

LIBRARY

The Borough Council are providing a mobile library service in the Community Centre car park each week on a Thursday afternoon between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Risk assessments have been carried out in line with Council and Government guidance and all services will be Covid-19 secure. Test and Trace data will be collected.

Opening small libraries has posed problems for the Library Service as they have worked hard to provide safe access to books in a way that protects both library users and library staff. While larger libraries have opened, several smaller sites like Tarvin have proved more complicated.

Our thanks to the Community Centre Committee who are providing a "pop up cafe" particularly helpful when the weather is cold or wet.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

The Parish Council regularly receives complaints about overhanging hedges and trees and this year is no exception. This makes life particularly difficult for pedestrians. Please check the hedges and trees on your property and ensure that they have not encroached onto the footway. If they have please arrange to have them cut back. Thank you

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings have been held online via Zoom since March and it is likely that this will continue well into 2021. Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 26th November, 17th December, and 28th January. All will commence at 7.15pm. 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.

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TARVIN CHRISTMAS MARKET IN A NEW FORMAT

The Tarvin Christmas Festival and Market has become a popular highlight of the year in the village, so instead of just cancelling the event due to Covid restrictions, it is going to be held 'Virtualiy' this year.

Three events have been planned. You will be able to:

1. Shop at all your favourite Christmas Market stalls together with some new ones, all from the comfort of your own home, between 1st November and 18th December;
2. Take part in a Christmas Light Competition which will run from 18th to 30th December. You can use either traditional Christmas lights or make your own Eco decorations to decorate your home or business. Villagers will then be able to vote for their favourite in each section, and
3. Take part in the Christmas Quiz which is being organised by Tarvin Community Centre.

All details will be available on www.tarvinonline.org from 1st November. Tarvin 'Virtual' Christmas will be permanently fixed in the 'Editor's Pick' section on the Home page of the Tarvinonline website, so it will be easy to find and each event will be clearly labelled. Christmas Market stallholders will be accepted up to 10th December so if you are interested in having a 'stall' please email tarvinchristmasfestival@hotmail.com.

If you have any suggestions which could be added to the 'Virtual Christmas', do please get in touch so that your idea/s can be considered – email tarvinchristmasfestival@hotmail.com and keep following 'Tarvinonline for updates.

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CHRISTMAS TREES

The Parish Council will again be out and about on 5th December, installing over 30 Christmas trees around the village. In addition, this year there will be a large tree at the front of the Methodist Church on High Street.

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

Eight months into COVID-19 and many residents are feeling fatigued. The news is dominated by COVID and most of it is depressing with a vaccine seemingly some months away.

Our community has worked hard throughout the pandemic to make life tolerable. The work of the churches operating a food distribution service and contacting the lonely has been vital. The Community Centre was one of the few in the Borough to open as soon as it was permitted and each week more activities were re-started. The Centre has also helped Tarporley High School by hosting examination re-sits.

As the weeks drag on it is vitally important that our community continues to work together and look after each other. Nearly everyone can do something to help and it does not have to be something big. Another thing which can be done when regulations allow, is to support local businesses, be it shops, restaurants, pubs, the post office, garage, garden centre, beauty salon and hairdressers.

Working with one another and supporting our community assets will ensure that we will come out of COVID stronger.

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

The gates to the Children's Play Area have been repaired but the Rocking Horse requires considerable further work. Parts have been ordered from the supplier but it is likely to be the end of November before they are able to carry out the work.

SOCIAL MEDIA

At the Parish Council meeting on 26th October a decision was made to start using Facebook as a method of communication with the Parish. We will be sharing news that affects us locally, across the county and further afield. Hopefully residents will find this a useful means for the Parish Council to communicate in an accessible way. Please search Tarvin Parish Council on Facebook and 'like' our page for local updates and information.

TARVIN CIVIC TRUST

Those of you who regularly access our wonderful community website, Tarvinonline, will be aware that after nearly 50 years, the Tarvin Civic Trust has decided to wind itself up as no-one wished to take on the responsibilities of Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer.

The Parish Council was very sad to hear this news. Not only was the Civic Trust a community group that explored lots of interesting topics for the benefit of its members, it also undertook important community work which really improved the physical environment of Tarvin village. In addition, the Trust's generous support on many planning applications and broader planning issues was a great asset to the work of the Parish Council.

The Council would like to thank Trust members, past and current, for their positive contribution to our community.

SPEEDING REVIEW

Our PCSO has carried out a number of speed checks within the Parish over the last few months. Results have included the following:

Cross Lanes between Tarvin and Oscroft:

4th June - 21 vehicles, none exceeded the 40mph limit.

26th June - 18 vehicles, none exceeded the 40mph limit.

10th September - 31 vehicles, none exceeded the 40mph limit.

A54 Holme Street – 40mph - 436 vehicles checked – 3 exceeded the speed limit.

GARDEN SHEDS & FENCES etc.

The Parish Council have noticed that as we are all spending more time at home, home improvement projects have cropped up on our "to do" lists.

Please be aware that some structures such as fences and walls may require planning permission. The following link will take you to a web page that can confirm planning requirements: <https://interactive.planningportal.co.uk/detached-house>

If in doubt seek advice. You can call the Borough Council for planning advice any time between 9am-4.45pm Monday to Friday. Telephone: 0300 123 7027