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Hello fellow Tarringtonians,

Love it or hate it we are clearly going to have to get used to the extraordinary weather extremes that we are experiencing. Last year's four heatwaves, and what feels like a continuous heatwave this year, is certainly testing our garden's resilience. Many of our plants are in a sorry state and only the flower pots and veg are getting some selective watering – after all, if we don't keep our food source going, what's the point in growing them!



It's a tough time for the garden fauna too. I've seen more dead shrews than ever before. The juvenile hedgehog on the front page, although healthy, was grateful for some extra sustenance, but another little fella needed some serious love and

attention. See page 16 for the full story.

The village fete was a great success again this year. Check out the centre pages to see who danced to the top, and who pinched the produce!

There's lots to look forward to during the rest of the summer, with a soiree in August (Pg 9), and two Open Days – the Craft Group & the LEH village hall (Pg 10 & 11). Flicks in the Sticks is beginning their autumn season with "The Choral" (Page13) and the Tarrington Arms has a whole programme of Food Pop-Ups and events planned (Pg 18). Lesley has also asked me to mention that they are trialling extra days from August, so their new opening hours will be: Wednesday/Thursday 4-9pm, Friday/Saturday 4-10pm, Sunday 4-8pm.



So I expect I will see you around!

Judi

A very warm welcome to

Debbie, 4 New Cottages

Chris & Poppy, 5 Garbrook

Michele and Joey, 43 Barrs Orchard





Jenny Smith: A Life of Kindness

Many readers will remember the lovely Jenny Smith who lived with Roger in Barrs Orchard and who died on 20th May. You might have met her out walking her dog, Pippa; on such encounters, Jenny had a kindly word for everyone.

Jenny was born in 1953 in Fownhope as one of seven children. She attended the primary school there and later, Hereford Technical College, where she gained a variety of office management qualifications. Whilst pursuing her studies, Jenny worked waiting on tables at the Green Man and there she met Mick Jagger and Marianne Faithful; their autographs were one of her most prized possessions. Useful employment in various offices followed but in 1973 Jenny became a full-time parent to her two children. In 1983 she moved with the children to Tarrington and that is where, in the old village hall, she met Roger, a father of two. It was an occasion engineered by their friends who could see that they were just right for each other. In this new 'blended family' it became clear that it was meant to be.

When the four children reached adulthood, a new generation of grandchildren came along, the first arriving on Jenny's birthday, the very best present she could ever have had; great grandchildren followed and she was so devoted and proud of them all.

Roger and Jenny shared over forty years together. In his wonderful and bravely delivered eulogy at the crematorium, Roger told us that "there were only a few arguments" and on such occasions he always had the last word, "...Yes dear". Among many other acts of kindness, Jenny donated her corneas for grafting. She is deeply missed by friends and family, not to mention Pippa the dog. The world would be a better place if there were more people like Jenny; we'll have to keep trying.

John Watkins

Message from the Rector

On behalf of St Philip and St James' Parochial Church Council, the Churchwardens would like to share the following message from Rev'd Mandy Williams, Rector, Hop Churches:

Dear friends, following a period of reflection I have decided to step down from my role as Rector of the Hop Churches from 31st December 2026. With the agreement of Bishop Richard I will cease all ministry in the benefice from 30th September 2026 and be seconded to work alongside the Archdeacon from 1st October, this will allow me time to consider and prepare for future opportunities in the New year and beyond. The Archdeacon will meet with Churchwardens and the Hop Churches ministry team to discuss the forthcoming vacancy after the Summer.

***Every blessing
Mandy Williams***

Mandy's last service will be a united benefice service on Sunday 20 September at 10.30am at Yarkhill. We hope to see you there.

Linzy Outtrim and Margaret Macleod, Churchwardens



Church bell ringing

In each generation of people living in our village, a few have made their contribution by learning to be a church bell ringer. The ringing has marked great occasions as well as Sunday services, weddings and funerals. It takes a while to 'learn the ropes' and some progress to be clever and advanced whilst others become competent and safe in a more modest way. Everyone plays their part. The important thing is that you learn at your pace and that you enjoy it all. Safety is paramount and you should know that we follow all the diocesan safeguarding regulations set down for this activity. Whilst you need to be generally fit, you don't need more strength than it might take to push a child on a garden swing. If you would like to join a 'taster session', do give me a call on 01432 890 431 and I can tell you more.

Robert Hodges (tower captain)

CHURCH SERVICES		
	Tarrington	Yarkhill (Joined by Stoke Edith)
Sun 2 Aug	Joint with Yarkhill	11am Morning Worship
Sun 9 Aug	11am Parish Communion	
Sun 16 Aug	9.30am Morning Worship	
Sun 23 Aug	11am Parish Communion	
Sun 30 Aug	10:30 Benefice Communion at Munsley	
Sun 6 Sep	September services will be put on the church noticeboard when available	
Sun 13 Sep		
Sun 20 Sep	10.30am United benefice service at Yarkhill	
Sun 27 Sep		

Weekday Communion

The Hop Churches hold a weekday service of Holy Communion in
Tarrington Church
every Wednesday Morning
at 10am

The service is followed by refreshments and an opportunity to spend time together with friends and neighbours from across the benefice.

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please get in touch with Revd Mandy Williams if you require further information or assistance.
07780 536846
Mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME
Garden Open For Charity

The Vine

School Lane, Tarrington, HR1 4EX

Saturday 8 August
2.30 - 6pm

Adults £6 Children free
Cream teas



More information at ngs.org.uk



Tricky Weddings - *the stormy sea of Matrimony*

John and Mary Baskerville lived in Tarrington, probably on Tarrington Common and John worked on Alders End farm. The 1891 census shows John and Mary living with six children aged between one and nine years, all children having been born in this village like their father before them.



Perhaps the parents breathed a sigh of relief when Annie, then aged twenty-eight came down the hill to our parish church for her wedding, to marry George Prosser, a Sergeant in the 'Royal Regiment of Artillery'. The marriage registers in those days and until very recently, only recorded the 'Rank or Profession' of the fathers of the happy couple. Only two years before, John had described himself in his census return as an agricultural labourer, but on the occasion of the wedding, John told the Reverend Winter that he was 'A Waggoner'.

Perhaps he had been promoted or he saw the chance to get one over on his daughter's father-in-law who described himself as an agricultural labourer.

Although the Reverend Winter was much cherished as Tarrington's parish priest, perhaps detail was not really his thing because, sadly, he had failed to check that the banns had been properly called in the parish of Withington where Sergeant Prosser had his home. In happy ignorance the service went ahead and the mistake did not come to light until the following year when Annie and George found themselves obliged to go through a further ceremony at the Hereford register Office, a quiet affair I imagine. Sergeant Prosser was later deployed to the Army's Garrison in Carrickfergus and that's where George and Annie were living with their two children, (another child had died aged only one year), when Annie died in 1903 aged only 38 years.

We cannot see how events panned out immediately after that very sad event but George and one of Annie's younger sisters, Fanny, decided that they wanted to marry each other. Perhaps it looked as if it might be the perfect solution but fate was to deal an ugly blow again. At that time, if you turned to the back of the Book of Common Prayer there was a page showing, the 'Table of Kindred and Infinity'. Even in the 1960's, I can remember as a boy chorister, furtively reading it for amusement when sermons were going on far too long. The table listed all those that a man or a woman could not marry and it was very strange reading indeed.



Almost at the top of the list, it stated that a man could not marry his dead's wife's sister. There were many others, all rather more bizarre and unlikely and apparently it was largely based on the book of Leviticus and Canon Law. The dear old CofE never has favoured rushing into change. George and Fanny were not alone in falling foul of this meaningless rule, and over the years there had been growing pressure to change the law. However, they learnt that the law was different in Jersey and so that's where they headed, for a wedding in St. Andrews church Jersey on October 3rd 1905. A change to the law soon followed, and in Britain 'The Deceased Wife's sister Marriage Act' was finally passed in 1907.

Together George and Fanny had three children, William and Georgina born in Carrickfergus, and their youngest child George born back here in Broomy Green, Mordiford. We do not know when George left the Army but we do know that he died in 1907, aged 45. Fanny died in Belmont Road, Hereford in 1916 nine years later aged just 37 years.

I am grateful to the late Mr Brian Prosser, one of the grandchildren of Fanny and George for giving me a collection of family papers which have led to this poignant tale being told.

John G. Watkins



Time is running out to join UK's largest environmental pollution claim

People have until the August Bank Holiday to join a group legal action over pollution in the rivers Wye, Lugg and Usk, the largest environmental pollution claim of its kind in the UK.

The deadline of 31 August 2026 follows the claim's first High Court hearing in April, at which a timetable for the case was set.

More than 4,800 people and local businesses have already signed up to join the claim, which argues that residents and businesses have been negatively impacted by river pollution caused by manure run-off from industrial poultry operations, as well as sewage discharges.

Residents say the pollution has prevented activities such as swimming and canoeing, affected businesses reliant on the river including fishing and tourism, and impacted property values.

Excess nutrient levels in the River Lugg have also contributed to a building moratorium which has resulted in some residents facing years of delays and extra costs from building projects.

Jenny-May While, a client on the claim who lives near the River Wye, said:

"Growing up in Herefordshire we would swim in the Wye and Lugg all the time, so it feels like home. When we moved in, we were aware of the pollution, but now being so close to the river, I see it getting worse almost on a daily basis. I haven't seen any live fish this year and the smell is so bad sometimes I don't want to go into our garden."

**Visit our website
or search 'Leigh Day River Wye claim'
to see if you're eligible to join.**



The Last of the Summer Soirées

***John and Margaret at 18 Pound Close – Saturday 15 August
from 6.30 pm in aid of the Church Fabric Fund.***

Our kind hosts are providing all drinks but contributions for nibbles/canapés would be very welcome, as well, of course, as donations to the Church Fabric Fund.

Everyone is welcome.



Tarrington 80 Club

Here are the results for the recent draws:

	1st £20		2nd £15		3rd £10	
Jul 26	59	Linzy Outrim	119	Guy Harris	37	JA Cunningham
Aug 26	93	Susan Paterson	76	Adrian Evans	107	Charles Broughton

Prizes will be distributed by committee members.

Congratulations to all our lucky winners !

The Organising Committee : Celia Winter, Angela Stock,
Robert Hodges, Brian Heasman, Jo Williams, John Tallis

Stoke Edith & Tarrington WI

On August 10th, as usual in the Lady Emily Hall, we are having a strawberry tea, Wimbledon without the tennis, and hopefully it will be a afternoon of chat and eating. If anyone would like to join us please do, Monday afternoon around 2-30pm.

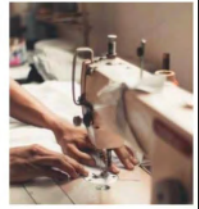
On September 14th our speaker is Elise Hughes who will be talking about our personal colour and style. If this heatwave hasn't gone by then, mine will be bright red and decidedly grumpy! You are welcome to come along and find out for yourselves what style and colour you should be wearing. 2-30pm on the 2nd Monday, you will be most welcome.

Judy Davis



Tarrington Craft Group

Open Day



Lady Emily Community Hall

Tuesday 20th October 2026

11.30am - 2.30pm



Entrance £1.00

* Refreshments

* Raffle * Sales Table

* Demonstrations



In aid of Parkinson's UK

* Cash only please

* Plenty of parking & disabled access



Tarrington Craft Group meets every Tuesday between 10.45am- 3pm.

Why not drop in, bring along your craft - or learn a new one.

Lady Emily Hall, 16 School Road, Tarrington HR1 4EX

DISCOVER THE LADY EMILY COMMUNITY HALL!

Our Lady Emily Hall is a beautiful community venue in the heart of Herefordshire; and we'd love to show it to you.

Whether you're looking for a wedding venue, a place for your local club to meet, run or join a class or meet friends and family - our versatile hall will be the perfect venue.

So, come along to our Open Day on Saturday 13 September, 13:00-17:00 and find out more.

OUR FACILITIES

- √ *Spacious main hall & stage*
- √ *Modern fully fitted kitchen*
- √ *Separate meeting room*
- √ *Access & baby changing*
- √ *Free parking & Wi-Fi*
- √ *Audio/visual equipment available*
- √ *Large, enclosed grounds*

OUR ACTIVITIES

-  *Fitness & dance classes*
-  *Arts, crafts & social clubs*
-  *Games, coffee mornings & events*
-  *Parties, weddings & family gatherings*

New groups & ideas always welcome!

FOOD & FUN

FREE BBQ & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Served from 13:30 – while stocks last!

Plus: guided tours, hire information, children's activities & community stalls. **Everyone welcome – bring family & friends!**

GET IN TOUCH

Contact: Ian Roper, Email: ladyemilyhall@gmail.com

Call: 01432 890 412

Lady Emily Hall News

Hall Renovation

It's been "All Go" at the hall recently.

The rear porch guttering and fascia have now been repaired.

Our fire alarm system has been upgraded to improve fire safety for our users.

We have replaced the goal nets at both ends of the field – now we just need some budding soccer stars to try them out.



The redecoration of the hall and stairwell is planned for the beginning of September, followed by the repainting/repair of external woodwork. We are in the process of applying for grants to replace our remaining windows with energy-efficient double-glazed units.

Upcoming Events – dates for your diary

Sept 12	New season of "Flicks in the Sticks"
Sept 13	LEH Open Afternoon and BBQ
Oct 3	Ceilidh / Harvest Supper
Dec 12	Xmas Fayre / Polar Express Special
Jan 30	Horse Racing Night

Ian Roper

Chairman, Lady Emily Hall Trustees
ladyemilyhall@gmail.com, 01432 890 412



Want to grow some vegetables?

I have two vegetable plots in my garden, currently unused, which I would be happy to share with someone in the village. As you can see from the photo they are fairly weedy, but nothing serious. The grass is mown twice a month so is kept under control, and there is an outside water tap.

The raised bed is 55" wide x 94" long. Height 8" with the bottom end raised to 11" to maintain level. It was made for me by Greg Mowbray.

The long bed is 10ft long x 6ft wide.

So, if you want a bit of extra space for your veg, or just want to have a go, (possibly when the weather cools!), do get in touch. I'm sorry, but I have to say no to dogs!

Jo Lee



Flicks in the Sticks Films Lady Emily Hall, Tarrington (HR1 4EX)

For further information please contact:

John Tallis on 01432 890720 or ladyemilyhall@gmail.com or
john.tallis@btopenworld.com

Flicks Entry - Adults £5, U-18 and Film Club £2.50. Payment can be made on
the door by card / cash.

Refreshments and bar available – ample parking !

Sat. 12th September 7:30pm The Choral (12A) 2025, 113 minutes



A choral society's male members enlist in World War I, leaving the demanding Dr. Guthrie, reputedly a German sympathiser, to recruit teenagers. Together, they experience the joy of singing while the young boys grapple with their impending conscription into the army.

Directed by Nicholas Hytner

Writers : Alan Bennett, Stephen Beresford

Starring : Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam, Alun Armstrong, Carolyn Pickles

Nicholas Hytner also collaborated with Alan Bennett on "The Lady in a Van" and "The History Boys".

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*We will be announcing our programme for the Autumn season just before the September showing. If you have a particular favourite title you'd like us to show, please let me know by email.*

*Following my plea for help in the last Tatler, I am relieved to say that a number of people have volunteered, so you should see some different faces behind the desk/tables. We have also had encouragement to keep the Flicks shows going !*

Organising Committee:

John Tallis, John Banks, Celia Winter,

Technical Advisor: Simon Nicholls

## Tarrington Fete Enjoys a Sunny Success

Tarrington's recent fete was blessed with a warm, sunny day and the delightful surroundings of the Vine gardens, made available through the generous hospitality of Richard and Tonia Price. We remain most grateful for their continued support.

Around 340 people attended, joined by stallholders and volunteers who helped create a lively and welcoming atmosphere throughout the event.

Entertainment included a display of line dancing by Step In Time, with plenty of audience participation, led by Karen Knight, while the excellent Jazz/R&B group "Footprints" provided background music for visitors to enjoy.



One of the main highlights was the dog show, with the various classes ably judged by guest Martyn Ford and which attracted 25 dogs and their owners.

The fete was a financial success, raising a profit of around £3,000. The proceeds will be divided between Hereford Help for Ukraine and The Lady Emily Hall.

Warm thanks are due to the Events Committee — Richard, Judi, Eleanor, Holly, Dawn, Simon, Mark and Charlie — for their help and enthusiasm. Particular thanks also go to Judi & John and Eleanor for their generous donations towards Tarrington's own barbecue, and to all the stallholders and volunteers whose efforts helped make the day such a success.

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Many people have expressed how much they enjoyed the Dog Show this year. Mr Martyn Ford, who judged five classes including best pedigree, best mixed breed, best golden oldie, best young dog and best in show is a member of the Royal Kennel Club and a former judge at Crufts. With such impressive credentials Martyn certainly put dogs and owners through their paces, finally selecting Teddy as Best In Show. Congratulations to Pat and a big thank you to Martyn for making it a very successful afternoon.

Eleanor.



"You dancin'?"



Tin Can Alley was run by Mark, who said: "It's quite amazing what fun can be had with some cans precariously balanced on a plank and a water pistol! We had a steady stream of kids (and adults seeking to still be kids), stepping up to this watery challenge. Amazingly, very satisfying, especially when one young lad knocked down 18 cans without a refill!" Mark was ably assisted by Joey (pictured).



I must apologise to everyone who bought raffle tickets from me. I think I promised all of you that you would win the hamper. Well, it was won by someone in Tarrington, but I think my invitation to help eat the strawberries & cream must have gone adrift! (Only joking Anne.)



As well as the listed ones, there was a 'surprise prize' which was gifted during the fete. Holly was the lucky winner of a painted tile which read:

*"I won this at Tarrington Fete!"*

Judi.

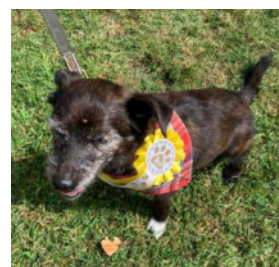
A big thank you once again to everyone who supported the cake stall at the fete. Tarrington obviously has some very talented bakers and the many delicious contributions were soon bought and taken home, apart from one Victoria sponge cake inadvertently sampled by Rufus - Jane and Colin's dog!

Jeanette

Jane's explanation: *"We had put Rufus in the shade, tethered to a chair. Not a peep out of him despite all the activity. When Roger bought Peggy's Victoria sponge he asked us to keep it for him to collect later, and so we put it out of the way under the table. So far so good."*

*Later, Colin noticed that Rufus had not only slipped his mooring but was happily tucking into Roger's cake. It was at this moment that Roger returned to collect it. Explanations and apologies followed and the nibbled bits of cake were cut off. Roger, being a good sport, accepted our dubious offer of the remaining cake and homemade biscuits as compensation."*

*Rufus couldn't quite appreciate what all the fuss was about but luckily had sufficient energy to come third in the older dog category none the worse for wear. The judge commented that he looked very lively for his age and we thought 'You don't know the half of it!'. Ruf waddled home with his rosette and his new toy having enjoyed another Tarrington fete. He's already asked Rosalee if he can help out again on the cake stall next year!"*



## Master Harrington

One mid-June morning, as I was attending to a rather shrubby border in the garden, a small brown spiky ball rolled out in front of me; a baby hedgehog that I now know is called a 'hoglet'. As I was wearing gardening gloves, I was very brave and gently picked it up and put it back into the shrubbery hoping that all would be well. Later in the day it appeared once more in much the same place and, although no longer curled into a ball, it was not moving and it was being attacked by flies around its eyes. This didn't look at all good; baby hoglet looked far too small to be independent and there was clearly no parent or siblings in sight.

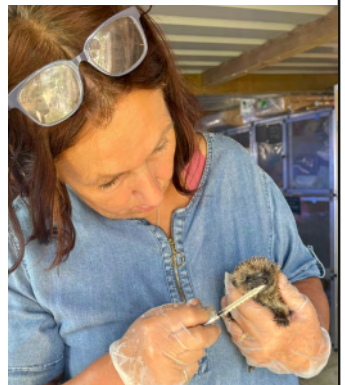
The recent pincer movements of David Attenborough and Monty Don have made it clear that hedgehogs are in danger and need our help, but what help? I rushed indoors to google and 'phone in all directions before I was given the name of our local hedgehog rescuer, 'Helen' in Holme Lacey. Thankfully the wonderful Helen gave advice on the 'phone and asked if we could bring it to her. We didn't need telling twice and we drove to Holme Lacey as though our lives depended on it; well, Hoglet's probably did.



What an extraordinary refuge we found; we were shown a pen of six baby hoglets all sleeping off a good meal and snuggling up to a woolly mother substitute. Helen weighed the new patient and said that it was about two weeks old and far too young for independent living which is usually between six and eight weeks. The flies had done their worst and there was going to be a lot of work to remove eggs but after the first round to deal with that immediate crisis, the next problem was the patient's very low temperature, so Hoglet was then placed in an incubator. As part of the 'booking in' process' we tentatively discussed where, if all

went well, (we were told it was quite a big 'if'), the hoglet might be released. A return 'home' is generally considered best and we made it clear that we would be delighted if that was going to be in his/her best interests.

Over the next few days we had updates and even a video of feeding time with a sort of dropper. We later learnt that the patient was a baby male and that Helen had named him, 'Harrington'.



Harrington certainly had some very intensive care over the following weeks, including during the heat wave, which presented a lot of difficulties for the Hoglets. But eventually, on 5<sup>th</sup> July, we had a call from Helen to say that Harrington was ready and that she would bring him 'home' for release that very evening. We welcomed the suggestion that he would return with his new friend Polly. Thankfully our garden, with plenty of shrubbery and its position being right next to the churchyard was, in Helen's view, ideal habitat.



There was a little welcoming party awaiting them including visitors from New Zealand. Harrington was placed back in the patch of shrubbery where he was found, and Polly was placed a little further way. A shallow bowl of water was placed close to both areas and kitten biscuits were scattered liberally around, which is the recommended food supplement.

Helen has been rescuing hedgehogs for more than seven years now. She has received training from wildlife trusts and is very well supported and encouraged by her local vet. She is not a registered charity but she does accept donations for running expenses. She receives more referrals and enquiries than she can possibly cope with but is always willing to give advice and details of others working like her. Contact Helen (07901 772680, tyler384@icloud.com) if you need advice, or would like to make a donation.

John Watkins

***If a hedgehog is lethargic, lying out in the open, has flies around it, is wobbly, injured, trapped, or gives you any other cause for concern, please follow the advice below.***

- + Use gloves or a towel to gently pick the hedgehog up and pop it into a high sided cardboard or plastic box.
- + Bring the box indoors away from flies.
- + Keep it in a quiet room away from pets and children.
- + Providing there are no flies or eggs on the hedgehog, and it's not a very hot day, wrap a warm hot water bottle in a towel, place the hedgehog on it, with another towel draped over to keep the warmth in. Make sure it has room to get off the bottle and that it stays warm at all times.
- + Offer a small amount of meaty cat/dog food and water. Don't force feed.
- + If it is a small hedgehog or hoglet, check for others that might be in trouble.
- + Call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on **01584 890 801** for the phone number of your local independent hedgehog rescue volunteers (or go direct to the rescue if you have contact details).

*More details and further information at [www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk)*



## *Food pop-ups & events*

Saturday 25th July - OPEN MIC from 6pm.

Bite Society serving Mac Cheese, 5-8pm

Saturday 1st Aug - FOOD POP UP

Bite Society serving Mexican food, 5-8pm

Thursday 13th August- 80's Quiz Night,  
6.30pm. £3 pp (max 6 per team) email to  
book a slot. Extra team points if you come  
dressed 80's style.

Saturday 22nd August- OPEN MIC from 6pm.

FOOD POP UP, Street 1984 serving 5-8pm

Saturday 5th September - Pirate Takeover  
Day, food, music, fancy dress and more.

Saturday 26th September -OPEN MIC from 6pm

Saturday 10th October- FOOD POP UP -

Alfie's Kitchen serving 5-8pm

Live Music from 6.30pm

Saturday 31st October - HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday 20th November- Live music with

Follow the Dolphin from 6.30pm

Friday 11th December -

CLOSED FOR A PRIVATE FUNCTION

Friday 18th December- Christmas Party with  
music from HellOver Jukebox from 6.30pm

## **Tarrington Parish Council meeting 13th July 2026**

*For a formal record/minutes of meetings, and further information about the budget, finance, planning, and other parish issues, please go to [www.tarringtonpc.org.uk](http://www.tarringtonpc.org.uk)*

### **Herefordshire Council (HC) Update**

The Chairman and Clerk attended an evening HC briefing to Parish Councils on a wide range of issues – new Chief Executive; Budget constraints; introduction of new Public Realm Contractor on June 1st with resulting procedural changes; reduction of Lengthsman funding to PCs for local highway and footpath maintenance!

### **Parish Council Administration / Membership**

The vacancy created by Paul Grey's resignation will be publicised in August, and may be filled by co-option or an election.

### **PC Community Engagement**

Since the meeting, Stuart Greenfield has resigned, due to his business and personal commitments, so we have a second vacancy. Stuart was reviewing how the PC communicates with residents, so someone with an interest/experience in this area would be particularly useful.

### **Highways**

Happily, the dry weather has reduced the rate at which potholes are appearing and HC's new contractor may get a chance to catch up. The road through Little Tarrington will be closed for re-surfacing on 3/4th August – temporarily inconvenient, but necessary. The “**Village Gates**” have finally been installed, at each of the Speed Limit entry points. Their purpose is to increase awareness of the built-up area.

### **Footpaths and Public Rights of Way (PROWs)**

The PC is continuing to seek a practical agreement with the Landowner regarding the route of Footpath TR5, from Alders End Road to Tarrington Common Lane. We are also hoping to enlist additional voluntary footpath maintenance help.

### **Pound Close Play Area**

We are seeking advice from a local playground inspection group, about the state of this area and the potential costs to improve it. **It would be helpful to get some feedback from residents about its usage and perceived value.**

### **Jubilee Green Maintenance Costs**

The Clerk has established the boundary of the part of Jubilee Green owned by the PC (most of it) and we discussed possible ways that public access/usage could be improved. Peter Kennedy will explore possibility of a grant, for a project to enhance the area's bio-diversity – and to reduce maintenance costs !

John Tallis, Chairman, Tarrington Parish Council [j.tallis@tarrington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:j.tallis@tarrington-pc.gov.uk)

**Date of next meeting: Monday 14th Sept, 7.30pm, LEH, Tarrington**



## Handmade Local Gifts

### ♥ Dottie Lou Designs ♥



Your local gift & keepsake studio in Tarrington - the heart of Herefordshire

Looking for the perfect gift with a personal touch? At Dottie Lou Designs, every item is lovingly handmade, from custom slate coasters and vinyl signs to keepsakes inspired by the cosy charm of village life.

Each creation is made right here in Tarrington, with care, character, and a sprinkle of creativity. No mass-produced perfection — just heartfelt pieces designed to make memories last.

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### LIVE SHOWS

Friday 4th September 7.30pm

THE TANNAHILL WEAVERS

Tickets £17 (students £10)

Friday 11th – Saturday 12th  
September 7.30pm

A Market Theatre Showcase

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Saturday 19th Sept 7.30pm

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### LIVE SHOWS (Cont.)

Sunday 27th September 7pm

THE BLACKHEART  
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Wed 16th Sept 10.30am

THE COLOUR ROOM

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biscuits.

Friday 18th September 7.30pm

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|     |                                                                                       |              |                                   |               |                       |               |                       |               |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
|     | Tarrington inc.<br>T. Common,<br>Alders End,<br>Stoke Edith,<br>Sparchell &<br>Perton |              | Garbrook,<br>Eastwood &<br>Durlow |               | Hopfields             |               | Little<br>Tarrington  |               |
| Day | Friday                                                                                |              | Thursday                          |               | Wednesday             |               | Tuesday               |               |
| Bin | Green                                                                                 | Black        | Green                             | Black         | Green                 | Black         | Green                 | Black         |
| Aug | 14th,<br>28th                                                                         | 7th,<br>21st | 6th,<br>20th                      | 13th,<br>27th | 5th,<br>19th          | 12th,<br>26th | 4th,<br>18th          | 11th,<br>25th |
| Sep | 11th,<br>25th                                                                         | 4th,<br>18th | 3rd,<br>17th                      | 10th,<br>24th | 2nd,<br>16th,<br>30th | 9th,<br>23rd  | 1st,<br>15th,<br>29th | 8th,<br>22nd  |

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**Please consider donating** tinned or dry goods, home essentials or money to the Ledbury Food Bank.

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#### Contact Details

Surgery: 01432 860235

Dispensary: 01432 860241

Web: [fownhopesurgery.nhs.uk](http://fownhopesurgery.nhs.uk)

#### Surgery Hours

Mon to Friday, 8am to 6.30pm.

Reception staff are available on the telephone from 8am until 6pm.

Making an appointment - call 01432 860235. Please advise the surgery if you are unable to attend an appointment.

#### Out of Hours

Should you need a doctor out of surgery hours, phone NHS on 111.

## EMERGENCY

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Police/Fire/Ambulance.....  | 999           |
| Police (non-emergency)..... | 101           |
| Gas.....                    | 0800 111 999  |
| Welsh Water.....            | 0800 281 432  |
| Severn Trent Water.....     | 0800 783 4444 |
| Electricity.....            | 0800 328 1111 |
| Power cuts.....             | 105           |



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## HEALTH & MEDICAL

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Hereford County Hospital..... | 01432 355444 |
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| NHS 111.....                  | 111          |

## LOCAL SERVICES

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Citizens Advice Bureau..... | 01684 563611 |
| Age Concern.....            | 01531 631280 |
| Samaritans.....             | 01432 269000 |

## CHURCH CONTACTS

|                     |              |
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| Mandy Williams..... | 07780 586846 |
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## 476 BUS TIMES

### To Ledbury

|                   | M-F   | Sat   | M-S   | M-S   | M-S   | M-S   | M-S   | M-S   | Sat   | M-F   | Sat   | M-F   | M-F   | Sat   | Sat   | Sat   |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Hereford Bus Stn  | 08:25 | 08:30 | 09:30 | 10:30 | 12:00 | 13:00 | 14:00 | 15:00 | 16:00 | 16:30 | 17:45 | 17:50 | 19:20 | 19:45 | 21:30 | 23:15 |
| Tarrington Arms   | 08:50 | 08:55 | 09:56 | 10:56 | 12:26 | 13:26 | 14:26 | 15:45 | 16:25 | 16:48 | 18:06 | 18:10 | 19:40 | 20:06 | 21:50 | 23:35 |
| Ledbury Mkt House | 09:05 | 09:10 | 10:10 | 11:10 | 12:40 | 13:40 | 14:40 | 15:58 | 16:45 | 17:00 | 18:17 | 18:23 | 19:53 | 20:20 | 22:04 | 23:48 |

### To H'ford

|                  | M-F   | M-S   | M-S   | Sat   | M-F   | M-S   | Sat   | M-F   | Sat   | M-F   | M-F   | Sat   | Sat   | M-F   | Sat   | Sat   |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ledbury Memorial | 06:35 | 07:35 | 09:35 | 10:35 | 10:40 | 11:35 | 13:10 | 13:15 | 14:10 | 14:15 | 15:05 | 15:10 | 17:08 | 17:19 | 18:33 | 22:40 |
| Tarrington Arms  | 06:44 | 07:49 | 09:50 | 10:50 | 10:55 | 11:50 | 13:25 | 13:30 | 14:25 | 14:30 | 15:19 | 15:25 | 17:21 | 17:29 | 18:45 | 22:54 |
| Hereford Bus Stn | 07:10 | 08:20 | 10:15 | 11:20 | 11:20 | 12:15 | 13:55 | 13:55 | 14:45 | 14:55 | 15:55 | 15:55 | 17:45 | 17:50 | 19:15 | 23:15 |

### To Ledbury

|                   | Sundays |       |       |       |
|-------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Hereford Bus Stn  | 10:30   | 12:30 | 14:45 | 16:30 |
| Tarrington Arms   | 10:55   | 12:55 | 15:10 | 16:55 |
| Ledbury Mkt House | 11:10   | 13:10 | 15:25 | 17:10 |

### To Hereford

|                  | Sundays |       |       |       |
|------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ledbury Memorial | 09:35   | 11:35 | 13:35 | 15:10 |
| Tarrington Arms  | 09:50   | 11:50 | 13:50 | 15:25 |
| Hereford Bus Stn | 10:15   | 12:15 | 14:15 | 15:50 |

## REGULAR LADY EMILY HALL EVENTS

Please check meeting dates with contact before attending!

| Time        | Group                         | Frequency                                | Contact Details  |              |
|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Monday      |                               |                                          |                  |              |
| 19.15-21.15 | Tarrington Short Mat Bowls    | Most weeks                               | Veronica Hodges  | 01432 890431 |
| 14.00-16.00 | Stoke Edith & Tarrington W.I. | 2nd Mon of most months                   | Gwyneth Williams | 01432 851624 |
| 19.30-21.30 | Tarrington Parish Council     | 2nd Mon of alternate mths (Jan, Mar etc) | Janette Ward     | 01432 890532 |
| Tuesday     |                               |                                          |                  |              |
| 09.30-10.30 | Hatha Yoga                    | Weekly                                   | Ian Lloyd        | 07712 896902 |
| 10.30-15.00 | Craft Club                    | Wkly, excl Xmas, Easter & August         | Janette Ward     | 01432 890532 |
| 17.00-19.00 | Rainbows                      | Weekly from 7th March                    | Becci Cox        | 07989 914532 |
| 19.00-22.00 | Rifle Club                    | Most weeks ijn winer (Oct-Mar)           | Robert Hodges    | 01432 890431 |
| Wednesday   |                               |                                          |                  |              |
| 18.00-19.30 | Brownies                      | Wkly in term time                        | Dawn Cox         | 07958 951766 |
| Thursday    |                               |                                          |                  |              |
| 09.45-12.45 | Moomusic: Music for Tots      | Weekly                                   | Natalie Chapman  | 07717 845025 |
| 14.00-16.00 | Tea and Chat                  | Weekly                                   | Celia Winter     | 01432 890393 |
| Friday      |                               |                                          |                  |              |
| 09.30-10.30 | Pilates Class                 | Wkly, excl Xmas, Easter & August         | Nikki Schechter  | 07813 780234 |



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