

**Barnwell Trees** - Thank you volunteers.

The basal growth on many of our lime trees has again been trimmed thanks to the hard work of volunteers. Thank you!

At the time of writing we are awaiting a contractor to climb the village green trees and remove the dead or dying branches to make sure they are safe. In the meantime Ted, our amazing grass cutting person has tidied up the green ready for the summer. The millennium seat has also been repaired for the cost of materials only and is ready for relaxing in the sun. The village green was adopted by Barnwell parish some time ago and so those trees are our responsibility. The rest of the village trees are the county council's responsibility. Last year the county did carry out some work, however the task was not completed and we will continue to remind them of this fact. We, as a parish, do often undertake some trimming of the Growth around the base of the limes as county rarely seem able to undertake this.

*David Brown*

Are you having trouble getting superfast broadband? Since Christmas my broadband connection has become very poor, so much so that I decided at last to apply for a superfast line. Sounds simple doesn't it? After all we have a new box and the website and most suppliers will tell you it is available here. Until they contact Open reach that is, and even some of the Open reach departments are not sure! It seems our cabinet is full.

I would be keen to hear from anyone in the village who is also having problems. Perhaps we can present a united front to try to sort the problem.

David Brown

### **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](http://www.barnwellparishcouncil.org.uk) at least 1 week in advance of a meeting. The *Clerk* can be contacted on 07562372430 (please leave a message or send a text).

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# ***BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER***

**Spring/Summer 2017**

**Dear Barnwellian,**

With all the upheaval and uncertainty in our country and, indeed, around the world, it is comforting to know that our little village is ticking along nicely with no major problems to report.

At the beginning of April we had our annual litter pick, spearheaded by Councillor Phil Holden. Many thanks go to Phil and everyone who came along to help. A huge amount of rubbish was collected from the village and adjoining areas- witness the large pile which was left on the village green for collection. It is always disappointing to see so much litter and it would be wonderful if people could pick up any they see and place it in one of the many waste bins in the village.

I am pleased to report that the Barnwell Neighbourhood Plan has been re-energised by the addition to the group of three new enthusiastic volunteers, Sarah and Mike Uttley and Joe Croser. After a hiatus towards the end of last year we are now making good progress towards creating a draft plan.

I know that many parents of young children in the village are keen for us to install a playground, and we are actively working towards this. However, playgrounds are expensive and we need a large amount of grant money to fund ours. To help support our application for grants we would like to hold a sponsored family fun run and barbecue on the Recreation Field on Sunday 03 September. We would really appreciate some help with this from some young mums and dads as many of us 'crinklies' can barely manage to run a bath!, if you would be willing to help please contact me on 270311. More details about sponsorship forms etc. will follow.

*Heather Hanlon (Chair Barnwell Parish Council)*

## **BARNWELL ENTERTAINERS** - Barnwell's latest home grown production.

The cast thought it was an April Fools joke, but no, the real author was there on Saturday night to see his play performed by our very own Barnwell Entertainers. The cast of 'Write about What you Know' brought his play to life with a macho wester writer, a jam making lady writer who doesn't write, a domineering philandering husband, a drunken wronged wife, a prim screaming schoolteacher, and a weak bladdered science fiction fanatic. All were shocked by the antics of the librarian 'weasy' who fell for the smooth intellectual 'bunnykins'. Yes our very own Martin, Juliet, Graham, Jenny, Anne, heather, Hannah, and David became these very convincing characters for three nights last month in front of record audiences. The whole production and front of stage crew are to be congratulated on a very professional show.

Thanks to everyone who came to watch our play. It proved to be a memorable evening. Everyone hopes to see you again next year when a whole new set of characters and probably some new actors will be waiting to entertain you. Maybe you fancy becoming more involved in some way. The Entertainers are always looking for volunteers, particularly from the village, so feel free to contact any of the usual suspects.

David Brown

## **Parson Latham's Hospital in Barnwell**

Just a reminder that Soup and Sandwiches Lunch is every third Wednesday of the month. Do come along. Everyone is welcome. Summer is just around the corner so book the following dates for Fresh cream teas in the Chapel hall and garden - 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th August. 2.30 pm till 5.00 pm.

Our Clerk to the Trust is retiring in July. If you would like to know about the role of Clerk to our trust please telephone Pat Rutterford 01832 272496.

Two cottages have just become vacant – see separate sheet.

*Pat Rutterford Chairman*

## **BARNWELL COMMUNITY GROUP**

There are a number of projects that you will see being completed in the next few months:

- the defibrillator should be installed in the village during the summer - further details on when this has been activated and training courses will follow.
- the St. Andrew's Church clock is about to be renovated and the repair work will be carried out in early summer.
- the chancel roof of St. Andrew's has been in need of repair for many years. Thanks to donations, events and grants the work is planned to start in May and will take place over the summer. The project will cost in excess of £75,000 and will enable the church building to continue to remain open and active for baptisms, weddings and funerals as well as regular services in the future. Keeping our Church active also includes many activities outside the church itself - Rev Cathy Brazier works throughout the week in our benefice community - at Polebrook School and Barnwell Little Ducklings Pre-School, taking services at the Polebrook nursing home, meeting the housebound and helping those going through personal difficulties.

The works to both the clock and the roof require scaffolding to be erected, and we would ask anyone walking through St Andrew's Churchyard to be aware that work may be taking place and to take note of any signs or barriers. Please also be extra vigilant if you see any unusual activity taking place out of normal working hours, as there have been a number of lead roof thefts recently in the neighbourhood. We will be patrolling regularly and taking extra precautions during this time.

The annual Pudding Club took place in the Spring and by the time you read this you may have also enjoyed the Food Festival on 7th May in the village hall. There certainly seems to be a foodie theme to our events this year!

*Tim Herring*