



From the Vicar...

As I write this I wonder if I can fit another event in before Christmas. I'm sure I can, but maybe park that to next year. We seem to be (well I do) wanting to make up for the lack of interaction and see what else we can, I can do. The event would have been on the 19th of November when it is 'International World Toilet Day'. Some will remember a few years ago when we had a sponsored 'sit on the throne' day from 7am Saturday to 7am Sunday. Some people came and sat on the loo for an hour to draw attention and collectively we were sponsored for the event raising just under £1000 sent to WaterAid. We have seen again throughout this time of desperation that those countries that have and the ones who have not. I am thankful for our health service and all those involved in it, but there are those in our world who still don't have access to three basic things in life. Fresh, clean water, Food and Shelter. As you will no doubt deduce that this is close to my heart and indeed one of the things that I really get passionate about. So be warned for 2022 the loo at the gates will be back and volunteers to 'sit on the throne' will be required and also some sponsorship!

What about the here and now, as I write this it is only 9 weeks to Christmas Day. It is nice to see that this festival is getting unprecedented publicity, but not for the right reasons of course. The fear of all the favourite food items and gifts possibly being on a ship, in a port or on a lorry somewhere. Whatever the truth of the situation we may be missing the point. To many in a world, it is the same as this each year. The uncertainty of what is to come. It seems that when it affects us then we see the situation in a different light.

In preparation for Christmas, we have Advent, a time of getting ready. Yes we decorate our homes, do the shopping and the wrapping. I invite you to join me online for lent if you can. Each session will be about an hour and will follow some the themes from the music of the Disney film Frozen, and follow the 4 weeks of the advent wreath. The booklet will be available for individuals and groups to use (printed in the December magazine), there will also be videos from our YouTube channel to compliment the booklet for people to use. It is designed to be used with Children as well and I would encourage you to try if you can (You could use the material involved in about 15mins without a deep in-depth discussion). However, be warned with children this is not always the case.

Adam

Services

St Andrew's

8am

Every Sunday BCP communion

10.45am

1st and 3rd Sunday's Family Worship (with communion)

2nd and 4th Sunday's (and 5th) Family Worship (not Communion)

6.30pm

1st and 3rd Sunday's at 6.30pm Evensong BCP

2nd Sunday (No Service)

4th Sunday 4pm 'the One service' (all age) 6.30pm Taize style worship (reflective and quiet)

St Peter's

9.30am 1st and 3rd Sunday's (and 5th) Family Worship (not Communion)

9.30am 2nd and 4th Sunday's Family Worship (with communion)

Remembrance Day & Remembrance Sunday Services

11th of November 10.55am - Act of Remembrance (War Memorial)

14th of November 10.45am Remembrance Service with the Act of Remembrance (War Memorial)

Christmas Services 2021

Carol Services

December 12th 5.30pm - St Peters

December 19th 6.30pm - St Andrews

Christmas Eve

4.30pm Christingle Service - St Andrews

11pm First Communion of Christmas - St Peters

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion - St Andrews

9am Family Communion - St Peters

10am Family Communion - St Andrews

December 26th - Feast of St Stephen

10.45am Family Communion - St Andrews

Parish records—WW1 Remembrance Plans

The war wasn't officially over until the signing of the Peace Treaty in June 1919 but by March of that year Tarvin was already thinking about how to commemorate the servicemen who had lost their lives in the conflict. The Parish Magazine reported:

During the war we who perforce remained at home often looked forward to and spoke of the glorious day when war should be over and our boys home again. Well if our boys are not all back, at any rate a good many are and more will soon be here.

There are some alas who will never return but must never be forgotten How shall we commemorate these who have given their all and given it gladly? How shall we make sure that the priceless lesson of their self-sacrifice shall not be lost on succeeding generations? We have had a public meeting in Tarvin and a committee has been appointed representing all sections of the community. Several schemes have been considered but the one which finds most favour is the erection of a cross in front of the churchyard facing the Duddon Road. Three people have been asked to submit sketches - Mr Frank Shurrock, Mr Oakley and Mr Griffiths

The Treaty of Versailles which marked the final end to the First World War was signed at 4:00 pm on Saturday June 28th 1919 and in the following month, Tarvin held its Peace Celebration which was recorded in the August edition of the Parish Magazine:

Saturday 26th July was a red-letter day in Tarvin. On that day we celebrated the signing of the peace treaty with Germany and extended a public welcome to our returned soldiers. The proceedings began with a procession through the village. The soldiers under the command of Sgt. Higgins led the way, then came the Over Silver Band and after the band two decorated lorries filled with members of the GFS (Girls Friendly Society) dressed to represent Britannia and her daughters and the allied countries. The children and the members of the BWTA formed the centre and the rear was brought up by the members of two friendly societies: the Recabites and Ancient Shepherds. When the procession arrived at the field kindly lent by Mr J Lloyd a short service of thanksgiving was conducted by the vicar. The hymns "All People That on Earth do Dwell", "Now Thank We All our God" and "O God our Help in Ages Past" were sung, the band accompanying. The lesson Colossians 3:1-5 was read by Rev Sutcliffe.

Tea was served to the children in the school and to the adults in a large tent. Mr Ratcliffe very kindly entertained our soldiers and Mr F Dodd, the relations of the fallen in another tent. The vicar and Mrs Wilcockson provided peace

mugs for the children. Mr Gunnery catered for the tea and gave entire satisfaction. After tea, some hundreds of people enjoyed themselves to the top of their bent. A very good programme of sports had been arranged. Dancing went merrily until dark and the hobby horses and various side shows did great business. The committee and especially Mr Wright and the secretary Mr Bliss are to be congratulated on the success of their effort.

A final decision about the War Memorial was made in March 1920. It had been decided to place the cenotaph in the centre of the High Street (where the pump once stood) but after the committee received a letter from the highways authority forbidding the site, it was decided to erect it in its present position and on March 22nd, a committee was appointed to carry out the work. The cenotaph was unveiled in the following year and the Parish Magazine wrote:

On Sunday 12th December 1921 in the afternoon our War Memorial was dedicated and unveiled. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Dr Moreton and the service was conducted by the Vicar assisted by the Rev J W Gardner of Kelsall, Wesleyan Minister, who read the lesson. After a short service in church a procession was formed and proceeded to the Memorial. The choir and clergy led the way and following them came the relatives of the fallen, the comrades of the Great War and the general congregation. There was a very large attendance. Many being unable to obtain seats were obliged to stand throughout the service. At the close of the service, the National Anthem was sung and the last post and reveille were sounded from the top of the church tower. Before the congregation dispersed a Military Medal and bar to the same were formally presented to William Didsbury who had won them by two deeds of conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty.

Thanks to Jo Richards for this article



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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Passcode: 2021

Mary & Joseph to travel through Tarvin

The Journey to Bethlehem.

Throughout December you will find Mary, Joseph and their donkey somewhere in Tarvin on their journey to Bethlehem.

Will you spot them?

Will they be in a garden in your street, or someone's front window, perhaps in a local shop, or even visiting the school?

Follow their journey to Christmas as they move round the village from place to place each day.
Will you manage to find them every day throughout Advent?

You can be a part of their journey.....If you could offer a window, a front porch, or a suitable place for them to be found for one day of their travels then contact Paul Mercer Tel: 01829 309306 or Email: thorfastr@gmail.com

We need to find 23 different places for them to be seen!





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St Andrews Womans Group

Our first meeting of the year was a great success. A very sociable evening with wine and nibbles and time to chat and catch up with friends old and new. Our knowledge of unusual words and their meanings was put to the test with Barbara's quiz, the suggested meanings causing much hilarity. Rev Barbara King then took us through "what I did in lockdown" by showing us many items of patchwork that she had produced. This was a truly magnificent achievement and her work was admired greatly by everyone. Well done Barbara.

This was a very sociable evening and gave us the opportunity to enjoy the company of people we have missed.

Our next meeting will be advertised on tarvinonline, the village noticeboards and contact made by telephone to individuals. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



Community Centre News

Activity has been increasing as autumn has got under way and it is wonderful to see the Centre full again. Like everyone else we are watching the progress of the pandemic carefully and hoping that there will be no restrictions imposed. However, can we remind users that wearing a mask, while not compulsory at the moment, is a sensible thing to do if meeting or sitting with a large group of people.

We are delighted to welcome back W.W. (formerly Weight Watchers). Since Slimming World ceased there has been no opportunity for residents to get support to create a healthier lifestyle, of which losing weight is just a part. Fiona will be holding a class on a Wednesday evening from 5.00pm until 7.00pm in the Edna Rose Room and I am sure that this will be very successful.

On November 10th and 11th there will be a Vaccination Clinic again. Please watch out for notices about who can attend, the criteria and rules are set by the NHS and may change depending on Government policy. There will also be clinics on Dec 1st and 2nd.

As part of our autumn programme of culture, we are delighted to be able to welcome **Bowjangles** on **Friday November 12th at 7.30pm**. They are a string quartet, but not a standard one. No dinner jackets, no intricate chamber music needing deep concentration and definitely no solemn atmosphere. Bowjangles dance, sing and tell stories, while all the time playing their instruments to the highest professional standard - yes, even the cello. They are presenting their new piece "Dracula in Space" and I can assure you that there has never been anything like this in Tarvin before. Tickets are only £10 and available from the Post Office or www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts or on the door.

We are also delighted to be able to offer the latest James Bond film on Friday 19th. "No Time to Die" is Daniel Craig's last outing in the role, so well worth a ticket. At the time of writing we are not sure about a children's film, so please keep your eyes open for notices in the usual places, both online and on noticeboards.

Can we also remind you that there are two theatre performances on Saturday December 4th in the afternoon before the Christmas Market. With our usual pantomime not available we have booked M6 Theatre's delightful show "**Mavis Sparkle**" to entertain you. Well, we couldn't have the Christmas Market without a show for the family, now could we? This has now become a Tarvin tradition so we hope to see lots of happy children enjoying what is a lovely, magical story. Tickets are £6 for everyone and will be available soon.

For further information go to www.tarvincommunitycentre.org www.tarvinonline.org www.facebook.com/tarvincc or notice boards in the Centre and in the village

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Curates Corner

Dull November brings the blast,
Hark! The leaves are whirling fast.

I take issue with dull November. It can't be dull while the trees are blazing out the last of their autumn splendour ready to reveal the beauty of their branches outlined on a wintery sky. Perhaps November can be called the thinking month. November begins with All Saint's Day Service when we remember, think about and celebrate the lives of all our dear ones who have died, doubly poignant recently due to the many difficult funerals that took place with Covid restrictions. It is the month when we remember and think of those who died in the two World Wars, and in the many conflicts since, and we pray for peace. And then, think of the sky lit up with fireworks, exciting and oooh inspiring ... and I have Smudge hiding behind the fridge, so do think about dogs and of course, stay safe! But perhaps even better we begin the countdown to Advent - which of course begins the countdown to Christmas!

I pray that preparations for Christmas will go smoothly but I fear that it may be a bit bumpy with deliveries being slower. We will all be sensible and not panic.

Staying afloat

The waters of life are still choppy, when are they not? Booster vaccines are helping along with the other doses and the flu jab! But having had a close encounter with Covid, I realise how easy it is to catch, without knowing how or where. I know we have to learn to live with it and going out and behaving normally is essential but if to have that freedom means home testing, social distancing still and wearing masks, and possibly self isolating then this is what I will do. Please keep safe!

Will your anchor hold?

God be with you in your reality.
Christ be with you in your adversity.
Spirit be with you in your perplexity.
And may you know yourself loved and cherished
By the glorious God who walks beside you. Amen

Love and prayers,
Barbara

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Weekly reflections

Week 1

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading John 11 32-44

"When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died'."

How we find it easy to blame God when things go wrong, even those of little or no faith, sometimes accuse God of being to blame. We can blame Global Warming on him, the melting ice caps, after all he should have made them more hardy, and indestructible. When things are not in favour, so it seems that God gets the brunt of it. I am sure that his shoulders are broad enough to take it. Who do we really blame, most of the time when something goes wrong, we have time to think about it we realise that we are partly to blame, if not solely for what has gone on. If we need to blame God, then that is fine, after all we cannot see what is always before us. We also put too much pressure on ourselves, after all when we seek forgiveness we need to be able to forgive ourselves as well as strive to make amends.

Prayers Week 1

Creator God, for making the world to be our home;
For making us in your image, to love and to serve you;
For calling us to be stewards of your creation:
We praise and thank you

Week 2

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark 1 14-20

"Follow me and I will make you fish for people"

I have never seen the attraction of fishing, but I have never given it a try. I know those that go find, solace and calm. It is about not being in control, a sense of waiting and patience. I know I'm not talking myself into it, but I can see the attraction. However, in humour I seem to be in a position of fishing for people. One that requires, patience, trying things that don't always work, moving 'up stream' maybe if there are no twitches on the line. One of the main difference is see is that I may try and fish, but God is the one that gets the bite. God is the one who sent the bait, Jesus, as our saviour. So maybe I should give this other fishing ago, even if it just for me to know that I am not in control and the best thing I can do is be patient.

Prayers Week 2

Serving God, for coming to live our human life among us;

For coming to break through the barriers of sin;

For calling us to share your forgiving love with all:

We praise and thank you.

Week 3

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen,

Mark 13 1-8

"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famine."

Well the time is here, these things have already happened and keep happening just as they did when Jesus was alive. The time of the kingdom of God its arrival is near. Is it nearer now than it first was? Well it cannot be further away seem as 2000 years have already passed. To Jesus however time meant something very different as we know from the Bible that Jesus is the word of God and the Word of God was around when the world was created, right at the very beginning of time. So is the time of Jesus coming not always, his kingdom will be on earth through the work that we do, or in some

ways not do. It is always apparent to me that in confession we always ask for forgiveness for things that we have done wrong but also for those things we didn't even attempt. We can choose to make a difference with our time, that can also have an effect on others.

Prayers Week 3

Empowering God, for filling us with love and joy and peace;
For filling us with courage and strength;
For calling us to serve you boldly, the living God:
We praise and thank you.

Week 4

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose Kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

John 18 33-37

"My kingdom is not of this world."

We may not always see Jesus as a king, after all his presence in this world not allude us to conclude this. He never spoke highly of those who were kings, rulers and leaders of the land as it was. Jesus was a king of a different world, of a kingdom that brought the goodness and not badness to the world. We neglect so much to want to admit that there is true evil in this world that taints the goodness that Jesus brings. Jesus is right in the middle of this in our reading as Pilate quizzes him. I am glad that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world, as it still gives us hope of what is to be, what is to come. It still matters to us, this world, as in the time we have upon us, it is our only one.

Prayers Week 4

Holy Spirit, you are depth, silence and wholeness.
Into a noisy, tiresome world speak your world of calm.
Into troubled, fretful hearts let your peace descend.
Into relationships fractured by misunderstanding and heart bring your reconciling love
And thus may we and our faith find depth, silence and wholeness.

Readers Emeritus



Two of our Readers were at Chester Cathedral on 9th October where they were given the status of "Reader Emeritus". It was the service to give licences to new Readers and Pastoral Assistants, and Ron Fuller and Colin Haworth (along with others who gained Emeritus status) were applauded for their long service. Emeritus Certificates were given out after the ceremony.

Congratulations to Ron and Colin.

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Prayer for November 2021

A time to remember

A simple activity prayer for all ages

We can all be involved in prayers for remembering, whether in church or at home. All you need for this simple prayer is your poppy.



Look at your poppy. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country, and each one remembered by and known to God.



Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.



Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.



Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.



Community Newsround

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

Wednesday 10th November 2021

Namiya Sianga

"Tis the Season"

War Memorial Hall, Duddon

The next quiz at the War Memorial Hall in Duddon will be held on the 12th November at 8pm, entry is £2.50 and there will be the usual bar and raffle.

Duddon St Peter's CE Primary School

It has been lovely to get back to some sort of normal at school this term. The whole school has taken part in an art week and the work they have produced is fantastic. We were able to have a display so the parents could come to school to see it all; there were paper mâché flowers, self-portraits, pumpkins, vegetable and sweetcorn pictures with different techniques used to colour and draw them, and prints made with fruit. The quality of the work was outstanding, and the children loved showing it all off in the exhibition.

We had an early Hallowe'en disco, the first one since Covid, and it was fair to say that the kids all let off a bit of steam with some funky dance moves. Everyone had made a huge effort for the fancy-dress competition - Mrs Entwistle and Mrs Knight were hard pushed to pick the winners.

We ended term with the Harvest Festival church service and again it was lovely to be able to welcome parents and carers into school for this. Well done to all the classes who performed during the service and especially Charlie Houlbrook for his violin solo, and Tom Davenport and Toby Pare for their piano solos, which were excellent.

Hopefully we will get nice weather over the half-term, and everyone will come back refreshed and ready for the new term.

Birds on the Farm

We very rarely see starlings in the garden but a few years ago for two nights flocks roosted in tall conifer trees in the garden. The following few nights they went in tall trees next door. I was fascinated to see the murmuration that occurred, so I settled myself, concealed under a hedge, and watched the spectacle unfold. Firstly, small flocks seemed to come together and over about an hour more small flocks joined them from all directions. All throughout there was this incredible aerobatic display, swooping, whirling and diving in perfect harmony. It was magical to watch. Then quite suddenly thousands of starlings started landing in the tall trees which were close together. It looked as if they were going down a funnel at speed. The wonderful show was over but the surprising thing to me was the noise they made once they had all landed, jostling for position I suppose. The racket went on certainly till I had gone to bed and of course the mess all over the trees was not pleasant! But what a fabulous sight - if you get the chance to see a murmuration of starlings don't miss it.

Pat Briscoe

@ Grapevine

The cover picture is of the Wire Soldiers - ghosts of soldiers silently standing over their graves at the St John's Churchyard, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire.

Copy deadline for the bumper village wide December edition is Friday 19th November.

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There's a COP coming!

What's all this in the news about COP26? Is it a fair COP? Will I COP it? No it's not a conference for 26 police people, but rather the 26th UN Conference of Parties, the latest round of international climate change talks to be held in Glasgow from 1st - 12th November. But what has that got to do with Christians?

Of course, the Climate Emergency - and the related Ecological Emergency - is of significance to every single person on this planet. If we are not being directly affected by it yet, we will be very soon, unless we are prepared to make very significant changes on both the individual and societal levels. A straightforward concern for our own futures ought to be enough to make us act. But are there any reasons why people of faith, including us Christians, should be especially involved? I believe these are.

Firstly, there is the central Christian teaching about love of our neighbours. We all know that 'neighbours' is a pretty much all-embracing term. All of those people in parts of the world already affected by climate change are our neighbours: rainforest communities whose homes are destroyed as the trees are cut down; Pacific islanders threatened by rising sea levels; the people of Bangladesh

whose annual monsoon season can now see as much as a third of the country under water; the Maasai people of Kenya and Tanzania who must migrate further to find grazing for their herds in an increasingly dry land. And then there are our neighbours who have yet to be born, the future generations who will inherit the earth we are shaping. We are called to love them too.

Secondly, there is the 'other-than-human' world for us to consider, the rest of God's creation: all those other 'creatures' - animals, fish, birds, insects, yes, but also plants, the soil and rocks, the very air we breathe. All of this is a creation, declared 'good' by God in the first Genesis creation story (Genesis 1:31). All of this is the 'world' that God loved so much (John 3:16) that Jesus came here to show us the way to eternal life. Christian scripture makes it abundantly clear that God loves and cares for everything that God has made, and it seems to me that we, who are made in the image of God, should also love and care for that whole creation.

Working to tackle the Climate Emergency is an important way of living out our Christian calling to love our neighbours, and also of reflecting God's inclusive love by caring for creation as a whole. One way we can show this love is to pledge to take one personal carbon reduction step to show our solidarity. Get ideas and sign up your step with millions from around the world at *Count us in* www.count-us-in.org/en-gb/ . Additionally, you may want to support Make COP Count <http://makecopcount.org/> calling on our political leaders for fairer global climate solutions.

I suspect - and I hope - that there are some big changes ahead of us all, changes that will help all of creation, both human and other-than-human, to flourish as God intends.

Rev Dr Jan Goodair, Joint Area Environment Champion - Leeds

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers , lovely cards, and best wishes during the past two months.

I am making progress, and have been able to go to church for the first time which was so good.

Many thanks, Marian Nicholas

Woodland Notes

The Jim Grogan Award for Tarvin School.

The countryside around Tarvin played an important part in the growing up of Jim Grogan, as he spent time in the fields, hedgerows, streams and lanes that have since been developed into what is now our modern village. He came to realise that all children can benefit hugely from an immersion in the living world around them and with nature in all its forms. This became an important part in his motivation to develop the strip of land, abandoned after the construction of the Tarvin A51 bypass, so that it became a woodland for the whole Tarvin community - but especially for the children. It is a fitting tribute to Jim's life that the "**Countryside and Wildlife Award**", presented annually to a pupil of Tarvin School, should be set up in his name. This year's presentation of the award was made in a special assembly held at the school on Thursday, 30th September.

The recipient for 2021 is Florence Lyne.

Florence has a love of nature which has grown over the years and is infectious. She has a fascination with small creatures and employs a "bug pot" to aid her creature-hunting around her garden and playground. Her enthusiasm for this rubs off on the other children, whom she encourages to join her. She has planted her garden with wild flowers in order to attract and protect the multitude of bees, butterflies and other insects which visit it.

The Wildlife Trusts "**#30DaysWild**" activity programme this summer has enabled Florence to undertake a wide variety of the activities suggested in her 'passport'. These have included the sowing of wildflower seeds, taking a wild photo, listening to birdsong, going on a bug hunt, following a bumblebee, identifying a wildflower, hugging a tree and exercising outdoors!

She is a regular user of Tarvin woodland and is a keen birdwatcher (being also a member of the RSPB). These two are frequently combined when Florence, who is also fond of climbing trees, is able to gain improved vantage points from which to watch the birds. She was very excited when, several weeks ago, she saw her first woodpecker in the woodland! A very observant person, she has particularly loved watching the nuthatches and was fascinated by the blue tits bringing food to their chicks in the nest boxes.

Her concern for nature and her avid love of reading combined wonderfully when, this year, she chose to give her class assembly on Wangari Maathai, the Kenyan founder of the Green Belt Movement - the organisation that has been able to plant over 45 million trees across Kenya in order to combat deforestation, stop soil erosion, and help generate income for women and their families. Florence was so inspired by what Wangari Maathai had achieved that she wanted to share this with her class and to encourage them to do what they can to help to protect nature.

Florence has a genuine love of all types of nature and, in particular, the huge variety that can be found in Tarvin. This is why Florence is considered to be a very worthy winner of the Jim Grogan Countryside and Wildlife Award for 2021.

Our Coffee Morning.

When times are "normal", the woodland runs two fundraising events each year - the plant sale in mid-May and a coffee morning in October. The pandemic did not prevent either of the plant sales from being held, although in quite different situations. However, during 2020, there was no question of running the coffee morning - which would have been an indoor event at Tarvin Methodist Church, which was then closed! Now that the Chapel is once again able to hold such events, we returned on Saturday, 16th October to hold our October Coffee Morning - the first such event to take place there since early 2019! We are fortunate to have a very loyal band of supporters and they once again turned out to make the morning a great success, albeit a somewhat quieter event than might have been the case pre-pandemic. We were able to talk to folk about the progress being made and the changes which are coming about and, additionally, we raised approximately £300 for our funds. Thanks go to everyone who helped and, especially, everyone who supported us.

Would you like to become a woodland volunteer?

Tarvin Community Woodland is cared for by a group of volunteers who meet each week to spend a couple of hours doing things that will keep our woodland tidy and well-managed. The essence of the time that they spend together is that they will all enjoy a morning with like-minded people who, while engaging in a laugh and a joke, are able to achieve an amazing amount. They do not need to have any prior knowledge about running a woodland; nor do they need any great physical strength. No one will be given a task beyond their competence or capability and, where it is needed, full instruction will be given. The Trust owns all of the necessary safety gear and most of the tools (although, where a number of people might be doing the same job, we may occasionally ask people to bring along their own secateurs, loppers or wheelbarrow!)

The volunteers are organised by **Peter Maiden (20, Hallfields Road, Tel: 01829 741078, pete.suemaiden@tiscali.co.uk)** and he is always pleased to hear from folk who can spare a few hours - not necessarily every week - to help in this way. It is by no means necessary for them to live in Tarvin. Everyone meets up each week at the Trust's storage container, just adjacent to the Hockenhull Lane gateway into the woodland, and it is from there that people go off to different parts of the woodland to carry out their tasks. It is exceedingly rare for anyone to be working alone.

However, it must be said that our volunteers are a hardy bunch and are not deterred by a few drops of rain or a morning that is a bit chilly! There is time to break for cup of tea or coffee part-way through, giving everyone a chance to gather together and get to know each other. If you could spare some time on a Thursday morning (even occasionally), then please do come along and give it a try. If you could also contact Pete in advance, that would be really helpful.

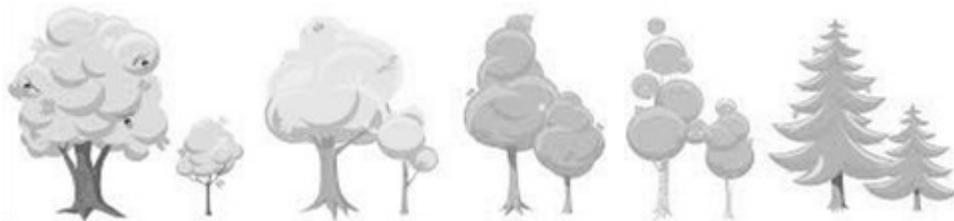
That our woodland has yet again won a Green Flag Awards this year (our eleventh!) is entirely due to the efforts of our volunteers. Please join with us and help us if you can. I'm sure that you'll enjoy it!

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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