

TARVIN & DUDDON



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## From the Vicar...

Harvest has always been a wonderful celebration in my opinion. It has lots of parts to it. Vivaldi it is a time to recognise that we live in a world where others work to provide food us, yes I know farmers have an income for the work they do, but it isn't a 9-5 job 5 days a week and requires many sacrifices and in some environments a roller coaster of emotions. Do come and join us as we celebrate 'Harvest' at St Andrews on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September at 10.45am. Harvest is also a time when we think about the created world around us and what God gave us to look after. We think about our environmental impact, and it is an opportunity to think about what we do as good carers of the world that we have been given. Lastly, harvest is a time when we think about what we can give to God and what God has given to us. A time to think about the money we give to support the ministry and work of our churches and what we give of our time and energy to be good disciples of Jesus. So, for me, harvest is a big thing. I remember in times gone by having Tractors and Bales of straw outside the church, a reminder to those who came at harvest of the farmers. This year we are asking for those who come and during that week, to bring any NON-PERISHABLE, food to church, if you are able, to support West Cheshire Food Bank. As we approach a time when energy bills will be high and food, as you will have noticed already, has increased in price, it will be too much for many households, families and individuals to be able to afford financially. The Foodbank Charity, supports anyone in need and as a church community we are able to distribute food boxes to those who have a voucher and also able to dispense vouchers for those who need support. The system allows someone to have a box every fortnight for up to 6 consecutive times, this enables the support of the Local Authority and National Government to get established. The Foodbank works with the Local Authority to enable those who need it to get help and advice. Boxes are sometimes a way of making ends meet on a difficult month or are for those who that week find themselves unable to get out and shop. The important part of all of this support and help is for pride not to get in the way and for us a caring community not to judge others as often happens. Remember this 'Harvest Time' if you can get involved and help, maybe you would like to be part of the foodbank hub in Tarvin. Giving back to God of the gifts we have received, of the skills we have acquired, this is what harvest is about too.

Adam

## Weekly Services

Service timetable:

St Andrew's

8am Holy Communion BCP (Every Week)

10.45am 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Family Worship

10.45am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Week Family Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

St Peter's

9.30am 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Family Communion

9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

- 4<sup>th</sup> 12pm Burial of Ashes (SA)
- 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Standing Committee (SA)
- 7<sup>th</sup> St Andrews Women's Group (PR)
- 9<sup>th</sup> 10am Holiday at Home (TMC)
- 11<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Harvest Festival followed by a BBQ (SA)
- 12<sup>th</sup> 9am Ministry Team Meeting (PR)  
10.30am Tarvin Preschool (SA)  
7pm Safeguarding Training (PR)
- 17<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Baptism (SA)
- 19<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Chapter Meeting (Blacon)
- 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am School House Trust Meeting (Duddon)
- 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm PCC Meeting (SA)
- 27<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting (Duddon)
- 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm Harvest Supper (TMC)

October

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm Harvest Supper (Duddon) SOLD OUT
- 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm St Andrew's Women's Group (PR)
- 9<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Baptism (SA)

## Save the date!

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Saturday 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!



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 10.45am**

**Harvest Festival Service** followed by a BBQ

Please come along and celebrate Harvest and bring along donations of **NON-PERISHABLE** food for the West Cheshire Food Bank.



**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm**  
Ecumenical **Harvest Supper** with Tarvin Methodist Church and  
St Andrews Church (at TMC)

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 6pm**  
**Harvest Supper** at St Peter's Church, Duddon.



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10.50am**  
**Remembrance Day Service** at Tarvin War Memorial.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 10.50am**  
**Remembrance Sunday Service** 10.50am at Tarvin War Memorial



TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD AUGUST 2022

Up to around the 1950s, the general thoughts on gravestone décor were restricted to fairly standard icons such as ivy leaves, handshakes, wreaths, flowers and the proverbial IHS (Iesus Hominium Salvator) The photo on the right is a typical example of this with not only IHS in the centre, but several Greek letters around the centre completing the cross formation. Equally, it was acceptable to put some tools of the trade on the gravestone to represent that persons background.

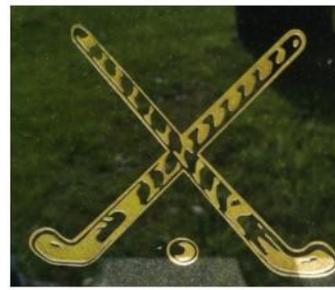


However, in the more recent times, gravestones have started to represent the interests and pastimes of the deceased person, which are quite picturesque, and a tribute to the mason's art.

Below left is a very well engraved doorway, leading into a garden. The 3D effect is very well done, and difficult to represent in this photo. It is somewhat reminiscent of the Holman Hunt picture of "Jesus being the light of the world." (In St. Andrew's on the north wall.)



There are three other examples of gravestone art now shown being hockey sticks, ballroom dancing and finally an engraving of the hills and lake below them. Part of the narrative on this gravestone indicate



that walking in the hills was their passion, and they wanted to keep this memory alive. You are invited to have a walk around the graveyard and see what else can be found on gravestones.



## Prayer for September 2022

### Counting our blessings

Loving God,

We thank you for the many blessings that we receive each day.....the innumerable good things that surround us, your great love constantly reaching out to us and your care and compassion that never ceases.

Lord, teach us to be truly content in what we have, and to trust that your grace will be sufficient for all our needs.

We give you thanks for St. Peter's school and its teachers and support staff and we pray for your blessing on the pupils that they will feel confident and secure with their new teachers and classrooms, and know that you are walking beside them.

We give thanks for all who are supporting the teachers and pupils of Befunda School. We ask for your blessing upon them as they strive to improve their educational opportunities with the most basic of equipment. We pray for those young people who cannot attend school because of the need to work to support their families. Give them hope for the future and a strong faith that you will provide for their needs and make us truly grateful for our own education.

We thank you for our Harvest services and Harvest supper this month as we remember all who are struggling to cope with financial pressures at this time and are in need of our Foodbank donations. Make us a compassionate people ready to share our blessings with all in need. We pray for our farmers and those around the world who are struggling to grow their crops because of climate change, bringing drought and fires. Help us to look after our incredibly beautiful but so very fragile world by doing all we can to save our planet from destruction.

***LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER.***



Befunda School

## Curates Corner

I think we might remember this August! It was like the ones of my childhood, hot and sunny, though that may just be rose coloured spectacles of the past! I certainly feel topped up with my vitamin D to get me through the winter.

I am looking forward to the colours of autumn which may come a bit earlier as the trees have needed water. Let's hope it stays dry for a few swishy walks through the leaves!

I have been filled with colours that will last me through the winter.

I went to The Quilt Festival in Birmingham with my sister-in-law. I was so glad we stayed for two nights as each day we went we found something we hadn't seen before. It was very difficult to be disciplined to walk up and down the rows of stalls and exhibitors because of being sidetracked by all the glories and treasures. The quilts were wonderful, from traditional to modern, from tiny - less than 30cms square - to over double bed size. Some were very dramatic with bold designs, others were dramatic in use of colour. It was a feast of colour, blending and bold and such intricate work in the quilting and choices of fabric. Then you can buy the fabric, stall after stall of patterns, shades and colours, all so beautiful to look at ... and yes, I did buy some!

It was visually exhausting but so satisfying. I came away with the feeling of being fed, fed with colour and texture, fed with awe and wonder at the expertise and fed with inspiration and enthusiasm to try new things.

September is a time of new ness, new schools, new classes, friends, teachers and challenges. Whatever is new for you I pray that all its challenges will be possible knowing that God is with you.

And thinking about going back to school, the following are all quotes collected from science exams:

*Water is composed of 2 gins, oxygen and hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water*

*When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe you expire.*

*Vacuums are nothings. We only mention them to let them know we know they are there.*

*Vacuum is a large empty space where the pope lives.*

*I am not sure how clouds get formed but clouds know what to do and that is the important thing.*

Dear Lord, please be those who are fearful of the new things that September brings or any day brings. Help us to help the wobbly and vulnerable. Help us all to step bravely out to new places, new ideas, new things to cope with.

Touch me, Lord that I may truly value the gift that you have given me of my life and help me to give to others as I would like others to give to me.

Touch me Lord with your peace and strength.

Love and prayers,  
Barbara

## **From the Farm**

It is a very busy time on our farm now. We started harvesting the crops on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. The winter barley was first, closely followed by the oilseed rape. There is all the straw to bale and store under cover. I find it an exciting time but also fraught- we are completely dependant on the weather being suitable. Heavy rain or strong wind are a disaster as this can flatten the crops. We would then lose grain and the straw takes longer to dry. Also the pigeons have a feast on flattened crops.

One crop has followed on from another- winter wheat, winter oats and spring barley. In the midst of the corn we have also made silage, baled and wrapped in plastic and stored at the farm. Because the weather has been so dry and hot, harvest has been earlier this year and has been relatively straight forward with good yields. Given how tinder dry every where is, it is a huge relief to gather the crop safely. A combine harvester locally caught fire this year which must have been very frightening for all concerned.

Once the fields are cleared of straw we start cultivating ready to sow the winter crops, and the cycle starts all over again!

Pat Briscoe

## Pilgrimage

### Austria & The Oberammergau Passion Play 10-17 August 2022

The day has finally arrived and I am off to fulfill a long-held promise to myself. To see The Passion Play at Oberammergau. I am so excited.

Our departure was from Birmingham Airport and I pride myself in clearing security - well not this time, my tray got pulled and nothing to do with Glenys throwing her shoes in my tray. Oh no, my phone goes off just as its going through x-ray... It was Claire wanting to know where Amelie sun cream was ! The security guys where in stiches!

The next few days we had an excursion to Village of Wennis to visit the renowned Nativity crib exhibition , a service of worship and Organ recital in the village church. We continued to the glacial lake of Riffelsee which can only be reached by cable car, lunch in a traditional Alpine Hut. We visited Karrostern and a family- run weaving workshop. Harry our tour guide for the week took us on a guided tour of our area he told us about the Mosern Peace Bell, stopping all the time to take in the views of the karwendal Mountains and the Inn Valley.

My birthday and one I am never going to forget.. Shortly about to make our way to the theatre... let the story begin...

At 14.00 hrs I took my seat for the first act of this once in a generation performance of the World - famous depiction of the Passion of Christ with its open-air stage and Mountain back drop.

An interval followed ( 17.00-20.00) where we returned to enjoy an included dinner in our hotel before returning for the second act.



With an all-local cast, 2000 members in all, set to music and a magnificent choral composition. Not to forget the animals... donkey, horses, camels, the odd goat plus sheep as well as the doves! Oh, did I mention the 5,500 members in the audience from 54 nationalities!

But to be truth full I am struggling to find the words to do justice to what I had witnessed. Absolutely stunning moments when it simply took my breath away... tears as well as laughter.

The next morning was spent enjoying the unique surroundings. We took ourselves off Oberammergau only museum oh boy this amazing cube shaped building is covered in blue costumes from the 2000 and 2010 play not only that but the thread running through all 3 floors it seems at the end of the play in October the men are allowed to shave the beards and cut their hair a collection is done and this is woven into threads. We followed this by going back to the theatre for a talk with one of the players from the play. Drum roll it was none other than Frederick Mayet who played the men himself. I got a chance to ask him a question but no idea what his answer was because I was mesmerised by him.!

The next few days included free time which Glenys and I spent taking the local bus to Seefeld or as she kept calling it Sealand! We shopped, took carriage ride round the local area. Our last day before home the group visited Innsbruck for a guided tour round this amazing town and then in the the afternoon we visited the Cistercian Monastery with its magnificent Abbey. Our guide told us about the Baroque high altar in the form of a Tree of Life.

Dinner on our last evening was Austrian themed with live music.

This has truly been a once in a lifetime experience and I will carry this in my heart forever.



## Advertising

You may have noticed that since June there have been no commercial advertisements in the Grapevine. This started because we wanted the Platinum Royal Jubilee Edition to be special, and the annual arrangements with all our advertisers had ended.

We have managed to run for another 4 months without any advertising, but with increasing printing costs this can not continue. SO FROM NEXT MONTH .....

If your business or organisation would like to advertise in the Grapevine magazine for the next year then please contact the Editor Paul Mercer at 4 Fairfax Avenue, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8DR email [tarvingrapevine@gmail.com](mailto:tarvingrapevine@gmail.com)

### Remembering Service

At Tarvin Methodist Church

Sunday 4th December at 4pm

For some of us the Christmas season can be difficult. Amidst the festivities, the Christmas shopping, trees and tinsel it can be a difficult time for those who are grieving, having experienced the loss of a loved one.

Our Remembering Service invites you in a quiet space to remember, made up of scripture, reflection, prayer & worship to reflect and to be still. To come alongside God and know God is with you during this time.

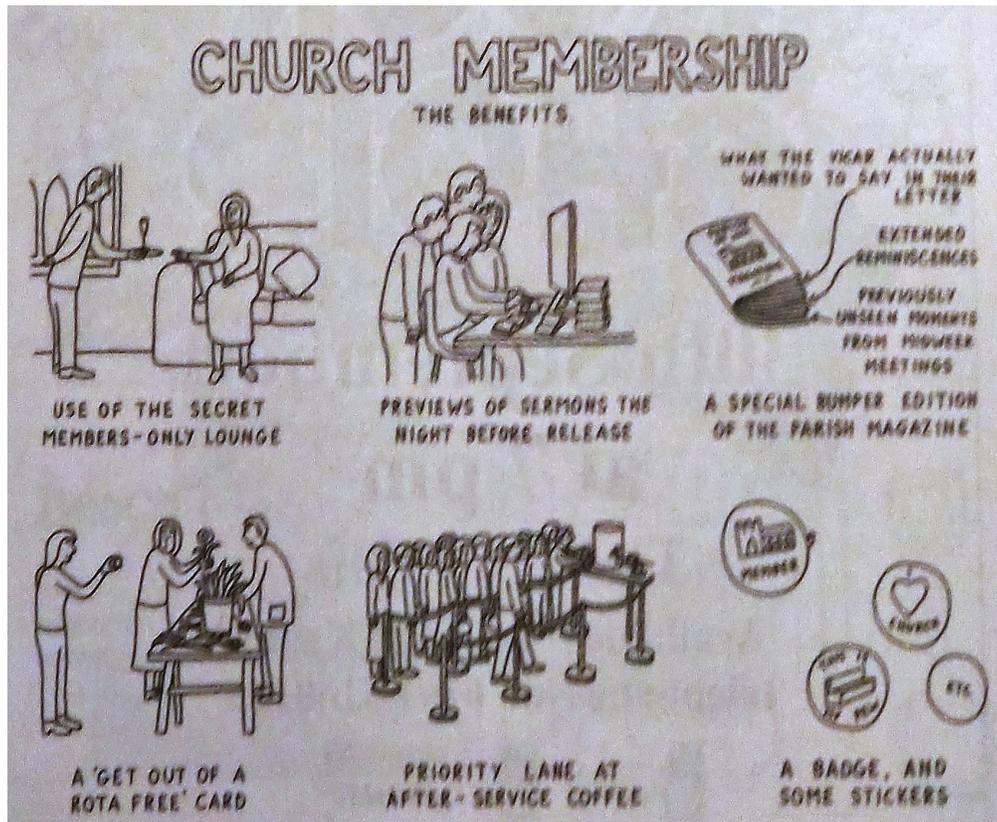
All are welcome.

## Volunteering

### Can you get involved....?

The church is always in need of people to volunteer and help, maybe you don't know how you would like to. If you would like to become more active in church life, supporting the ministry of the Vicar and the staff team as well as exploring what God is calling you to do within your life to be the people of God. Then please do get in touch and speak with Adam the Vicar.

**WE NEED:** Volunteer Cleaners to join the teams; choir members; bell ringers; gardeners; Foodbank delivery drivers



### **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**

Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6.15pm for 6.30pm is the Ruby Anniversary of our Flower Club and we are having a special celebration. A glass of bubbly, afternoon tea and floral demonstration by Anne Houghton. By invitation only, further information from 01829 740832.

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

**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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Please send any news items, articles, events or diary entries to  
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St. Andrew's Church,  
Tarvin



Join us for our special coffee morning on

**WEDNESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**

10am—11.30am

In St. Andrew's Church.

**In aid of**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

## Woodland Notes

### Apple Pressing Day 2022.

Like so many other things, our Village Apple Pressing Days had become an annual event until the pandemic scuppered everything. So, for the last two years, there has been no communal pressing of apples in the Orchard of Tarvin Woodland. However, Trustees are keen to respond to the requests that the 'Day' should be reinstated and so, on **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022**, we will once again set up the gazebos, oil the presses and start begging for windfall apples from anyone with an apple tree. The event runs from 11am to 3pm and is intended to be a low-cost 'day out' for families. Food and drinks will be available (at very reasonable prices) and, as well as making the apple juice and enjoying burgers and hot dogs, there will be woodland-style crafts for youngsters to enjoy, just for the cost of the materials used.

What do you need to bring? It would be a good idea to collect from under your (or your neighbour's - with permission) apple trees, as many windfall apples as you can. Windfall apples press splendidly and the bits that have gone brown because they banged into the earth as they fell don't matter in the slightest. You can put your apples in bags, buckets or wheelbarrows to bring them along - but if you want to take any juice home, you **MUST** bring a screw-topped plastic bottle as well.

This is an event suitable for every generation in your family. The kids love it and the adults love having the time to talk to the friends that they haven't seen for ages. Do come along. This is a Tarvin tradition that really **MUST** be preserved!

### The Green Flag 2022.

For the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, our woodland has been awarded a Green Flag. The Green Flag is the Quality Mark for public open spaces and, this year across the UK, 1,863 sites received this accolade. However, not all Green Flags are the same. The vast majority of the sites (1,555) are run by Local Authorities or other well-funded bodies and are able to employ people to do all of the work required to reach the required standard. These are the high-profile Green Flags. We, on the other hand, are one of less than two hundred sites in the whole country to have achieved the Green Flag (Community).

These sites like ours are managed entirely by volunteers and funded through fundraising and perhaps by grants, so that achieving the Quality Mark is much more difficult. Only three sites within the Cheshire West and Chester area have received the Green Flag (Community) this year; one is a park, another is a cemetery and ours is a woodland - all managed by dedicated volunteers!

Each year, we are sent a set of comments by the judge who assessed whether we had reached the standard required and this year's have not yet been received. However, we addressed all of the points made by our assessor last year and we are confident that we can continue our programme of continuous improvement, so that we will have a good chance of being awarded Green Flag number 14 next year!

### **The volunteers swing into action once again.**

The meteorologists are telling us that Autumn will be early this year. It's clear that the Woodland Volunteers agree with them, because, instead of reconvening in September, they have begun their Autumn tasks in August, while the children are still on holiday. There are all sorts of things to do - reducing the size of plants that have begun impinging on footpaths, strimming and raking wild flower meadows, coppicing hazels, rebuilding dead hedges, crown raising - the list goes on and on!

Do you have any spare time on a Thursday morning? Could you join our merry band of volunteers at least occasionally? No one works alone and jobs are never assigned which are beyond anyone's competence. There is a great feeling of camaraderie, plus the satisfaction of knowing that you've made a difference to the finest community asset in Tarvin. The group meets up at the storage container in the woodland, adjacent to the Hockenhull Lane gateway, at 9.30am every Thursday morning. Everyone is welcome. Why not come along?

### **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](http://www.tarvincommunitywoodland.org)

*Charles Bradley*

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## Tarvin Community Centre

The Community Centre in Meadow Close is an important community asset helping to meet the social, physical and mental well-being needs of our community. It is one of the best, if not the best, in rural west Cheshire. Not only does the centre host many groups, ensuring all age groups are included, it is also the venue for a wide range of entertainment. Dates for your diary over the coming months include:

- Films for children (6pm) and adults (8pm) on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- September 30<sup>th</sup>: A Cheshire Rural Touring Arts promoted play, "The Killer Question", described as a 'dark comedy thriller'.
- October 7<sup>th</sup>: The George Heath Foundation will be holding their annual bingo with fantastic prizes.
- October 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>: The award-winning Ashton Heyes Theatre Club will showcase "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest".
- November 4<sup>th</sup>: A show for families and children, again promoted by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts, "The Chronicles of Atom and Luna".
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Annual Christmas Pantomime "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", followed by the Tarvin Christmas Market on the High Street.

The success of the Centre is only made possible by its committee of volunteers. If you are interested in joining the committee and therefore making a genuine contribution to the life of your community, contact the Community Centre Chairman on [chairman@tarvincommunitycentre.org](mailto:chairman@tarvincommunitycentre.org)

Could YOU write something for our Grapevine magazine?  
Contributions are always welcome, long or short.  
Share something on a serious subject.  
Advertise forthcoming events within our community.  
Give us the latest news from any of the regular groups who meet in  
and around Tarvin or Duddon.  
Contribute poetry, local history and more.

It doesn't matter what your age or whether your technology is old, new or non-existent - we would love to hear from you and if you provide the words, we can do the rest.  
Please send all contributions to Paul Mercer at 4 Fairfax Avenue, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8DR or email [tarvingrapevine@gmail.com](mailto:tarvingrapevine@gmail.com)

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