffic flows between the Vicars Cross and Tarvin roundabouts during 2019. Of more longterm importance is a proposed Connectivity Study that will look at the future of the route and its impact on local communities, with the aim of identifying and proposing strategic options for this vital corridor. The parish councils are lobbying the various stakeholders in the study to complete this as soon as possible.

The recent budget announced funding for strategic road developments, so please consider writing to our local MP, Annette Sandbach, asking for her support in pushing for funding to be earmarked to address the problems of A51 congestion.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) met recently to discuss the comments received following the Regulation 14 consultation which closed on 26th September and the following actions were agreed:

- the period covered by the Plan will be shown on the cover;
- the text and map showing the proposed woodland extension will be modified to reflect the dual ownership (Cheshire West and Chester Council [CWaC] Highways and a private individual) of the land required to achieve the objective. The objective will be downgraded from a proposal to an aspiration, recognising the objection of the private landowner. This is because the NPSG believes an extension of the Woodland, together with a public footpath on Highways land on the south side of the A54 from the Tarvin Roundabout to The Cottage, is logical and would be of significant benefit to Tarvin residents.
- not to designate a site as a possible Park and Ride. This is because the need for such a site in the Plan area has not been proved and it would not necessarily be of direct benefit to Tarvin residents, as any such site would be outside the settlement boundary and distant from Oscroft.
- all of the leisure site options would be kept in but the table evaluating the options would make clear which were eliminated. The actual Plan will therefore become a much slimmer document. The new document will be submitted alongside the draft Plan to the Independent Examiner, together with two other new documents:
- the Consultation Statement
- the Basic Conditions Statement
- In addition, the 4th bullet point of paragraph 3.2.1 will be modified as follows: "In order to protect views to open countryside, outside the settlement boundary no building should exceed two storeys in height (85%)
- regarding the options for safe cycle routes, all will be left in the Plan but it will be made clear that LS2.2 (the Cinder Track) is the preferred option and this has land implications to the south side of Cross Lanes
- wording to cover surface water issues as a consequence of any new development will be added to the housing chapter

- the submission from CWaC, excluding Public Health, will be accepted and incorporated, apart from the comments emanating from the Play Field Strategy which are rejected. The case for recreation provision in Tarvin will be strengthened, paying particular regard to demand, sustainability, and inclusiveness.
- The revised Plan is expected to be considered by the Parish Council meeting on 26th November.

NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre is to undertake major improvements to the Main Hall during the Christmas and New Year period. Though they were not able to access any major grant funding for the project, enough funds have been accumulated for the work to be carried out. The projects are:

- Replacement ceiling with acoustic, insulated tiles
- Replacement of the high-level curtains with electrically-operated blackout blinds
- Simplification and modernisation of the lighting systems
- Improvements to the high-level walkways

The Hall will be closed to some users for about 10 days in all and the Committee thank all who have been affected for their co-operation.

The main pre-occupation for the Committee in the New Year will be how to cope with the planned retirement of Chairman Alan Wilkinson in May. About 4 other long-time members, all in their mid-70's, are also planning on calling it a day. The success of the Community Centre in the last few years has been driven by the Chairman, albeit supported by the Committee. He has put in hours of effort to encourage people to use the Centre and has driven the improvement programme. For the Community Centre to continue to serve the village, a new generation of committee members are needed. If you want to help in the future, call 01829 741962 to find out what's involved.

Important events coming up: Dec 1st Panto - Aladdin - 3.00 pm Dec 21st CHILDREN'S film only 6.00 pm

For all events on at the Community centre go to www.tarvincommunitycentre.org, www.facebook.com/tarvincc or keep an eye on the A-Frame in the High Street

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 26th November, 17th December, and 28th 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.