

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER Spring 2009

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.

Events this Summer

Horse Riding EGB Event

Jeni Gilbert will again be running the Wharncliffe Chase Endurance GB event. This will be held on the 6th and 7th June. All horse riders will wear a numbered bib and the route will be clearly marked. Posters will be placed along the route. It starts at Finkle Street Lane, Wortley, and will come down the Trans Pennine Trail and go through Oxspring. For more information or to enter the event contact Jeni on 01484 863506.

Oxspring Duck Race and Summer Fayre

Oxspring Primary School's Annual Duck Race and Summer Fayre will be held on Friday 3rd July at 6pm at Bower Dell.

Oxspring Open Gardens – 12th July at Tollbar Close, Fields End & Brookfield

Oxspring Open Gardens will be held again this summer on the 12th July; it is an enjoyable event for all the family and will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year the sum of £2500 was raised. It was a hugely rewarding day and was very well supported with over 400 people attending. Volunteers to help run the event would be most welcome, or if you would like to join in by opening your garden, then please ring Jane on 767682.

Trunce Run Series 2009

2008's Trunce Run Series was the most successful yet with 1745 adults taking part and many juniors. All races start at 18.30 from Oxspring Playing field and the course is approximately 4 miles long.

For more information visit the Trunce run website at www.undeadmonkey.org.uk/trunce.

Race dates:

Monday 20th April, Monday 11th May, Monday 1st June, Monday 22nd June

Monday 13th July, Monday 3rd August, Monday 17th August

Monday 7th September followed by end of year presentations in the Wagon and Horses pub

Trans Pennine Trail 5 Mile Race

This will take place on Saturday 26th September 2009 at 11.30am. Please contact Rob Chitoriski for further information and to enter the event on 01226 767813.

Oxspring Best Planter of 2009 Competition.

For those of you that tend to the Parish's roadside planters, it has been decided to have a Best Planter competition this summer. The Planters will be judged in July. These will be: 1st Prize £30, 2nd Prize £20 and 3rd Prize of £10. There is up to £20 available per planter if required to reimburse for any plants purchased for the planter. This reimbursement will be made only if proof of purchase is obtained. Please send your claim and receipts to the Clerk to the Council. 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.

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Notices and News

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. In particular Sheffield Road near the School and Post Office are badly affected. Please remember that Dog faeces are a particular danger to children, and can cause many infections including worms and serious damage to the eyes. Dog bins have been provided throughout the village, so please be a responsible owner and pick it up. It is a criminal offence to allow your dog to foul in a public place and you can be prosecuted or fined up to £1000. Barnsley Council dog wardens will issue on the spot fines to those found offending. Please call the following Barnsley Council number if you witness anyone allowing their dog to foul in a public place. Tel: 772540

Public Footpaths

Please note that the path along the edge of the field behind Brookfield is not a public footpath, this is private land and should not be used for dog walking etc.

Litter

Littering has become a problem in the village in particular near the Post Office. It is an offence to drop, throw or leave litter in a public place. Please use a bin or hold on to your litter until a bin can be found, and help to keep our village clean.

Sheephouse Heights Windfarm

The Parish Council will be holding a Public Meeting in April regarding this planning application which is yet to be approved by BMBC. The proposed route to transport the construction materials and 44 meter long turbine blades travels through the centre of Oxspring. The meeting will provide more information about the plans and proposed transport route. The details are still to be arranged, but will be posted on the Village Notice board and website once confirmed.

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.

Oxspring Primary School News

New Building

Oxspring School recently received planning permission to build a new larger two classroom infant block for the school to replace the current prefabricated timber building. The new building will be better equipped for modern day teaching. Work is set to take place this summer.

New Garden

The new garden area at the School is progressing well. They are hoping to grow their own organic fruit and vegetables. Anyone who would like to help with this project and work with the children, subject to a valid CRB check, would be most welcome. Please contact the school on 763020.

Resident Items

We are always looking for interesting articles for the newsletter, so if there are items you would like to appear in the next issue that may be of interest to residents of Oxspring then please contact the Clerk.

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Oxspring Parish Website

The Parish Website is www.oxspring-parish.com. This contains a wealth of information about the village and various groups in the village, as well as information about the Parish Council. If you run a group or local business and would like some information posting on the website, please contact the Clerk to the Council.

Help raise money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance

You can help raise money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance by recycling your unwanted mobile phones. Simply place your mobile phone, iPhone or BlackBerry, in an envelope and send it freepost to Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Freepost London 16281, London, WC1N 3BR - No stamps needed!

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance relies solely on the generosity of individuals and organisations to raise the £7,200 needed each day to keep both air ambulances and highly trained crew in the air. That's the equivalent of £2.6 million every single year! Over 2,403 patients have been flown to relevant treatment centres across the Yorkshire region; many of these have been life-saving missions. This rapid response emergency service covers over four million acres of Yorkshire's vast landscape, and can make the difference between life and death for many patients.

You can also recycle your textiles - for more information on your nearest textile bank and how to recycle for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance visit www.bagitup.org.uk. For more information about the Air Ambulance, see www.yaa.org.uk or call 01422 280122

Parish Projects

Part of your Council Tax goes to Oxspring Parish Council and is called the precept. The amount of your Council tax that goes to the Parish Council for 2009/10 is £37.29 for a band D property. The Parish Council use the precept in many ways. Apart from running costs and general maintenance of Parish owned land, The Parish Council have several projects lined up for the forthcoming year.

The main one being to replace the **Culvert** that runs beneath the Playingfield with a new improved Culvert in order to improve the drainage on the field. This will be a large job, but will be a benefit to the village, especially now that planning permission was obtained last year to build a Sport and Community Centre on the playingfield.

A steering committee has been set up to progress the **Sport & Community building**, and the members will eventually go on to be trustees of the building once it is built.

Other ongoing Parish Council work in the village is the new **Memorial Garden** in memory of the late Gordon Wood, opposite Oxspring School. This piece of land is at the side of the new house recently built there. The land has been levelled and recently seeded with grass and new fencing put up. This will be a peaceful garden open to all.

Maintenance work will be carried out shortly to the **Children's Play area**. There are certain parts that need replacing due to wear and tear, but also to vandalism that occurred last autumn in particular to the wooden train.

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Diary Dates

Oxspring Parish Council meetings:

11th May, 8th June, 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December.

All meetings are on a Monday at 7pm with the exception of the Annual Assembly in May which is at 6:30pm, and are held at St Aidan's Church.

There is a 10 minute adjournment for public participation at the beginning of each meeting.

Penistone East & West Area Forum meetings:

20th May – Thurgoland Community Centre or School.

11th June – Oxspring Primary School

23rd July – Penistone St Johns Community Centre

10th September – Silkstone Primary School

22nd October – Dunford Parish Community Centre

All meetings are on a Wednesday at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome at these meetings; standing items on all agendas include Community safety, Forum Update and public questions.

Your Parish Councillors

Current Chair - Ian Goldthorpe: Malydon, Bower Hill, Oxspring. Tel 766362.

Current Vice Chair - Ian Stanley: 12 East Road, Oxspring. Tel 764220.

Freda Shaw: 2 East Road, Oxspring. Tel 767070.

Alison Mills: 12 Brookfield, Oxspring. Tel 379910.

Bill Taylor: The Bungalow, Sheffield Road, Oxspring. Tel 07999 383283.

Robert Chitoriski: 4 Copperas Close, Millhouse Green. Tel 767813.

Chris Booth: 27 Brookdale Heights, Locke Road, Dodworth. Tel: 770559.

Oxspring Friends Seniors Tea – 9th May

Oxspring Friends cordially invite all over 60's Oxspring residents to an Evening of good food and entertainment at St Aidans on Saturday May 9th from 5pm to 9pm.

There will be a variety of musical entertainment as well as a quiz and a free 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: _____