

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER Spring 2008

Festive Thank you

Once again the Parish Council would like to thank Mrs Gladys Wood for providing not just the Oxspring Christmas tree but also the electricity to light it. We must also thank those who help every year in putting up the tree. Thank you.

Oxspring Open Gardens

Tollbar Close, Fields End & Brookfield

The Open Gardens Event will be held again this summer in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year, despite continuous heavy rain, the sum of £1100 was raised. It was a hugely rewarding day and was very well supported despite the atrocious weather conditions. If anyone would like to join in by opening their garden or by helping in any way, then please ring either Jane on 767682 or Elaine on 766922. Date still to be announced.

Recreational Activities

Suggestions have been made to the Parish Council for various outdoor activities, for either the Playingfield area or the area of land on Sheffield Road opposite Oxspring school which the Parish Council has recently acquired. The Parish Council would welcome your comments on these ideas. One suggestion is to have a boules pitch, another is to have an Exercise area with a range of outdoor fitness units. The equipment is designed for all ages and all abilities and is an extremely popular concept in other parts of Europe, especially with the older residents.

Dog Fouling

Yet again Dog fouling throughout the village is a big problem. All of the pavements are affected as is the village green and many minor footpaths. Dog bins have been provided throughout the village, so please be a responsible owner and pick it up. Barnsley Council will be monitoring the situation and fines will be issued to those who offend. Please call the following number if you witness anyone allowing their dog to foul in a public place. Tel: 772540

Oxspring Best Planter of 2008 Competition.

Following the success of 2006, it has been decided to have a Planter competition this summer. There will be 3 prizes. 1st Prize £30, 2nd Prize £20 and 3rd Prize of £10.

There is a sum of up to £20 available per planter if required to reimburse for any plants purchased for the planter. This reimbursement will be made only if receipts have been obtained as proof of purchase. The competition will be judged in the first two weeks of September, the judges are still to be confirmed.

We wish you all the best of luck and are sure that you will produce some magnificent planters as you have done in previous years.

Oxspring Good Companions

Oxspring Good Companions would be pleased to welcome new members.

The group meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:15pm to 3:15pm at St Aidans for a social chat, talks, bingo and many other activities. If anyone is interested please contact Brian on 767407.

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Horse Riding Event

Jenny Gilbert will again be running our areas Endurance G.B event. This will be held on the 7th and 8th June. All horse riders will wear a numbered bib and the route will be clearly marked. It starts at Finkle Street, Wortley, and will come down the Trans Pennine Trail, the short route exiting the Trail at the Willows. For more information contact Jenny on 01484 863506.

Diary Dates

Oxspring Parish Council meetings at Oxspring School:

Monday 12th May 6.30pm Annual Assembly + Annual meeting
Monday 16th June 7pm, Monday 21st July 7pm, Monday 1st September 7pm,
Monday 6th October 7pm, Monday 3rd November 7pm, Monday 1st December 7pm.

Trunce Run Dates.

All races start at 18.30 from Oxspring Playing field.
Monday 21st April, Monday 12th May, Monday 2nd June, Monday 23rd June
Monday 14th July, Monday 4th August, Monday 18th August
Monday 8th September followed by end of year presentations.

Your Councillors

Current Chair - Ian Goldthorpe 766362. Current Vice Chair - Ian Stanley 764220.

Freda Shaw – 767070. Alison Mills - 379910.

Bill Taylor – 763076. Robert Chitoriski – 767813. Chris Booth - 770559.

Residents Items.

Don't forget we are always looking for interesting articles for the newsletter, so if you feel that there are items you would like to appear in the next issue and feel they would be of interest to the residents of Oxspring then please contact the Clerk.

Oxspring Friends Seniors Tea

Oxspring Friends cordially invite all over 60's Oxspring residents to an Evening of good food and entertainment with a 1950's theme at St Aidans on Saturday May 17th at 5pm.

This year's local talent is: Vals Gals, Justin the Magician, Pam on Keyboard, Win the Webster, the Two Miss Takes. Also includes a quiz and raffle.

If you wish to attend, please complete the slip below and return to Ben at the Post Office. All slips must be returned by 30th April. Thank you.

Oxspring Friends Over 60's Tea

Name: _____

I accept your invitation and require _____ (number) places reserving.

I have difficulty walking and would like a lift by car to attend from:

Address: _____

Or:

I am housebound and unable to attend but would like a buffet meal delivered to:

Address: _____

Signed: _____

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