

To Barnwell Parish Council,

Thank you for tirelessly requesting the litter bin for the cricket field! The Crosers and Annie are very grateful.

Best wishes, Charlotte



Just a reminder that bagged doggie poop can be deposited in this bin along with more general litter.

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BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

Dear Barwellian,

I hesitate to call this our “Spring” newsletter as the weather at the time of writing is anything but springlike, but I am told that it is due to improve very soon so let’s stay positive!

You will see below that Vicky and Jay are looking to let the shop and Post Office. It is really important that we retain these amenities in the village, so if you know of anyone who might be interested please let them know of this opportunity. There will be an Extraordinary Open Meeting of Barnwell Parish Council on Tuesday 01 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to discuss the situation with the shop and everyone is welcome to attend.

We are making good progress with the project to provide a new children’s playground in the garden of the Montagu Arms. We have acquired the funds needed and are now waiting for building permission which, unfortunately, can take up to 8 weeks to be processed. Hopefully, barring any last minute hitches, we should have the equipment installed in time for the summer holidays. The playground project is one of the three beneficiaries of the Waitrose Green Token Scheme this month so please get those tokens dropping!

I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that we discourage parking on the village green. We are reluctant to put up “ no parking “ signs everywhere and, although we understand that parking around the Church Hill are can be frustrating, we would ask that you do not park on the green.

The police have informed us that theft from vehicles is on the rise and they advise that belongings should not be left visible in cars, especially

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overnight, and vehicles should always be locked when parked, even on your property. In addition there are gangs around who may come to your house purporting to sell you things or offering to do jobs for you. They are bogus and you are strongly advised not to engage with them.

The annual litter pick went very well despite the really awful weather that evening. Our thanks go Councillor Phil Holden for organising everything as always, and to everyone who turned out help - you were stars!

Well, that's all from me so I will leave you to read on.

Heather Hanlon (Chair Barnwell Parish Council)

BARNWELL ENTERTAINERS

Barnwell village is again gearing up for a huge community effort. This time it's the entertainers preparing for their next production in the Village Hall.

The group have been producing full length plays and shows for over 30 years. The village has only 150 households so over the years a good percentage of the population have been involved. Not quite Oberammergau but if you visit the village in the next few weeks you may well see the nuns, the Archbishop, the jilted lover, the pushy reporter or the gardener wandering the streets.

The play, Drinking Habits, written by award-winning playwright Tom Smith is frequently performed in America but very rarely in this country so the chances are you won't have seen it. It is a play about the threat of a small convent closing its doors and two nuns who desperately try to keep it open by secretly making and selling wine. Accusations and mistaken identities run rampant in this belly-laughing farce as two reporters go undercover, producing paranoia throughout the convent that spies have been sent from Rome to shut them down. Wine and secrets are spilled as everyone tries to preserve the convent and reconnect with lost loves.

The story takes place at the convent of the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing. The wine part will come naturally to the cast but probably not the sewing which may be a challenge for some of our actors. Most of our set construction crew are fresh from creating Barnwell Bonfire and again our

greater chance of arrest.

We want to encourage you to promote the alert system to friends, family and the public to get more people registered. The more people we have registered the wider and more effective our alerts will be.

Northamptonshire Police

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All are welcome to attend our council meetings which are held at the Village Hall, at 8pm, on the third Tuesday of every other month. Watch out for the agenda on the village notice board and the Parish Council website at least 1 week in advance of a meeting. There is a 15 minute slot at the start of the meeting when members of the public are able to put matters of concern in front of the council.

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PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Past and present Council meeting agendas and minutes, along with other information can be viewed at: www.barnwellparishcouncil.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2018

May 15th, July 17th, September 18th, November 20th

better informed about crime and police activity in their local area, and help us to keep their communities safe? The messaging service, (formerly known as Community Connect), enables frontline police officers and PCSOs to send alert messages direct from their mobile devices to thousands of local people. They can do this in real-time while they are out and about policing the county.

The alert service is free and simple to activate by registering at www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk and is available to anyone living or working in Northamptonshire.

After signing up to the messaging system, you will receive regular alerts from Northamptonshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, keeping you up to date and informed about crime and issues relevant to you and the area where you live or work.

Alerts are received either by email, text message or voice message – whichever suits. You will also be given the option of what you want to receive alerts about, and how often – you will only receive messages about topics that you have selected.

Our communities play a crucial part in helping us prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Police officers and PCSOs will be regularly sending out message alerts via Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert, appealing for help, highlighting suspicious activity, offering crime prevention advice, and keeping people up to date about general police work and safety events.

This community messaging system allows information to be shared really quickly and much more directly with the public about crime and activity in their specific locality, helping us to involve and protect the community much more. If for example, there has been a spate of distraction burglaries in a particular district or an increase in vehicle crime, we can tell people immediately via the alert system. So they can better protect themselves and be more aware of any potential threats and risks. We can also very quickly share descriptions of suspects or appeal for witnesses – giving us a

local builder will be in charge. His sets are always amazing and he is famous for secret doors falling pictures and exploding taps! Our artist was responsible for painting Hogwarts Express at the bonfire and he will work his magic on the convent. A team from the village will take care of props, front of house, lighting and sound to name just a few.

Barnwell Entertainers has just come into the 21st century with the creation of their own website so you can check out how things are going at www.barnwellentertainers.com There is even a link so you can order tickets . Now that is 21st century!

The dates to put in your diary are April 26th , 27th and 28th of April . If you prefer more traditional methods real cardboard tickets can be bought from Barnwell Post Office or Lower Farm Bed and Breakfast.

VILLAGE STREET LIGHTING

The street lighting in the village is becoming old, extinct and expensive. EU legislation has banned the manufacture of some of the lanterns that we use and so replacements are becoming scarce.

Consequently the Parish Council are proposing to replace the street lighting and we are considering quotes at the moment.

The replacement lights will be white LED lanterns (similar to those that already exist at the newer part of Castle View) and we anticipate the level of illumination will be as current levels. The capital cost of the replacement will be spread over a number of years and that annual cost should be covered by the savings we make on the cost of electricity.

If anyone would like to make any comments, please contact Graham Wise at: gpw.bwpc@gmail.com

THE LATHAM AND BIGLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BARNWELL, HEMINGTON AND LUDDINGTON FUND.

The Trustees would like to bring to your attention this Educational Fund. The object of the Foundation is to promote the education, including social and physical training of people under the age of 25 who are in need of financial assistance. Grants may be awarded for:

Outfits, clothing, tools, equipment, instruments or books to assist young people in their education including sport, music and other arts, travel costs and expenses towards entering a profession, apprenticeship or the service industry.

In August of each year the Trustees invite grant applications from individuals or the parents/guardians of any young people under the age of 25 who are resident in the Parishes of Barnwell, Hemington and Luddington. For further information please contact Pat Rutterford, Chairman of Trustees. Tel no 272496

THE JAMES RUTTERFORD TRUST 25th ANNIVERSARY PRINCE WILLIAM SCHOOL

THE 25th Anniversary dance was held at Barnwell Village Hall on Saturday 24th March.

It was a lovely occasion where groups of people came to enjoy a great night. With the excellent band the Junos, not forgetting the delicious fish and chip supper, everyone had a very happy time. A very big thank you to the helpers, those who gave raffle prizes, all of you who came and to those who gave donations to James' Trust.

The Trust is targeted at families who need financial support to enable their children to take part in school activities, to provide equipment to aid their study or support out-of-hours school activities. This is not necessarily for people receiving benefits, there are many families that are working, who find that due to various pressures they are unable to afford for their child to participate in a particular trip.

An application form is always available from the Finance Office at Prince William School or this can be downloaded from the website.

<http://www.princewilliamschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=147&type=pdf>

A mydonate page has been set up for anyone who wishes to donate to the Trust.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/jamesrutterfordtrust>

PARSON LATHAM'S CHAPEL HALL

The Soup and Sandwiches lunches are on the third Wednesday of the month. Enjoy a bowl of hot freshly made soup with crusty bread followed by a selection of sandwiches, tea and coffee. 12.00 for 12.15 at only £3.00 Everyone is welcome. Come and enjoy a relaxing lunch in our lovely Chapel Hall.

Our Cream Teas will begin on Sunday 29th July and continue on the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th August. We look forward to seeing you then.
Pat Rutterford Chairman of Trustees Tel no 272496.

BARNWELL WI

With nearly 50 members Barnwell WI is thriving! So far this year we have had a Needle Felting workshop and a talk about the work of the Leprosy Mission. Forthcoming meetings include demonstrations and talks about Homemade Chutneys & Relishes, Gift Wrapping Ideas and, last but not least, a Belly Dancing session! The monthly meetings are interspersed with various outings, which include greyhound racing, rifle range shooting, a picnic at Althorp to celebrate the WI's centenary, a BBQ and our annual meal out. If you would like to see what we are all about, either just come along to a meeting or phone Andrea Croft on 01832 272382, Jude Robinson on 01832 293190 or Caroline Marriott on 01832 273261. We meet at Barnwell Village Hall at 7.30pm, usually on the first Thursday of the month (2nd Thursday in January and there's no meeting in August).

BARNWELL VILLAGE & POST OFFICE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!!

Vicky and Jay no longer feel able to run our village shop and Post Office and are therefore seeking to let both businesses.

Anyone interested should contact Jay for more details on 01832 358449

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT

Did you know that Northamptonshire Police has a free message alert system, to help people living and working in Northamptonshire be much