

BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2016

Dear Barnwellian,

Last Sunday I thought that I had reached a milestone in my life in Barnwell. At the start of the very enjoyable and successful Duck Dash I managed to fall into the brook! At last, I thought, I have qualified as a true Barwellian. Not so, it would seem. I was later advised by a long-term resident that one has to live in Barnwell for at least 21 years and fall into the brook TWICE to properly qualify! Hey-ho, I am at least half way there.

I do not have a great deal to report this time as most subjects are covered below. However, I would like to ask those residents who are still dumping their grass cuttings in the brook to please find an alternative means of disposing of them. Not only does it look unsightly but it is not good for the free-flow of the brook.

Heather Hanlon (Chair Barnwell Parish Council)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

THE TREES

Much of the work on the trees is complete but there is still more to be done particularly on the willows. We are also not happy with what has been done or not done to the crowns lower down the village. The contractors assure us that they are continuing with the contract but we are anxious they do not fade away before the job is complete and will continue to discuss this with the county council.

BARNWELL BROOK

We attach a copy of the email from Ian Cooper of the Environment Agency,

Our work at Barnwell bridge is complete. In case residents ask: the work was not to remove all the silt, but to remove some silt whilst maintaining a '2 stage channel'. This means a 1-2m wide normal flow channel, clear of silt to gravel bed level, so that the flow is generally sufficient for silt to be carried downstream instead of settling. The rest of the channel width, including the right bridge arch, is a higher level to carry high flows like last week. In the rest of the channel, aquatic plants remain for ecological purposes. The in-channel berm adjacent the village green acts as a high stage channel and the bank is potential/actual water vole habitat.

Ian Cooper - FCRM Officer, Asset Performance
Lincolnshire & Northamptonshire Area, Environment Agency

THE RECREATIONAL/CRICKET FIELD

The field is leased and maintained by the Parish Council for the use of all villagers. You are very welcome to use the field at any time. Feel free to fly a kite, kick a ball around or simply wander. The council would like to see it used more; after all we are all paying for it. We do ask that if you

wish to hold an organised event there, (maybe a rounders match or birthday party) you contact the Parish Clerk to ensure there is not a another event on at the same time.

The Cricket Club have sent a list of their fixtures which is published below. If you are interested in playing please contact James Scott. He will be pleased to hear from you. You will see that the very popular St Andrews v All Saints cricket match is again on the list. You are welcome to go up and spectate at any of these games.

David Brown

Barnwell/Barnwell Lions/ Howitzers Cricket 2016 – Proposed Fixtures			
Date	Opposition	Game Type	Location
May 22nd	St. Andrews vs All Saints	Friendly	Barnwell
June 5th	Barnwell vs Cuppers	Digfield	Barnwell
June 10 th	Barnwell Lions vs Thrapston	Friendly	Thrapston
June 12 th	Barnwell vs Howitzers	Digfield	Barnwell
June 17th	Oundle Sixes		Milton Road
June 24th	Oundle Sixes Final		Milton Road
June 26th	Howitzers vs Cuppers	Digfield	Barnwell
July 3 rd	Barnwell Howitzers vs Oundle 20/20	Friendly	Milton Road
July 10 th	Barnwell Lions vs Barrow CC	Friendly	Ickworth park
July 14 th	Barnwell Lions vs CAMRA CC	Friendly	Barnwell
July 17 th	Barnwell Lions vs Woodford	Friendly	Woodford
August 7 th	Barnwell vs Burghley Park	Friendly	Burghley Park
September 11 th	Barnwell Lions vs Poddington	Friendly	Poddington
TBC	Grand Final Day	Digfield	Barnwell
Nets practise every Wednesday from 6pm			

BARNWELL PARISH MEETING

The Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th May followed by the Parish Council AGM at 8.00pm.

Everyone is most welcome to attend our council meetings which are held at the Village Hall, at 8pm, on the third Tuesday of every other month, all are welcome, watch out for the agenda on the village notice board and the Parish Council website www.barnwellparishcouncil.org.uk at least 1 week in advance of a meeting.

Parish Councillors

Chairman	Heather Hanlon	270311
Vice Chairman	Graham Wise	273771
	David Brown	273729
	Phil Holden	272802
	Geoff Shacklock	274549
	Nick Bould	270043
	Chris Soans	

Parish Clerk Nicki Phillips 07562372430 barnwellparishclerk@gmail.com

PARSON LATHAM'S CHAPEL HALL

Our "Soup and Sandwich Lunches " held on the third Wednesday of each month have proved to be popular. Freshly made soup and bread followed by a selection of sandwiches, tea and coffee all for £3 to cover costs. Come and enjoy good company and a friendly chat in our lovely Chapel Hall. Just phone 272496 to book your place. Make a note in your diary - 18th May, 15th June and 20th July are the next three "Soup and Sandwich " Wednesdays.

As last year we shall be serving Fresh Cream Teas on Sunday afternoons. Please note these dates July 31st, and August 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Bring family and friends and enjoy a relaxing afternoon in our Chapel Hall and garden. "Soup and Sandwich Lunches " will resume on Wednesday 21st September.

Pat Rutterford. Chairman of Trustees

OUNDLÉ CARE COMMITTEE

The Care Committee had a very disappointing response to their Christmas envelope appeal due to the non-delivery of many of the envelopes. We would therefore very much appreciate your support at our Spring Fair which will be held in the Victoria Hall, Oundle on Saturday 14th May. The Barnwell stall this year will sell good condition children's toys and books, and we would be most grateful for any donations. Please deliver them to Tess Foster, 43A Barnwell by Friday 13th May.

Tess Foster

BENEFICE RECTOR UPDATE

As many of you will be aware we will be saying a fond farewell to Catherine, our Rector, at the end of May after nearly 10 years in the Benefice.

Our Diocese believes the church has an important role to play in our community and is encouraging and supporting church growth. A working group was formed and it agreed that in order to play an active and full part in the community we must look for a full-time replacement. The group has been positive and outward looking whilst being sensitive to the financial challenges that we will need to face in the future. We would like to thank all those who have provided financial support and encouragement through recent years and we would not have been in the position to make the case for a full time replacement if it was not for this.

We would encourage you to read the prospectus which informs potential applicants about our parishes and describes what we are looking for from our new Rector and the future. It is available to view at www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/downloads/barnwell-benefice-profile.pdf or a copy is in the church.

We had a good response and have shortlisted 3 candidates who we plan to interview in May. If one of the candidates is selected we would hope they would be able to join us during the summer.

Catherine's last service will be at 11.00am on Sunday 29th May in Thurning and it will be a very special occasion for the whole Benefice. After the service we are planning a lunch at Thurning village hall. Please do put the date in your calendar as it will be a great occasion to express our thanks to Catherine and Peter, as well as an opportunity to meet with others in the Benefice.

In addition to the change of rector, there is a lot in the current pipeline. Following financial support received through grants, donations and events :

- Critical building work has been completed at the chancel
- The church clock is being repaired
- A defibrillator is being sited central to the village
- A village website is under development
- New safer and better church outside lighting is being planned
- We are looking to establish a village film club

If you would like to help with any of the above, or would like more information, then please speak with one of our Churchwardens, Chris Leigh or Jonathan Harrington who can help or direct you to the right person.

Tim Herring

BARNWELL ENTERTAINERS

The Entertainers would like to thank everyone who helped, and also those who came along to see our play, Ladies' Day. There is an army (well a small detachment) of people who give their time behind the scenes at these productions, and visitors are often amazed that a small village has managed to sustain regular productions for over 30 years.

Our audiences were a little up this year so that is very encouraging and may give rise to another production, Sorry! The commentary box has been dismantled, the fish aroma has cleared, people have stopped trying to talk northern and Jess has cleaned up her language so it will soon be time to think about next year. We are always looking for new members and do try to make them welcome. Let any of us know if you would like to come along. Contact David Brown on: 01832 273729

David Brown

BARNWELL WI

Barnwell WI meet once a month, except in August when a day trip is organised, usually on the first Thursday at 7.30pm at the village hall. So far this year we have had interesting talks about Lotions, Potions and Dubious Cures and Acholi Beadcrafting, we've played a Game of Pointless, enjoyed our belated Christmas Dinner and had a Baking Masterclass. We will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday in June with a BBQ - hats to be worn! If you would like to know more about Barnwell WI, please call Andrea Croft on 01832 272382 or Caroline Marriott on 01832 273261.

Andrea Croft

LET US RECYCLE YOUR GARDEN WASTE FOR YOU (Biffa Green Waste Club)

If the thought of lugging heavy bags of grass clippings, plants, weeds, small branches, leaf fall and the like to the local tip seems like too much effort, there is a simple answer: join East Northamptonshire's popular, affordable and efficient Green Waste Club. The Club collects garden waste every fortnight for recycling into compost. Club membership starts from just £5.42 per month, and there are a number of payment options and subscription periods available. Neighbours with small gardens can also share a membership, reducing the cost even further. In return, you'll receive a 240 litre wheeled bin which the Club's crew collect and empty every two weeks. For further information about the Green Waste Club or to sign up, visit www.greenwasteclub.co.uk or call 0800 0858 286.