

BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Autumn/Winter 2015

Dear Barnwellian,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. As I sit here with the rain pouring down summer seems like a distant memory. However, I suppose that we shouldn't complain as we have enjoyed the mildest autumn for many years.

The election in May resulted in all 7 current Councillors being re-elected unopposed. This was rather disappointing as we were hoping to attract some new blood into the Council. Notwithstanding, we are all happy to continue to serve. In the District election we were thrilled to have our very own Councillor Geoff Shacklock elected as District Councillor for Barnwell Ward and we send him our warmest congratulations on his appointment.

Our Neighbourhood Plan Working Party continues its work, and, thanks to the unstinting efforts of Mick Burns during the summer, we now have a skeleton plan to work on. We are hoping to complete a draft plan ready to present to the village by spring next year.

In the last newsletter I told you about the lectern we have designed with information about the water voles which have their habitat near the ford. This is now ready for installation and we hope that everyone, especially children, will enjoy it.

I am sure that you will all have noticed that the village notice board has been moved to the green because we were advised that the wood of the board was deteriorating in its former position under the trees. We feel that it is much more visible in its new site and our thanks go to David Brown who renovated it and, together with Robert Marriott and Clayton Smalley, moved it. Thank you, gentlemen. We have also had 2 glass doors fitted to the back of the board so that notices placed on there will not be affected by the weather. Although there are locks on these doors they are not functional and the doors can be opened by pulling on the handles.

We have a rather upsetting article this time from Pat Rutterford about dog fouling in the churchyard. It is very distressing for people visiting gravesides to have to clear up dog poo. If you walk your dog through the churchyard I would urge you to please keep it on a lead and clear up any mess out of respect for other visitors.

We sadly learnt in the summer that Lorna Lovell, our wonderful Parish Clerk, felt that she could no longer continue in the post due to pressure of other work commitments. We appreciate all the excellent work that Lorna did for us and we wish her all the best for the future. We have been fortunate in being able to appoint Nicki Phillips as our new Clerk, and we extend a very warm welcome to her and look forward to working with her.

Parish Council Meetings - In conclusion, I would just like to remind you that 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 at least 2 weeks in advance of a meeting.

Current 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

Parish Council Website – our website is now up and running, although still being developed, past and present Council meeting agendas and minutes, along with other information can be viewed at: www.barnwellparishcouncil.org.uk

Heather Hanlon, Chair

Barnwell Trees - The Parish Council is constantly lobbying the authorities to maintain our village trees. We are very pleased that the county council has carried out a complete survey of the trees. It should now only be a matter of time before they undertake some work. This will include trimming the basal growth in accordance with our maintenance plan, removing larger dead branches and raising the clearance over the highway to 5 meters. Most of the willow crowns will be pruned and the two misshapen trees outside Paddy's cottage will be trimmed to a more balanced shape. We are hoping the Village Green trees, which we are told belong to the village, will also be attended to by the council but this is still under negotiation.

Councillor David Brown

Parson Latham's Hospital - This has been a busy year for us all. With the Chapel Hall extension completed we began by having Coffee and Tea Mornings every 3rd Wednesday in the month. Many local people came to see our improvements and enjoyed a 'cuppa' and a chat. With the suggestion of our residents we put on Cream Teas every Sunday in August. We met many new and interesting people who enjoyed seeing our beautiful buildings and gardens. Thank you to everyone who helped and for the donations of jam.

The Autumn Fayre was held on Saturday 10th October at the Village Hall once again. With its excellent facilities and parking it is ideal as we now have well over 100 people come along. Our new event this year, the 'Great Barnwell Bake Off', was a big success. With many entries from men, women and children Barnwell certainly rose to the challenge. It was a very happy and enjoyable occasion. A huge thank you to everyone who helped. The grand total of £992.57 was raised which will go towards providing better heating, lighting and tables and chairs in the Chapel Hall.

Throughout the winter months we shall change our Tea and Coffee Mornings to a 'Soup and Sandwich' lunch beginning on Wednesday 18th November. Winter days can be dreary so come along and enjoy a bowl of freshly made soup and roll with sandwiches followed by tea or coffee at only £3.00. We can enjoy each other's company in our lovely Chapel Hall. Lunch time is 12.00 for 12.15pm. Prior booking would be helpful so please phone 272496.

Our Chapel Hall is available for hire. Please contact our Clerk Peter Richardson for further details. Telephone 273141

Once again very many thanks for your continuing support for our Trust.

Pat Rutterford, Chairman of Trustees

Barnwell WI - has enjoyed a wide variety of activities and talks in this the WI's Centenary year, with a skittles night and a Christmas party still to come! One of our ladies was lucky enough to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the Centenary earlier in the summer, which was a very memorable occasion. We meet once a month, except in August when a day trip is organised, this year it was to Southwold. Usually we meet on the first Thursday of the month, except in January, when it is the second, at 7.30pm at the village hall. Please call Andrea Croft, the secretary, on 01832 272382, or just come along!

Dog Fouling - On the morning of Remembrance Sunday I went early to the churchyard to remove dog dirt from my Mother's grave. This is not the first time. It appears that some owners are allowing their dogs to use the churchyard as a lavatory. This is not acceptable! The graveyard is a place of peace the last resting place of our loved ones for us our son James and my Mother. We ask all owners that walk their dogs through the churchyard not to allow them to foul the graves or anywhere. Carry a bag and preferably keep the dog on a lead. The path through the churchyard is not a public Right of Way. It is access to a place of thoughtful quietness and remembrance. It is a privilege.

Pat and Ron Rutterford. Distressed.

Barnwell Bonfire – the sub-committee would like to thank the multitude of people who helped with the bonfire party. Parking attendants, money takers, traffic operatives, cooks, servers, security guards, builders, painters, bar staff, money counters, fire-lighters and glowing things sellers all make this event run like clockwork (well almost!!). The result was again an event which received a lot of positive feedback not least from the Look East team.

It was a great village effort and the result was £4000 plus to help keep the hall in tip top condition. Thank you.

The Bonfire Team.

Little Ducklings – we still have ('funded' and 'parent pay') 2 and 3 year old places if parents want to register their child.

This term's activities in pre-school focus on 'British Values'. This is part of the new government 'Prevent Duty Law' passed in July. There have been lots of queries about how pre-schools and nurseries should be interpreting Fundamental British Values in the early years and how that will be reflected by Ofsted in inspection. We have chosen to teach a range of things that make us what we are:

- 3rd – 6th November: Dance and Decorate (from Morris Dancing to Guy Fawkes Night!)
- 9th – 13th: Our food – celebrating all of UK food cultures.
- 16th – 20th: Being us!
- 23rd – 27th: Our Royal Family.
- 30th – 4th December: Britain – Land of many cultures.
- 7th – 11th: Start of two weeks of Christmas fun.
- 14th – 18th: (Singing festive songs, making decorations, cards, calendars, etc.) On the last day of this term, Friday 18th December, we hold our annual Christmas meal with crackers and Santa.

We are open to visitors anytime and have a 'Tea with Tots' group who come in (anyone welcome, not just registered parents) from 1 – 3pm on a Friday afternoon each week.

Anna – Little Ducklings Manager

Barnwell Community Group – our picturesque village has been a hive of activity over the last three years. In 2012, The Barnwell Community Group, supported by the village church and Northamptonshire Community Foundation, was established with the primary purpose of bringing the village community closer together. Since the group started it has put on over 25 events which have attended by over 2,500 people and brought together people from within the village and the surrounding areas. They have held an imaginative variety of events including Wedding fairs, Quizzes, and Food Festivals that have been held in the purpose built Village Hall, whilst the central village green has also been put to good use. Local Councillor Geoff Shacklock, who was instrumental in setting up the group, said “Community is at the heart of the village and these events help strengthen that whilst offering a great opportunity for everyone, young and old, to come together”.

In addition to the community aspect, the team have been able to fund events such as the Children’s Christmas parties, Easter Egg hunts, and several village Fun Days. The group are working on providing practical support around the village through the installation of a defibrillator and looking to set up a village website. The group expect to take delivery of the defibrillator before the end of the year and are assessing with others various locations where this may be sited.

It was great to see so many people come out to the recent events on the village green, both for the summer music event and more recently the pumpkin carving competition. The next event, which is open to all, is the Annual Pie, Pint & Auction of Promises, on Sunday December 6th which will be held in the Village Hall. Tim Herring, one of the committee members encourages all to come along to the event – “now in its third year it has proven popular as a great opportunity to grab an unusual Christmas present, - any you are promised a very warm welcome and very tasty food”.

The Group would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement, and are open to suggestions of additional events to put on for next year as they start to plan for 2016.

Tim Herring

Heartstart - Two Heartstart sessions have been organised for 21st and 28th January 7-9pm at the Village Hall. All welcome, but names are needed, to Caroline on 273220.

Christmas Services at St. Andrew's Church, Barnwell

Sunday	06 December	5pm	Christingle Service	
Tuesday	22 December	7.30pm.	Carols by Candlelight	
Thursday	24 December	5pm.	Crib Service	Children can dress as an angel or shepherd
Thursday	24 December	11.30pm.	Midnight Mass	
Christmas Day		11am.	All Age Service	Children can bring a present to show
Sunday	27 December	11am.	Holy Communion	