

BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Winter 2016

Dear Barnwellian,

I don't have a lot to report this time as other Councillors and contributors have sent in the articles below, but I do have to bring to your attention once again the problem of dog fouling in the village. Whilst most of our dog owners are very responsible and clean up after their pets, there are obviously a few who are not so considerate. In the light of this we have been in contact with the Dog Warden and together we have done an inspection of the village. It was very disappointing to find that fouling is still occurring in the churchyards and other areas of concern are the Recreational/Cricket Field and the Village Hall field. We are trying to acquire more litter bins to be placed in these areas to make it easier for owners to dispose of their dogs' offerings. The Dog Warden has informed us that he will be doing random patrols in the village and the penalty for allowing your dog to foul will be an on the spot fine of £75. Please help us to make our village mess free.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Heather Hanlon (Chair Barnwell Parish Council)

BARNWELL'S PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR

For some time now Barnwell Community Group, along with the Parish Council have been working on the provision of a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) in the village. A Defibrillator can provide an essential live saving step in the chain of survival for somebody who experiences cardiac arrest. These units are simple to use and can be used by anyone in case of an emergency.

A Defibrillator unit has already been obtained pending a suitable location. Various options around the village have been considered and costed over this period and we are pleased to say a potential solution has been found.

A number of things have come together which offer an ideal solution. As in many other locations a PAD can be located in a BT Phone Box. Ours is prominently located on the Village Green easily accessed on foot or by car. BT are currently withdrawing a number of Payphone services throughout the district due to low usage, in Achurch for example, where there were 79 calls made in 12 months, the service is earmarked for closure. In Barnwell our Payphone has only been used 12 times over the last 2 years. Whilst we are not part of the current round of closures this may be a future possibility. Against this background we are working with the Community Heartbeat Trust to adopt our Phone Box for the siting of our Defibrillator unit. This will also provide the opportunity to restore the box to its former glory, preserving it for the future and perhaps housing additional community services such as a book exchange. A 90 day consultation process will be undertaken prior to removing the payphone service but after that time we can move ahead with the restoration work and fitting of our life saving Defibrillator.

Nick Bould

Parson Latham's Chapel Hall

It is now a year since we started "Soup and Sandwiches " lunches , every third Wednesday of the month, at Parson Latham's Chapel Hall. Meeting friends and neighbours old and new keeps us in touch and makes for a very pleasant lunchtime. A friendly chat with good food is enjoyed with a log fire throughout the winter months. Do come and join us you would be most welcome.

In August we swop lunch for cream teas every Sunday afternoon. From cyclists who just drop in to families enjoying an afternoon in our Chapel hall garden it was lovely to see so many people. None of this could take place without the help of our very willing volunteer helpers. A very big thank you to you all.

The Autumn Fayre was held on Saturday 29th October at the village hall. Thank you to you all for supporting it so brilliantly. The proceeds of £936.15 will go towards a new heating system for the Chapel hall. Over the year we have seen the Chapel hall used more and more. It is ideal for small meetings and other suitable occasions. Our most notable this

year was polling station for the referendum. If you would like more details please contact Peter Richardson telephone number 01832 273141 or myself on 272496.

Pat Rutterford Chairman

Barnwell WI

is going to be 70 years old in 2017, so plans are afoot for a celebration in July, as well as the usual talks, quizzes, meals out, a garden visit, a skittles evening and an evening at 'the dogs'!

If you would like to come along and see what we are up to, just come along on the 1st Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at Barnwell Village Hall (in January it is the 2nd Thursday) or for more information please call Andrea Croft on 01832 272382 or Caroline Marriott on 01832 273261.

Andrea Croft

Barnwell Bonfire

A tremendous effort by around 40 village volunteers helped us weather the storm as many hundreds of people decided that Barnwell was the place to come to on Bonfire night. The fine weather, reputation and publicity led to huge numbers of people descending on the village. Thank you everyone who helped in any way or just put up with the congestion. It was a fine team effort.

The Viking boat has gone and the money has been banked now ideas for next year are floating around some more practical than others. There are problems to solve, particularly with parking where the quest is on to find more places and to try to keep pedestrians more safe. We have decided to increase the food, drinks and space for firework watching. The result was an enormous profit of just over £14,000! This will be used to improve facilities at the village hall.

David Brown

BARNWELL COMMUNITY GROUP

The Christmas Festivities got off to a cracking start with the Festive Feast and Promise on the 27th November. It was great to see so many people at the event and a special thanks to those who decked out the hall and to Heather Shacklock and her team of chefs who laid on a magnificent

Christmas lunch. Our new rector, Rev Cathy Brazier admirably stepped in as an Elf when we found Father Christmas was unable to come (it is quite a busy time of the year for him). Yhanks also to all those local businesses who contributed items. There was some fierce bidding during the auction of promises and there is still a chance to win the Harrods Hamper! The grand draw will be on Saturday 17th December at the Monty where the hamper can be currently inspected!

Two dates for your 2017 diaries:

19th February – The annual Pudding Club afternoon event will take place in the village hall which provide a wide selection of puddings and desserts.
14th May – Food and Craft Festival – a fair of local produce and crafts.

Thank you for all of your support during the year – the Defibrillator should soon be installed, and we are planning a village open fair nearer the summer time next year. We are always open to new ideas and helpers, so if you would like to know more about the Barnwell Community Group, or our activities please see Geoff Shacklock.

Barnwell Parish Council

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. January 17th is the date of our next meeting.

Parish Councillors

Chairman	Heather Hanlon	270311
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	Phil Holden	272802
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