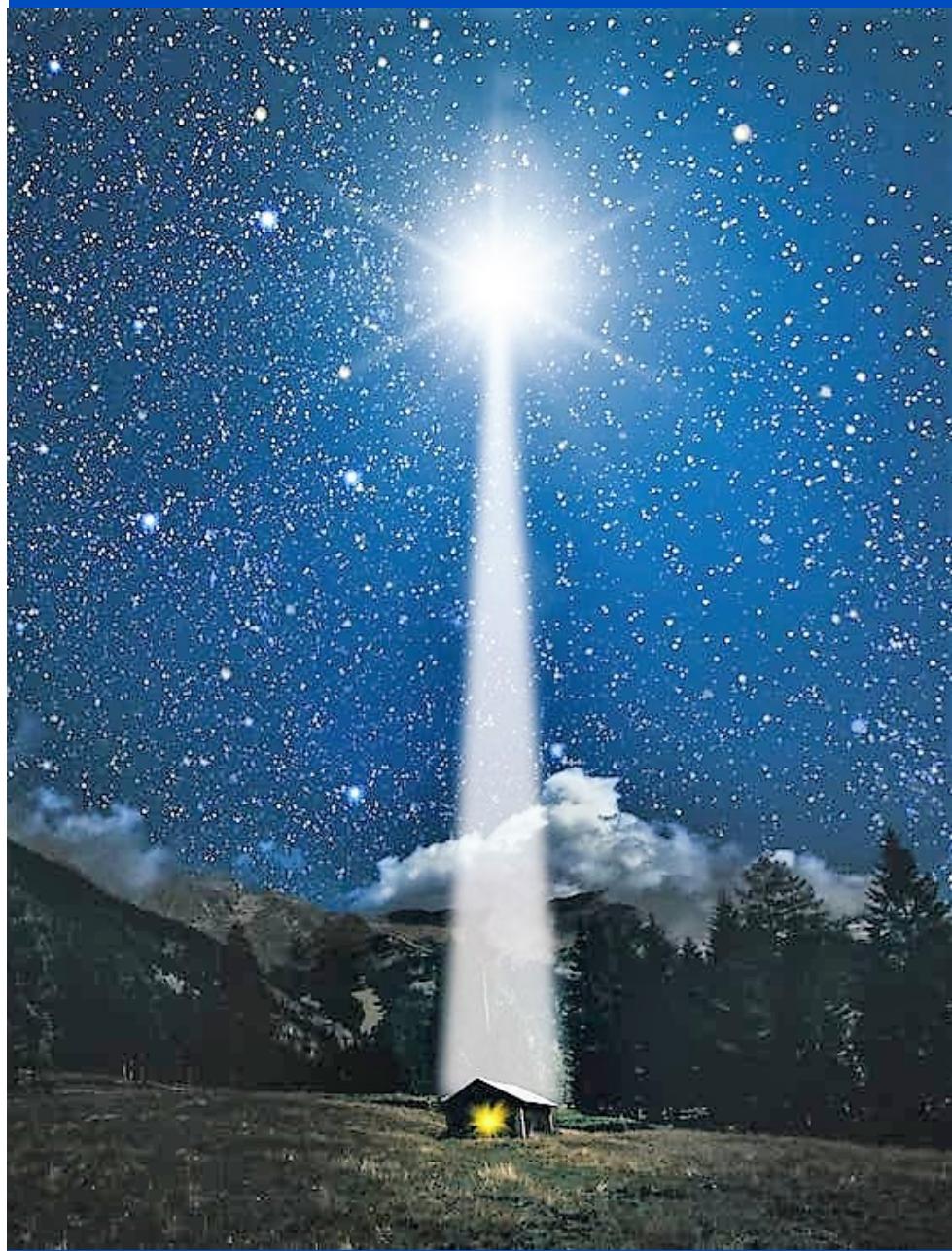


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GRAPEVINE December 2021 75p

From the Vicar...

Advent within many households is an important time, as we count down the days until Christmas Day, until we find out if we are on the naughty or the nice list. If you have an Advent Calendar the doors will be opening each day from the 1st. Or maybe you have a candle you burn. In our churches we have an advent crown with five Candles. One for each Sunday as we count down to Christmas and one to light at Sunset on Christmas Eve as we welcome in the birth of Jesus. I know we live in a world where we sing carols in November, trees are already up, Christmas Markets are flourishing, and we are still in November.

The preparation time for Christmas, Advent needs to probably move to September in order for us to make time and space to get ready for Christmas. There is always so much to do when we are getting ready for Christmas. Even more so this year as we are preparing to spend the time around the season of Christmas with Family and Friends, which we were not able to do last year.

I have seen messages this year that top of the list for all the adults written for Father Christmas is to be with friends and family and to enjoy the company of others. It has taken the experiences that we have had in order to make us as a human, see what is most important to us. It isn't about the latest gadget, it is about time spent with others. My hope is that we are all looking to bring joy to others and show kindness to those whom we meet. This is for me part of Advent, part of the preparation for Christmas. Understanding that we need to be in the right mind for Christmas, after all in the big scheme of the world, it is one day. The hype and imagery of what Christmas should be and look like in our homes, makes some of us feel inadequate, while sadly there are families in our society, closer to home than we imagine, where the stress of getting food and a present is so high and there are not always food or gifts in the house come the 25th of December.

Generosity and Kindness are by far the gifts we can give to others this Christmas, looking after the person next to us, thinking who might need a call to alleviate the loneliness, when for them Christmas is a dread rather than a joy. Maybe you can donate some treats for the Foodbank. Preparing for Christmas is important but being prepared for Christmas is probably more important. The reality is that we need to understand what Christmas is really about, and we miss it every year, I am sure.

Christmas is a reminder that we are given a gift of faith through the birth of Jesus. The journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, is a reminder of the way the world responds to human beings and there is no choice in our lives on so many occasions. Mary and Joseph are made to become refugees because of those in authority. Jesus is born in a strange land, and within two years his life is threatened and Mary and Joseph, leave with Jesus quickly into Egypt.

Please join me for Advent online, with a short time on Monday evenings, 7.30pm - 8.30pm please look in the magazine for the zoom joining details.

We know that when we prepare for something in runs well and even smoothly. We know that even in the most well oiled plan sometimes there is a curve ball that enters and plans have to change. Just like Mary and Joseph. No accommodation when they arrived, Mary about to give birth, not exactly the well thought out plan. However, things are always worse without a plan. Without the preparation.

Let us be ready for Christmas, it doesn't matter when we get ready, its putting the time in that is important, putting the plan together.

Adam

Advent Online

A course based on the songs from Frozen and Frozen 2.

4 sessions 29th Nov, 6th, 13th and 20th December 7.30pm-8.30pm
Adam is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 255 841 5813
Passcode: 2021

Christmas Services

December 5 th	6.30pm Advent Carols (St Andrews)
December 12 th	4pm Messy Church Christmas Crafts (St Andrews)
December 12 th	5.30pm Carol Service (St Peters)
December 19 th	10.45am Children's "Nativity, Not Nativity" St Andrews
December 19 th	6.30pm Traditional Carol Service (St Andrews)
Christmas Eve	4.30pm Christingle Service (St Andrews)
Christmas Eve	11pm First Communion of Christmas (St Andrews)
Christmas Day	8am Holy Communion (St Andrews)
Christmas Day	9am Family Communion (St Peters)
Christmas Day	10am Family Communion (St Andrews)
December 26 th	10.45am Family Communion (St Andrews)

Church Diary

DECEMBER

1 st	9.15am Morning Prayer (SA) 10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
2 nd	9am Collective Worship (SP) 10am - 11am Coffee Morning (SP) 12noon Wedding (SA)
5 th	8am Holy Communion (SA) 9.30am Family Worship (SP) 10.45am Family Communion (SA) 6.30pm Advent Carols
6 th	7.30pm Advent Course Online (zoom)
8 th	9.15am Morning Prayer (SA) 10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
9 th	9am Collective Worship (SP) 10am - 11am Coffee Morning (SP)
12 th	8am Holy Communion (SA) 9.30am Family Communion (SP) 10.45am Family Worship (SA) 4pm Messy Church (SA) 5.30pm Carol Service (SP)
13 th	7.30pm Advent Course Online (zoom)
15 th	9.15am Morning Prayer (SA) 10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
16 th	9am Collective Worship (SP) 10am - 11am Coffee Morning (SP)

- 19th 8am Holy Communion (SA)
 9.30am Family Worship (SP)
 10.45am Nativity Service (SA)
 6.30pm Carol Service (SA)
 20th Advent Course Online (zoom)
 22nd 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
 24th 4.30pm Christingle Service (SA)
 11am First Communion on Midnight (SA)
 25th 8am Holy Communion (SA)
 9am Family Communion (SP)
 10am Family Communion (SA)
 26th 10.45am Family Communion (SA)
 29th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)

JANUARY

- 2nd 8am Holy Communion (SA)
 9.30am Family Communion (SP)
 10.45am Family Worship (SA)
 6.30pm Choral Evensong (SA)
 5th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
 6th 9am Collective Worship (SP)
 10am -11am Coffee Morning (SP)
 9th 8am Holy Communion (SA)
 9.30am Family Worship (SP)
 10.45am Family Communion (SA)
 4pm Messy Church (SA)
 11th 10.30am Ministry Team Meeting (PR)
 12th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
 13th 9am Collective Worship (SP)
 10am -11am Coffee Morning (SP)
 16th 8am Holy Communion (SA)
 9.30am Family Communion (SP)
 10.45am Family Worship(SA)
 6.30pm Taize Worship (SA)
 17th 7.30pm PCC Meeting (PR)
 18th 6.30pm FGB Duddon Governors
 19th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
 20th 9am Collective Worship (SP)
 10am -11am Coffee Morning (SP)

23rd 8am Holy Communion (SA)
9.30am Family Worship (SP)
10.45am Family Communion (SA)
26th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (SA)
27th 9am Collective Worship (SP)
10am -11am Coffee Morning (SP)

Church Floodlight Fund

With loving Birthday memories on 20th December of David a dear husband and father.

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Christmas and New Year best wishes and thanks to all my dear friends in Tarvin
from Mona Thomas

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Will you manage to find them every day throughout Advent?

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Tales from the Graveyard

John Plant is retiring from leading the Z Team at the 2021 AGM after 31 years of leadership. Below are a few notes taken during a conversation held earlier in November:

What was the graveyard like when you decided to set up the team?

JP: Back in the late 80's, when I had just retired, I joined the British Trust of Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) to keep busy. When I took over as St. Andrew's Churchwarden in 1990, the grass in the graveyard was waist high. Up to this point, the grass had been cut on a 3 monthly basis to try to keep it in check. It was a group of BTCV volunteers who first came with Scythes and Sickles to get the grass under control. Thereafter, Richard Todd and I started to cut it with the one grass mower we had, plus one strimmer. A ride-on mower was also offered for use on the larger areas of grass, but was not used due to the diminishing area of grass in the churchyard. In the following years, other team members joined and the team developed onward from there. In 1999, the maintenance expenditure was just under £200, compared to what is going to be an expensive year in 2021 of nearly £1000, when new equipment has been bought, and some major projects undertaken.

What do you think has changed over the 31 years?

JP: The major change has been the number of volunteers who are now in the team. From the initial two of us, there are now 12 in the team who regularly attend on Wednesday afternoons. The neatness of the graveyard is reflected by the work undertaken, and we know it is appreciated by many who walk through it. The other change is the range of skills that are now available with professional Engineers of different disciplines, ex Company Directors and Managers as well as a professional Tanker Driver. The spin off from this is that the equipment can be readily maintained in house, including fitting of new bodies to rusting mowers, engine replacements and strip downs/repairs of both mowers and strimmers.

What would you say were your high spots, and low points?

JP: Without a doubt, the high spot is each AGM when I see the whole team sitting around a table, chatting socially, and feeling very proud that they have given their services week after week, in all conditions, and being very proud of what they have achieved. Alas, the low points occur when a team member is unable to continue or passes away, which, sadly, has occurred seven times over the period.

How about the achievements over the years?

JP: There really are many major projects fulfilled in this period. A water supply to the "new" graveyard area, repairing a leak on the same pipeline, four diseased trees felled, walls repaired, and the pathway re-stoned twice are just some that come to mind. The main achievement, though, is the high standard that we are able to maintain to keep the graveyard appreciated by all.

What do you think will change in the next ten years?

JP: I am sure there will be a change of personnel as the team members get older, but I hope that new blood will come in to keep the team viable. I would also assume that new equipment will have to be purchased to replace the older ones, maybe with some developments in battery powered ones, but charging may be an issue with these.

Any other thoughts?

JP: One disappointment I have is that we never managed to get a Green Flag award for all the hard work done by the volunteers. However, after a presentation about the work in the Graveyard to the Women's Group, the Rev Barbara King made one and presented it to us in recognition of what we do. It is now displayed in the doorway of the Z Team shed.



Even though I am retiring from leading the Team, it is still my intention to be a part of the team each Wednesday. I believe, though, that I have to say a big thank-you to all who have volunteered over the years and ensured the graveyard is maintained to the present high standards. It is important to me that I always said to each of them, "Thank you for coming". (We say to John, "Thank you for leading us.")

John Plant at 90

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Curates Corner

December into January.

Tis the season to be jolly...

Young Tom was spending Christmas with his grand parents. On Christmas morning the family went to church. While they were waiting for the service to start, Tom read the notice board and then looked at all the pictures along the walls. When he came to a group of pictures of men in uniform, he asked a nearby verger, 'Who are all those men in the pictures?' The verger replied, 'Why, those are our boys who died in the service'. Severely shaken, Tom asked, 'Was that the carol service or the Christmas Day service?'

Ho, Ho, HO! It would never happen in Tarvin!

Oh, and Happy New Year! If you wonder where 2021 has suddenly gone I am, of course referring to the Church's new year which begins on the first Sunday of Advent. This gives us four Sundays before Christmas to get ready for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Getting ready! The shops were getting ready in October and I am sure I saw some hot cross buns which got me totally confused! I love browsing through the decorations, good to see so many more wooden ones to replace the plastic, it is all so pretty. That in itself is good for the spirits. We need the brightness of lights and sparkle in the early dark, long evenings.

I read in the paper that Christmas will happen this year without interruptions from covid and because turkeys will be available! I pray that this is still so! Even if a turkey isn't a vital part of your Christmas Day getting ready will be. There is always so much to do! Which is why we need to take care of ourselves as well, making sure we are ready too.

The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth. It is a time to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music and services, about the true meaning of that birth; a birth that brought the light of salvation into the world.

Christmas is a time of lights; lights on the tree, lights on houses and in the garden, the Advent ring in church with a candle for each of the four weeks and the central one for Christmas Day.

I pray for the light and love of Christ to be in your homes this Christmas and always. A light that will carry you into the New Year and whatever it may bring, it is a light that will never go out.

Happy Christmas!

Welcome to 2022!

May this be the year when your resolutions are achieved - so be realistic! This is a brighter New Year than going into 2021, hopefully it will be a healthier and safer one.

Whatever the year does bring and there will be happiness and sadness, there is always hope in a new year, the excitement of a fresh start but also a continuation of life. I hope the year is full of friends and family and the hurts of lockdown will begin to be a fading memory.

When you come up against the negative thoughts, reactions from people, remember to try and look at the circumstances through God's eyes. When we look through the eyes of God, we are enabled to see things as God sees them. We will be able to see hope that has no limits. We will be able to see a future that is greater than anything in our past. We will be able to see the mercy, grace and peace of God that will love us forever.

Remember God didn't move the Red Sea, he parted it, so sometimes God doesn't remove our problems but instead shows us a way through them.

Calm me, Lord, as you stilled the storm.
Still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease,
Enfold me, Lord in your peace.

May 2022 be peaceful and full of love and light.

Love and prayers,
Barbara



PRAYER FOR DECEMBER 2021

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If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

A Christmas Prayer by R.L.Stevenson

Loving Father,

Help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

May Christmas morning make us happy to be your children and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.



Community Newsround

Ashton Hayes and Tarvin Flower Club

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War Memorial Hall, Duddon

The Christmas Quiz will be held at the War Memorial Hall, Duddon on Friday 10th December at 8pm, entry will be £5 and there will a variety of snacks, a bar and raffle.

Duddon St Peter's CE Primary School

I can't believe that another month has rolled by at school. I think that a little bit of Christmas mania is starting to set in as we turn our sights towards the Christmas productions and the Christmas fair at school. It feels extra special this year after last year not going ahead and the children missing out on so much social time at school.

The school choir will be singing at a carol service on the 12th at Duddon St Peter's and this will also be a lovely opportunity for them to show all the hard work they have been doing in the after-school choir with Ken.

Our Year Six children have taken part in a hockey tournament between other primary schools at Deeside Ramblers, and sadly lost out on first place by a goal difference of one goal! They all really enjoyed it though and it was excellent to see a competitive spirit tempered with good sportsmanship in defeat.

On Thursday the 9th of December there is a Treetops Stay and Play for the little ones, so if you would like to come along, please get in touch with the school. Tuesday mornings is also Treetots in the church, so if you fancy coming to have a cuppa and a play with your little ones then please pop in from 9.15am.

Birds on the Farm

At this time of year the garden birds are all looking smart - they have mostly reared their young and their feathers are looking good again. Having said that, I noticed the pied wagtails have recently had chicks - hope they survive.

The black birds and thrushes have eaten all the mountain ash berries and are also enjoying the fruit of the elderberry bushes. Any wind fall apples are quickly devoured. Usually we have an abundance of bramley apples and I store some to put out in bad weather, but this year there has been a very poor crop.

The great spotted woodpecker regularly visits the garden and in the summer we hear it drumming in the trees. We saw their young on the bird feeders looking just like the parent birds but rather more clumsy. Come autumn we usually see less of them. However this year one has taken to enlarging the hole in one of my nest boxes rendering it useless for the blue or great tits next spring. I wonder is it looking for a roost for winter or is it eliminating the competition for nuts next year?

Have you noticed all the geese flying over us this year? It is a long time since I've seen such numbers. I love to hear them honking and watch their V formations.

Wishing all fellow bird lovers a very happy Christmas!

Pat Briscoe

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If you have anything from your Tarvin archives that you think may be of interest for the 125th edition please get in touch.

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One man's story

He was born in a barn, his father a carpenter, and his mother a decent woman, but they were of no significance and certainly couldn't afford to give the boy a private education.

And yet, as a teenager, he was arguing the toss with his elders and betters in the council chambers.

He never got a proper job, just roamed around the countryside, unshaven, and living off bread and water and the occasional fish, while offering his opinions to those who cared to listen.

He became the manager of a football team known as The Disciples, not one of them a star, in fact the twelfth man rather let the side down by accepting a transfer fee of thirty pieces of silver to play for the opposition.

The authorities eventually arrested him as a rabble-rouser, but couldn't decide what to charge him with, other than the fact he claimed he was the Son of God.

They strung him up with a couple of criminals, and when he finally gave up the ghost, rather assumed that would be the last they'd hear of him. The Disciples were relegated at the end of the season, in fact the captain denied on more than one occasion that he'd ever been a member of His team.

When He died at the age of 33, there were no obituaries in the local press reporting his achievements, no glossy supplements highlighting his colourful career, no radio programmes to discuss his legacy, and no box sets recording any of his miracles.

But then, He'd never relied on focus groups to advise him on current trends, or advertising gurus to spend millions promoting his brand, or spin doctors to sharpen his image, and he didn't require social media to keep his followers up to date, so you could be forgiven for assuming he'd be forgotten in a few days.

So how can one explain that over two thousand years later, Jesus Christ is still the best-known celebrity on earth? Could it just be that He was the Son of God?

Woodland Notes

*The Trustees, members and volunteers of
Tarvin Community Woodland Trust
send everyone in Tarvin their greetings
and very best wishes for a peaceful Christmas.
We all wish you a Christmas celebration that is
happy and jolly, full of fun
and without any worry or sadness.*

*(Incidentally, we can recommend a stroll through
the woodland to help Christmas dinner to go down!)*

Christmas in the woodland.

Christmas celebrations come in all sorts and descriptions but possibly the most unusual one to be found locally is the decorated tree within Tarvin woodland. Here, a tree planted to commemorate the founder of our woodland (Jim Grogan) is each year decorated by a group of people who don't know each other and whose only connection is a love of our woodland (and perhaps the need to walk their dogs!) [Jim's tree is the one of the pair of yew trees that is nearer to the path, almost opposite our storage container at Hockenhull Lane, close to the power lines. Jim himself planted the other (larger) tree to celebrate the life of his elder brother Ben.]

Each year, during the early weeks of December, the users of the woodland bring along appropriate decorations and put them on the tree, so that, little by little, it becomes a riot of colour and sparkle that can gladden one's heart on a miserable and dull winter day. **There are a few (very obvious) rules that apply:** - **none of the ornaments must be made of breakable glass, the tree must not be harmed in any way, hands must be washed after hanging the ornaments (because yew is poisonous) and EVERYTHING hung on the tree must be removed by the person who put it there before the middle of January.**

No one plans the display. No one organises the decoration. No one artistically arranges the ornaments. It is truly a community activity, with those individuals taking part doing so only because they wish to do so. So, when you walk through the woodland during the Christmas period and see the tree standing there in all its finery, you will know that here is a very special Christmas greeting brought to you by the users of the woodland. Truly a Christmas greeting from a part of the Tarvin community to the rest of the Tarvin community. How splendidly appropriate!

Stuart Exell

It is with deep regret that we have to tell you of the death at the end of October of our former chairman, Stuart Exell. Stuart had been ill for some considerable period of time and, although he bore his problems with

fortitude and continued to do as much as he could until quite recently, he was obliged to resign as both Chairman and Trustee in the Summer.

During Stuart's ten years as chairman, he was instrumental in piloting the Trust through many of the most significant events of its brief history. He led the funding negotiations and subsequent improvement work to the pathways, he was the central figure in all of the negotiations with Taylor Wimpey that resulted in our acquisition of the Saxon Heath section of the woodland, he bargained with CWaC over the sale of the original woodland to the Trust and he was the prime mover in the conversion of the Trust into a Company Limited by Guarantee. His leadership, business acumen and profound good sense were central to the functioning of the Trust but his greatest satisfaction came from being a part of the team of volunteers working in the woodland and he was immensely proud of what the Trust has been able to achieve. As a mark of their respect for him, the Trustees had decided to make Stuart the first Honorary Trustee of Tarvin woodland. It is to be regretted that the opportunity to present him with the certificate did not present itself but he was aware of our intentions.

That Tarvin Woodland is as extensive as it is and belongs entirely to the community is thanks in no small measure to the involvement and efforts of Stuart Exell. Thank you, Stuart. The entire village owes you a debt of gratitude.

Our Green Flag number 12.

It was in 2010 that the Trust first applied for a Green Flag (which, at that time, was a pennant because we are a voluntary organisation - to distinguish us from all of the municipal parks!) This award was something that was very close to the heart of Jim Grogan (our founder) and he found out that our woodland had been successful just before he died. Each year since then, we have applied for the award and each time we have been successful, so that the Green Flag for 2021 is number 12 in the collection. Having received one for each year is a great credit to the work of our stalwart band of volunteers who do so much to keep our woodland in top-top condition.

Along with the plaque which gets fastened to a gate in the woodland, we also receive a genuine flag (so that we now have 11 flags and 1 pennant.) Because we do not have a flag pole, these are in the custody of Tarvin School, where they are kept in the display case that also houses the Jim Grogan "Countryside and Wildlife Award" Book. Thus, the school is playing an important part in the history of the village's woodland - which is exactly as it should be!

The woodland Bug Hotels.

Some time ago, the Tarvin branch of "Wildlife Watch used pallets to construct a bug hotel behind Tarvin School in the woodland. Over time, this original hotel, situated near the bird hide, suffered the depredations of the weather and had reached a very sorry state of repair. It was due to be

renovated in the spring of 2020, by Tarvin Cubs but the pandemic meant that they were unable to meet in groups and so the project was put on hold. After several months of meeting over 'Zoom', Tarvin Beavers were very excited to get back to meeting outdoors again and decided that they would get going with the restoration

On Monday 20th September the Beavers set to work, constructing new hotels. The old hotel was carefully de-constructed, salvaging as many materials as possible to reuse in the new accommodation. Indeed, many of the hotel guests were relocated to the new lodgings. The remains of the old hotel teemed with life, including spiders, woodlice, snails, worms, centipedes, millipedes and frogs, showing what important work such structures do in providing shelter for many different species! The decaying bits of wood from the old pallets were left to continue their decomposition in the woodland, where plenty of fungus can be seen doing its job, too.

The main structure of the new hotels was built using pallets kindly donated by Okells Garden Centre, while the Beavers brought materials from their homes and gardens to furnish the structures. They had collected wood, bricks, straw, sticks, carpet, wool and broken flower pots. The Beavers had great fun deciding on the layout and imagining the creatures finding this wonderful hotel and moving in! Finally, the roof of the hotels was covered with carpet and pond liner to keep some of the rain out. The Beavers hope that visitors to the woodland will take a look at these fine bug hotels and everyone is welcome to add more materials to the structures to make them as cosy as possible.

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 COMMUNITY CENTRE 4th December 2021

There will be two shows 2 pm and 4pm

Booking available at Tarvin Post Office or

www.ticketsource.co.uk/tarvincommunitycentre