

TARVIN & DUDDON



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From the Vicar...

What's on your mind? I am sure we have more time to think, especially if we can not do as much as we did when we were younger. In getting the garden ready this year and moving to a walk behind mower, rather than a ride on, I have had a little less thinking time, and I'm not sure why, but I feel better for it. It could be spending more time outside, less time in front of the computer (yes that has still needed to be done, but later in the evenings). I suppose it depends what we think about, if we are recalling happy memories, planning exciting adventures or just thinking happy thoughts then maybe our minds are ok. If we are pondering over past parts of our lives when we have failed or been failed by others, maybe anxious about the future, these thoughts will not help our minds rest and relax. So I ask again, what's on your mind? Talking about it really does help, the old saying a 'problem shared is a problem halved'. I'm not sure I think it halves, but knowing someone else knows and voicing the anxiety and concern helps. The issue many of us face is not having someone to talk to or even a concern about what others think about us if we admit that we are struggling. I see the same with some people who find walking difficult but refuse a stick and therefore end up staying home, as they cannot move around. We have a choice with all things we can either try and do something that enables us to go on living or we become isolated. Once we have slipped into, sometimes unwillingly and unknowingly into isolation it is a hard road back from it. I ask you to share what's on your mind, talk about it, give 'it' a voice and let your feelings out. Use a stick, a wheelchair, a scooter to get out and about. Accept peoples offers of help, they are genuine and I am sure in turn you will offer to help others too. Let's not be too proud to adapt as God made us to do. After all we don't, in the main, rub sticks together to make a fire anymore. We have evolved and as life has become more complicated and our anxiety, stresses and strains start to become bigger, as our body gives up before its time, we need to continue to adapt and live, interacting with others just as we were made to do.

Adam

Weekly Services

Service timetable:

St Andrew's

8am Holy Communion BCP (Every Week)

10.45am 1st and 3rd Week Family Worship

10.45am 2nd and 4th Week Family Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong (1st Sunday)

St Peter's

9.30am 1st and 3rd Week Family Communion

9.30am 2nd and 4th Week Family Worship

Weekly Activities

Wednesdays

9.15am Morning Prayer (St Andrews)

10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (St Andrews)

Thursdays

10am-11am Coffee Morning (St Peter's) Not in the school holidays.

Friday

6.30pm Choir Practice (St Andrews)

Parish Diary

August

3rd St Andrews Women's Group (PR)

6th 2.30pm Wedding of Harriet and Andrew (SA)

7th 1pm Baptism (SA)

14th 12.30pm Baptism (SA)

19th 1.30pm Wedding of Daisy and Devon (SA)

26th 6pm Wedding Rehearsal (SA)

27th 12.30pm Wedding of Sophie and Michael (SA)

September

5th 7.30pm Standing Committee (SA)

7th St Andrews Women's Group (PR)

Notices

Sunday 11th September 10.45am
Harvest Festival Service followed by a BBQ
Please come along and celebrate Harvest.
Please bring along donations of
NON-PERISHABLE food for the
West Cheshire Food Bank.

Save the Dates...

10th September 10.30am to 2pm.

We have a Tower Open Day for anyone wishing to have a go at ringing the BELLS. There will be refreshments and cakes served in the church too!

29th September 6.30pm

Ecumenical Harvest Supper with Tarvin Methodist Church and St Andrews Church (at TMC)

2nd October 6pm

Harvest Supper at St Peter's Church, Duddon.

11th November,

Remembrance Day at 10.50am at Tarvin War Memorial.

13th November

Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50am at Tarvin War Memorial

4th December 4pm

A Service to Remember those who have died. (at TMC)



Prayer for August

2022

Mark 6:31

And He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.)

LORD, it was you who reminded your own disciples of the need for time out and refreshment and we thank you for the gift of summertime.

Thank you for the times of relaxation and opportunities to enjoy different and new experiences and to be renewed in body, mind and spirit; for family time; for children letting off steam after a difficult year at school.

We pray that you would be with us, in our thoughts and actions this summer. Lord, help us not to waste this time away.

Show us ways that we can be a blessing and witness to others in our communities. Give us eyes to see those around us who are in need of your love and to shine your light whether we stay at home or go away.

We pray, too, for those who aren't able to take a holiday.... For families struggling financially, for the lonely who no longer have the confidence, for the frail or sick and those who care for them.

We ask for your blessing on Holiday at Home, for inspirational and enjoyable activities, for fun, love and laughter, for an uplifting day for all.

And we pray for safety for us all. Bless those who keep us safe in our travels and outdoors this summer: lifeguards, lifeboat crews, paramedics, St John Ambulance, mountain rescue. Be with them as they work to protect us.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path Walk

Thank you to all who have donated to my Charity Walk.

As it was my 80th Birthday in July, instead of presents I suggested to the family and close friends if they would like to support my two charities.

I was able to raise so far £1100 for Mind Mental Health and over £200 for Tarporley War Memorial Hospital.



The walk was over 130 miles, 46 hours walking time over 14 days.

The coastal path includes Holyhead Mountain, over 400 metres. Penmon Point and the notorious Brickworks Path. We came across some lovely bays, wildlife and beautiful scenery. Thank you to the support walkers who came on different stages and those who dropped me off and picked me up, and also Arriva buses. Some one from the Z team said I should have taken my mower!!

[Www.justgiving.com/fundraising/barrie-rees](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/barrie-rees)

Barrie Rees



Curates Corner

Jottings for August

August, a holiday month, the end of the school year, a time I always associate with a time of re gathering of strength to start again in September! A quieter time; September brings changes, new school, new class, no school. A good time to have a holiday, whatever that means. It is good if that means going away but if at home maybe it is catching up with family and days out. Holiday time is a treat time, so if you fancy that ice cream or bar of chocolate, have it!

It is a time to say thank you; children will have thanked their teachers, teachers will thankfully hand them over to their parents. Find someone to say thank you to, a friend, neighbour, postman, shop assistant, anyone! Peoples faces change when you say you appreciate what they do, especially those we normally step around as they stock the shelves.

A quieter time, time to reflect.

The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush,
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,
He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity.
He leads me in the ways of efficiency; through calmness of mind,
And his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,
I will not fret for his presence is here.
His timelessness, his all-importance will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity
By anointing my mind with his oils of tranquility,
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,
For I shall walk in the pace of the Lord, and dwell in his house for
ever. (Toki Miyashina)

What ever August brings for you, I pray that it will be a time of blessings.

Love and prayers,
Barbara

From the Farm

As promised earlier this year I am writing about the prisoner of war camp on the same site as the Tarporley Races. You may have already read an article in Tarporley Talk about this. Nantwich Museum has been given a document box made by Italian prisoners and containing a photograph dated 1942. The museum is keen to learn more about Camp 74 as it was known. Telephone Graham Dodd 01270 626460 if you can help.

The camp covered an area of about 24 acres and had at least 40-50 buildings on it. Initially I believe the camp was for Italian prisoners, then towards the end of the war it housed German prisoners. Most of these had been held in America presumably because there were too many to accommodate in Britain. They would be eventually returned to Germany after peace came but many became restless at the length of time this took. There were at least 16 hostels as they were known attached to Camp 74 all over the Crewe, Nantwich, Chester and even Liverpool areas. You can only imagine the number of prisoners held at that time. For instance, even in March 1947 there were still 1765 to be repatriated, many aged under 25 years old. They had a library, newspapers, discussion groups, films, education in English and other languages, religious services, drama groups, a football team and even a small orchestra using instruments left behind by the Italians.

Prisoners were working on local farms. My Parents-in-law employed a young German man called Eric. I was told he was a good help and he was obviously fond of them. He kept in touch, sending photographs of his family up until they both died. I remember when I was first married in 1969 he sent Christmas cards that played Holy Night when you opened them. Those musical cards were unheard of in this country then and what's more they kept playing for years!

Pat Briscoe



Pilgrimage

The "Village Martyr" and its Church, Oradour-sur-Glane, France

On our frequent visits to France with our campervan [before Covid] we have always enjoyed stopping off en route to break the long journey and to visit a new location. A few years ago, having read about the village of Oradour-sur-Glane, a quiet, rural village near Limoges, we took a detour to pay a visit. It was like nowhere else we had ever seen....

On 10th June 1944, the village in Nazi occupied France was destroyed when 642 civilians, including non-combatant women and children were massacred by a German Waffen SS company. The church was the main site for the killing of women and children—over 400 died here that afternoon after hearing their menfolk being shot to death outside.

After the war, General Charles de Gaulle decided that the village should never be rebuilt, but should remain as a memorial to the atrocities. Although a new village has since been built close by, it was among the silent ruins of the original village that we spent our time, and in the church. If you look closely at the photograph, you may spot something on the floor in front of the altar. The haunting image of a child's push-chair is one that will stay with us for a very long time.



The church of
St. Martin
Oradour-sur-Glane
France

Sue and Dave
Caddell

Thank You !!



Jenny and Ruth would like to thank everyone who helped on the day and those who donated bottles for the tombola stall at the Village Fete

It was a lovely afternoon and most successful.

Tell us about your Pilgrimages

Please send in a few words and some pictures of interesting churches that you have visited. Perhaps the church where you were married or have a connection to, or an interesting church you have visited when on holiday. It would be nice to make these a regular feature in the grapevine

tarvingrapevine@gmail.com

St Andrews Womens Group

Our July outing to the Ellesmere Port boat museum was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

We were all surprised to see how much the museum had changed since our last visit. A new cafe, with easy access, where excellent tea and cake revived us at the end of the visit.

There is so much to see with many indoor exhibitions as well as the canal itself and the many boats moored. On-going restoration of large and small vessels could be seen and questions answered by some of the many volunteers. A visit to the Power Hall was memorable for the size and noise of the engines demonstrated to us by another enthusiastic volunteer.

With many changes made to give easy access via flat surfaces and a lift this is an excellent museum for people of all ages and abilities to visit and enjoy.

Our next meeting will be in September. Details will be given on tarvinonline and the village noticeboard . Wishing everyone a very good summer break and we look forward to meeting you all in September.





Editors Note

We owned a canal narrowboat for many years and took our boat 'Bear Necessities' along the Shropshire Union Canal to the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum several times. We can confirm that it is a very interesting place to visit.

Details at www.boatmuseum.org.uk

Open every day

St Peter's CE School, Duddon.

This is our church school and has a close relationship with our church community.

The school motto is:
"Be the Best you can be"

The School has a nursery which is part of the Foundation Unit and Reception is taught alongside the nursery unit.

Treetops has a younger group 'Treetots' that meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9am,

For more information about the school please call:
01829 781366

Village Groups

Ashton Hayes and Tarvin Flower Club

Do you like flowers and enjoy meeting people? Why not join us for an evening of entertainment as you watch a skilled flower arranger demonstrate their art.

All arrangements are raffled so you may even take one home with you! We meet in Tarvin Community Centre, on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. (except August and December) and you would be assured of a friendly welcome.

Further information from 01829 740832 or 01829 740473

A NOTE FOR ALL OUR VILLAGE GROUPS

During the last few years, whilst Covid interrupted all our meetings and gatherings in Tarvin and Duddon, we seem to have lost touch with the many village community groups that used to announce and report on their meetings in this magazine. PLEASE send us items so that we can include them here. Contact details are on page 23.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU

For Hire

Tarvin Parish Rooms

**A Hall with toilets and a small kitchen
Next to St Andrews Church**

From only £7:50 per hour

**For full details please contact the Church Warden
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Email: davidhferguson@hotmail.com**

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The cover picture this month is of the harbour at Lynmouth, North Devon.

Last months cover picture stumped quite a few people.....probably because it was an old photograph taken more than 20 years ago.....
....the answer....Llandudno Pier

Copy deadline for the September edition is **Saturday 20th August**.
Please send any news items, articles, events or diary entries to
tarvingrapevine@gmail.com

We are also making this Grapevine available in digital format as a pdf download from <http://kenfayle.com/home/grapevine>

TARVIN Churches Working Together



Holiday at Home.

Going back a few years we had a couple of days in the village, where those who lived on their own, or folk who were not mobile enough to go on a holiday would gather together at TMC and have some fun, lunch and a time to chat to others. We called it 'Holiday at Home'.

After a fair few years it is returning on
Friday 9th of September 10am - 2.30pm
at Tarvin Methodist Church.

If you would like to book in please call St Andrews Vicarage on 740354, please leave your name and telephone number. We need to know numbers by the 3rd of September for Catering Purposes. Please do share this with neighbours and friends that live in Tarvin.

This is for anyone who lives in our Village.

Woodland Notes

Plants on sale for the woodland.

For many years now, the principal fundraiser for Tarvin Community Woodland has been the annual plant sale, held on the front of Tarvin Methodist Church in mid-May. This year's sale had a spectacularly good selection of plants and, during the two-hour session, we raised over £2,000 to help us to maintain the woodland. There were some plants left and so the Trustees took a stall at Tarvin Fête in order to try to sell some more of these plants and the afternoon raised a further £190! On the following day, Trust members Sue & Tom Makin ran an Open Garden at their home, Clemley House, Duddon, in aid of Cheshire Wildlife Trust and we were offered a table in the car park, where we could offer our remaining plants. This time, we did not make a charge, but asked instead for a donation in aid of Tarvin Community Woodland Trust and the afternoon produced a further £55 for the funds. At last, all of the 2022 plants are gone and we are beginning to turn our thoughts to the Plant Sale 2023.

Might you be able to raise a few plants for us? We'd be very grateful!

Problems with feeding birds (and other creatures).

For some time, we have been feeding birds in the woodland and we have noticed that some foods are more popular than others. For instance, who would have guessed that almost none of our birds will take bird seed? And most of the peanuts that have been put out in the woodland have been eaten by squirrels, rather than the birds for whom they are intended? This, by the way, is despite our paying out for supposedly squirrel-proof feeders! Cunning little blighters, these grey squirrels!

Now all creatures should have a place in our woodland, but the extra food that the squirrels are getting must have played a part in the boom in the squirrel population - and our woodland seems to be supplying the rest of the village with grey squirrels, which is not a situation that we intended. However, we hope that there might possibly be a way to reverse this trend. The volunteers who top up the bird food have noticed that the squirrels do not eat the sunflower hearts, which the small birds love. Therefore, we have decided to conduct an

experiment - we will discontinue feeding peanuts and, for the next few months, will only feed sunflower hearts. Let's see if the squirrels continue to ignore the sunflower seeds and so our feeding would be just for the benefit of the small birds!

School walks in the woodland.

For over a dozen years, Woodland Trustees have been taking Tarvin School's Years 1 and 2 children out into the woodland. We do our walks on four occasions each year and they are timed so that we can show the youngsters how the trees, plants and animals are responding to the changes in the amount of daylight and sunshine during the various seasons. It is fascinating to be able to talk to the children about what are the differences between the seasons and why it is that they are happening. It is also very good for the Trustees to try to see our woodland and what is happening to it through young eyes!

We all may recognise that Tarvin village is exceedingly fortunate to have its own woodland within the village boundary. But how many schools do you suppose have access to a woodland by walking through a gate in the playing field fence? Jim Grogan always wanted the woodland to be a huge asset to the community. I think that we can say that, without doubt, it is the most enormous asset imaginable. Thank you, Jim!

Our recent dealings with CWaC.

As a village organisation, Tarvin Parish Council provides Tarvin Community Woodland Trust with our first point of reference when we are concerning ourselves with things that go on at or outside our own boundaries. Occasionally, though, the Parish Council refer us upwards to the Borough Council and we have had a couple of instances of this recently. The first of these was triggered by an incident where a large and over-enthusiastic dog terrified a puppy which was out for its first walk in the woodland. The puppy's owner pointed out that, while Saxon Heath has notices asking that dogs be kept under control, there were no such notices at the gateways of the older parts of the woodland. The original notices were provided for the footpaths by CWaC and so we hoped that they might be able to provide some more, so that every Woodland gateway has one. Public Rights of Way Officer Peter Atkinson came up trumps and sent us four of the signs free of charge, so that every woodland gateway now bears the reminder that all dogs must be under control.

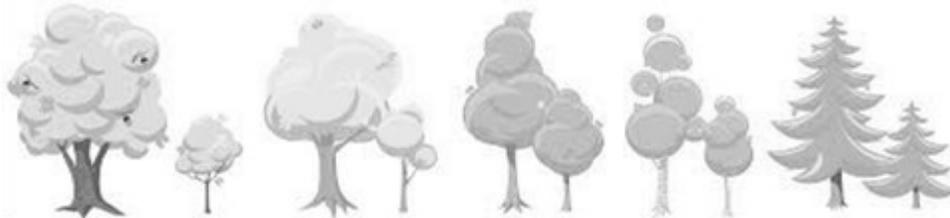
The second reason for getting in touch with CWaC concerns the gateway between Broomheath Lane and the Saxon Heath estate. Originally, the developers set this up with a 5-bar gate in the hawthorn hedge but, following a repair, difficulties in opening the gate have resulted in folk going through a gap between the gatepost and the fence of the adjacent house. This became very tricky to negotiate, despite the efforts of a public-spirited person who put hardcore onto the muddy mess in order to try to improve the surface. Our woodland is supposed to be accessible to all, including disabled people, and this gateway (which is necessary to give access to the Saxon Heath section of our woodland) is not at all suitable for wheelchairs or buggies and prams! We have asked CWaC to do something about it and they have told us that the matter is under consideration. We will report progress as it occurs.

Our website.

Everything that is going on in the woodland is well documented on our very extensive (and frequently updated) website. Do 'visit' us at: www.tarvincommunitywoodland.org

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Tarvin Parish, St Andrew's and St Peter's takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.chester.anglican.org/social-responsibility/safeguarding