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As you get older, or perhaps because you've always lived with a disability, it can be hard to get to those places that really matter to you. If you find yourself at home more than you'd like, you may wish you could see more people in your home.

That's where Volunteer Action can help. We provide a **car scheme** for those who cannot access public transport and can take you to many of the places you would like to go – not just the hospital and doctor's surgery (although they are, of course, offered!) but also shopping, to the hairdresser, to visit friends etc. We also run a **befriending service** of volunteers willing to come out & chat regularly. Our aim is to help improve your well-being and how you define that is largely down to you. We recently introduced an **enhanced referral service** to help you find the help you need.

CAR SERVICE: There is no membership fee and we can take your joining details over the phone when you make a first booking. We usually need 2 working days notice of drives but will consider medical drives at any time. All our drivers are volunteers who get paid 40p per mile (minimum charge £3). This is paid by the passenger directly to the driver in cash on the day. Drivers will wait an hour for a return journey for any purpose other than hospital appointments. For these we allow 2 hours. When travelling further afield (eg to Addenbrookes), drivers will wait even longer. Otherwise, if you need more time you can book 2 journeys. Generally, distance is not a problem.

Example return fares: Barnwell to Peterborough City Hospital	£14.40
Barnwell to Oundle	£3.20

We have drivers and cars which can take wheelchairs or frame and you are welcome to share the car with other registered passengers (or a carer), subject to our rules on fares applying from each pick-up address.

Our opening hours for these services are Monday to Friday 9.30 to 12.30

The phone number for all our services is 01832 275433

Or you can email us on admin@volunteeractionoundle.org.uk

BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Winter 2018

Dear Barnwellian,

From time to time I am asked what Barnwell Parish Council spends its precept on. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to let you know what your Council pays for in the parish:

- * Street lighting
- * Maintenance of Village green trees
- * Mowing and maintenance of the Recreation Field
- * Supplementing the grant from NCC for mowing grass throughout the village
- * Filling the grit bins that are no longer maintained by NCC
- * Public Liability and Employee Insurance
- * NALC subscription
- * Audit fees
- * Grant to St. Andrew's churchyard maintenance
- * Playground maintenance
- * Poppy Wreath
- * Hire of Village Hall for meetings
- * Clerk's salary
- * Printing of newsletters, flyers and posters as required

Our precept for the year 2019/2020 is set at £10,250 which equates to £58.24 per annum for a Band D property.

STREET LIGHTING

We have now obtained the grant for new street lights throughout the village and hope that the replacement work will start soon.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

As I am sure you are all aware, the children's playground is now almost finished but we still have to fence it off for safety reasons before we can officially open. We will advertise the opening date so please keep an eye open for posters throughout the village.

PARKING ON VILLAGE GREEN

Whilst we fully appreciate that parking in Barnwell can sometimes be a real headache, we would like to ask you, if at all possible, not to park on the village green, especially in the winter months when the grass can be severely damaged.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

We are always on the lookout for anyone who is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, so even if you only have a vague interest, please come along to one of our bi-monthly meetings to see what goes on or, alternatively, contact our clerk at: barnwellparishclerk@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

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

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Chairman	Heather Hanlon
Vice Chairman	David Brown
	Graham Wise
	Phil Holden
	Geoff Shacklock
	Nick Bould
	Chris Soans

Parish Clerk	Nicki Phillips	07562372430
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There are lots of interesting articles to follow so I will end by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019.

Heather Hanlon (Chair Barnwell Parish Council)

BARNWELL WI

Another busy year at Barnwell WI is nearing its end, concluding with a Christmas Party on Thursday 6th December at 7.30pm at Barnwell Village Hall. If you'd like to come along and meet us please give either Andrea Croft a call on 07760 282030 or Kate Whight, our new president, on 01832 273193. Otherwise come along to a meeting in the new year - usually on the 1st Thursday of the month (2nd Thursday in January) and there's no meeting in August.

Barnwell Community Group Halloween Event 2018

Once again we had a fantastic turnout for Halloween with so many pumpkins and displays all around the village where competition was as always very fierce. Our judge this year was Cllr. Wendy Brackenbury, Chairman of East Northants Council, whose comment was it was the most difficult job she has had so far in her year of office.

Winners of the competition were

Best carved pumpkin Jessica and Finley McIntosh

Best display - Tina Edgar and family

Childrens fancy dress Sebastian Hernandez

Novelty fancy dress Katrin W. and Vegas the bewitched

Barnwell-Lion-King

We received this comment which sums up what we are trying to achieve:

Could you pass on my sincere thanks once again this year, to all the fabulous people in Barnwell for giving the children a wonderful and safe opportunity to enjoy Halloween please? We are so lucky to have so many people willing to devote their time at occasions like this in order to give the children some wonderful memories!

This event is put on by the Community Group to bring the wider community together and is not a fundraiser. We trust you enjoyed it and look forward to seeing you next year!

Geoff - Chairman of the Community Group

Sunday 10th March 2019

The annual Pudding Club event will take place in the afternoon offering a wide selection of delicious homemade puddings.

Weekend of 20/21st July 2019

We are planning a new event for next year over this July weekend - Barnwell Carfest & Fair 2019 - if you have an interest in cars or in helping out at this event then please let us know.

As mentioned earlier in the year we would be making a contribution to the new Barnwell play park from the events run in 2018 and have so far donated £600 towards the costs of the park, whilst also supporting the activities of St Andrews.

If you would like to know any more on these events or wanting to get involved please speak to Geoff Shacklock (274549) or Tim Herring (275603)

BARNWELL BONFIRE THANKS

Over 50 volunteers helped to make another successful , profitable and safe evening to celebrate the Discovery of the Bonfire Plot way back in 1605. The haunted house with a witch stirring her pot and a ghost flying sedately from one side to the other was spectacular, particularly with the lighting effects. This year, as our theme coincided with Halloween we were able to extend outwards to the pub and village green .

Of course there is a lot more which needs to happen to make the event successful . Nearly 1000 cars need parking , about 3000 people escorted down the street, hundreds of burgers and sausages barbecued, spuds cooked, an infinite number of warm drinks prepared and served not to mention risk assessments and forms filled in!

It worked thanks to everyone's efforts . A great team effort. Well done Barnwell .

Also a big thank you to all who came. It wouldn't be much good without you!

THE JAMES RUTTERFORD TRUST

The magnificent sum of £1461.76 was raised at the Autumn Fayre for James' Trust at Prince William School. Held in the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd September many of you, including PWS parents and pupils, came to enjoy the traditional cake, bric-a-brac, book and plant stalls. With more entries than ever the Great Barnwell Bake Off was very successful with excellent bakes from both adults and children. The big raffle, games and of course the model railway made the day.

A very big thank you to all of you that gave and came on the day. Special thanks to the wonderful ladies, gents and children helpers.

With the dance held in March at the Village Hall and the Autumn Fayre a grand total of £3494.76 has been raised in this the 25th Anniversary of James' Trust. A very sincere thank you.

Pat and Ron

BARNWELL VILLAGE SHOP UPDATE

Following the Extraordinary Parish Council Open Meeting held in May to discuss the future prospects of the Barnwell Village Shop, 16 volunteers expressed an interest in establishing a working group and have met three times. They have formed the Barnwell Village Shop Community Group with the purposes laid out below. Jay has been in dialogue with the group and is supportive of its work and aims.

The purpose of the Barnwell Village Shop Community Group is to investigate the feasibility to support, develop and sustain a community facility providing goods and services for the people of Barnwell and neighbouring villages.

The Group will:

Work in parallel with Jay and Vicky as they seek to cease running the village shop and Post Office.

Carry out a village survey and other research to assess the demand and need for local goods and services.

BARNWELL VILLAGE SHOP UPDATE – cont.

Assess the options to continue to support, or run, a community led facility.

Complete a business plan including an appropriate legal structure and funding solutions if a viable venture is identified.

At this exploratory stage, the Barnwell Village Shop Community Group will be run by the committee as an unincorporated association and as an unincorporated body will not enter into any contracts or financial arrangements unless expressly agreed by all members of the committee and minuted as such.

A survey is expected to be distributed to those in Barnwell and the neighbouring villages shortly and encourage everyone to provide feedback.

The group will provide regular updates during the process through various communication channels. The group welcomes feedback and If you have any specific questions or comments then please contact the group via email at bvscgroup@gmail.com or Tim Herring (275603).

BARNWELL ENTERTAINERS

Barnwell Entertainers are pleased to be able to announce that their Spring 2019 production will be Fishing for Clues, a Comedy Whodunnit by Geoff Bamber ...

To find out more information please go to their website.
<https://www.barnwellentertainers.com/news/>



PARSON LATHAM'S CHAPEL HALL

The Trustees are pleased to offer the Chapel Hall, now completely refurbished, for your meetings. Seating up to thirty people it is the perfect size for smaller numbers of people. There are excellent facilities for making tea and coffee. A small oven, microwave and dishwasher make it the ideal place for light lunches, afternoon teas and receptions.

The Soup and Sandwiches Lunches, each third Wednesday of the month, are well attended. Meeting old and new friends over a bowl of delicious homemade soup followed by sandwiches has become a joyous occasion. Do come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

The Cream Teas this year were again successful. It is always a pleasure to show visitors the garden and Chapel hall and tell the story of Parson Nicholas Latham. The proceeds from the Cream Teas enabled us to buy a new set of table and chairs for the side garden. For further details please telephone Pat Rutterford 272496

BARNWELL COMMUNITY GROUPS FUTURE EVENTS

There are 2 events currently planned in the run up to Christmas and 2 2019 events to book in the diary!

Sunday 9th December 4pm

All are welcome to come and join the Christingle Service taking place in St Andrew's Church, Barnwell at 4pm. The service will be child friendly and be followed by refreshments. Details of the many other Christmas services being held can be found in the monthly Branches magazine.

Sunday 16th December 12.30-3.00pm

The Barnwell Festive Feast will be back again providing a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimming, entertainment, a bar, and Christmas stalls. Tickets are available from the Barnwell Village Shop, Lower Farm B&B or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/barnwell