

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012

Festive Thank you

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 also thank those who help every year in putting up the tree. Thank you.

Charity Bonanza Sunday 29th April 10am

The Annual Charity Bonanza organised by Freda Shaw will this year be held on Sunday 29th April at Saint Johns Community Centre, Penistone from 10am to 2pm. Entrance is 30p. Come along and pick up bargains galore at the many Charity stalls. Green Moor Cricket Club will be providing the food as usual. Call Freda on 767070 for more details or if you require a stall.

Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations **Community Walk 1st July 2012**

The Parish Council is organising a community walk on Sunday 1st July 2012 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. We would like as many people as possible to participate and consequently, the walk has been designed to suit most levels of fitness.

The walk will start at 11.00 a.m. in the playing field car park alongside the Wagon and Horses and consists of three separate stages to suit different fitness levels, and to cater for younger family members.

The total length of all three walks combined is approximately 8.5 miles, but there are two cut off points which will allow walkers to undertake either a 2 mile walk, a 3.5 mile walk or the full 8.5 mile walk.

A full colour walk guide will be issued to you at the start of your walk and on completion, every participant will receive an Oxspring Jubilee walk badge. You will need good walking shoes as the ground could be muddy in places, and unfortunately the routes are not pushchair or wheelchair friendly as we are trying to follow as much of the Oxspring boundary route as possible which obviously means stiles and uneven ground.

Light refreshments will be on sale at the end of the walk in the playing field and non participants will be able to collect a copy of the walk booklet for later use. Any profits made on the day will be donated to support the Senior's Tea.

Please support our efforts to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible you to help us celebrate this special occasion.

Trunce Run Series 2012

2011's Trunce Run Series was yet another successful season with record numbers taking part. 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.

2012 Race dates:

Monday 16th April, Monday 30th April, Monday 21st May, Monday 11th June,
Monday 2nd July, Monday 23rd July, Monday 13th August,
Monday 3rd September followed by end of year presentations in the Wagon and Horses pub

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An Evening of Colour & Style – 23rd May 7.30pm Oxspring School

Oxspring Primary School PTA presents an evening of Colour and Style with Karina Leacock, House of Colour image consultant. Find out which colours suit you and how to dress confidently. Tickets available from the school office, £5. Tel.763020.

Horse Riding EGB Event on TPT

Jeni Gilbert will again be running the Wharnccliffe Chase Endurance GB event. This will be held on the 9th and 10th 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 at Bower Dell

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

Oxspring Annual Open Gardens – Sunday 8th July

Oxspring Open Gardens will be held again this summer on the 8th July; it is an enjoyable event for all the family and will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year the tremendous sum of £3778 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 Roy or Heather Fox on 01226 766836.

Oxspring Best Planter of 2012 Competition.

For those of you that tend to the Parish's roadside planters, the Parish Council are once again holding a Best Planter competition. The Planters will be judged in July. The judges will be looking for attractive displays, roadside appeal and good plant condition. The prizes 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. 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.

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling throughout the village is still a big problem. All of the pavements are affected as is the village green and playingfield. 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 for a person in charge of a dog to fail to clean up immediately after their dog has fouled on designated land. Barnsley Council dog wardens have the authority to issue £50 fixed penalty fines to those seen offending or the Council can take formal action resulting in prosecution where a maximum fine of £1000 may be imposed. Please call Barnsley Council on 772468 if you witness anyone not clearing up after their dog.

Oxspring Parish Council meeting dates 2012

At Saint Aidan's Church

Monday 14 th May	6.45pm	Monday 1 st October	7.15pm
Monday 11 th June	7.15pm	Monday 5 th November	7.15pm
Monday 16 th July	7.15pm	Monday 3 rd December	7.15pm
Monday 3 rd September	7.15pm		

The public may attend for 10 minutes at the beginning of each meeting.

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Litter

Littering has become a problem in the village in particular near the Post Office and near bus stops along Sheffield Road. 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.

Saint Aidan's Church Diary

Service 9am (on 1st & 3rd Sunday each month)

Weekly activities include:

KettleBell Fitness: Monday 7.00 – 8.00pm
Toddler group: Tuesday 9.30 – 11.15am
Brownies: Tuesday 6.15 – 7.45pm
Zumba Fitness: Tuesday 8.30 – 9.30pm
Pilates Fitness: Wednesday 9.30 – 10.30am
Pop in Club: Wednesday 1.30 – 3.30pm
Rainbows: Wednesday 6.00 - 7.00pm
Slimming World: Thursday 7.00 – 9.00pm
Socatots: Saturday 9am – 10am

For more information on any of the above activities and events please call Father Matthew Joy on 762276 or Diane Thorp on 762880



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Something to Report?

Here are some Useful Council Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	772468	Pest Control	772468
Dog Fouling	772468	Planning Applications	772000
Illegal dumping/fly tipping	772468	Public Rights of ways	772142
Fly Posting	775656	Road repairs/potholes	773555
Flooded Road	773555	Street lighting faults	774200
Footpaths roadside	773555	Traffic Light faults	773555
Graffiti	775656	Refuse collection/recycling	772045
Gritting/snow clearing	773555	Noise complaints	772468
Grass cutting/weed killing	775656	Litter Bins/street sweeping	775656
Household Waste recycling		BMBC Switchboard	770770
Centres	774215		

Police Golden Line 736387 (Penistone Safer Neighbourhood Team – non emergencies)

Public Sewers 08451 242429 (Yorkshire Water)

South Yorkshire Police (Non urgent calls) 101

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Your Parish Councillors

<i>Chair - Ian Goldthorpe:</i>	<i>Malydon, Bower Hill, Oxspring.</i>	<i>Tel 766362.</i>
<i>Vice Chair - Ian Stanley:</i>	<i>12 East Road, Oxspring.</i>	<i>Tel 764220.</i>
<i>Freda Shaw:</i>	<i>2 East Road, Oxspring.</i>	<i>Tel 767070.</i>
<i>Alison Mills:</i>	<i>12 Brookfield, Oxspring.</i>	<i>Tel 379910.</i>
<i>Bill Taylor:</i>	<i>The Bungalow, Sheffield Road, Oxspring.</i>	<i>Tel 07508 223773.</i>
<i>Arthur Wood:</i>	<i>2 Old Mill Cottages, Roughbitchworth Lane, Oxspring.</i>	<i>Tel 07796 906369.</i>
<i>Ann Walker:</i>	<i>9 Brookfield, Oxspring.</i>	<i>Tel 379895</i>

Oxspring Parish Council

Parish Councillors are occasionally asked what the Parish Council does. It is important that Oxspring residents know about, and understand, the duties of the Parish Council, as all residents make a financial contribution to the services supported and projects approved for the village, at Council meetings.

What is a Parish Council?

It is a statutory local authority set up under the Local Government Act 1972 and it operates in the area of a defined civil parish. Oxspring Parish Council is made up of volunteer, elected members who each serve a four year term of office and the Councillors are supported by the Clerk to the Council. This post is salaried for ten hours per week.

What Powers does the Parish Council have?

The Council has a wide range of powers which relate to local matters. They:

- Give views on behalf of the community, on planning applications and other proposals that affect the parish.*
- Undertake projects and schemes that benefit local residents*
- Work in partnership with other bodies to achieve benefits for the parish*
- Alert relevant authorities to problems that arise or work that needs to be undertaken*
- Help the other tiers of local government keep in touch with their local communities*

How is their work funded?

The property you live in is in a valuation band. The amount of Council Tax you pay to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council can vary according to the valuation band for your home. Each Parish Council is then allowed to raise a small amount to be added to this Council Tax to pay for local expenditure. This is called the Parish Precept.

How are Precepts Calculated?

Parish Councils can raise revenue to help meet their spending requirements by issuing a Precept. This is the total amount to be raised through the Council Tax from all the dwellings within the Parish area. The Precept is converted into an amount per Council Tax Band that is added onto the Council Tax Bill.

The Parish Council set its annual precept budget for 2012/13 at the first meeting of the New Year and took the decision to keep the precept at the same level as last year.

The precept for Oxspring ranges from £22.84 for those properties in Band A- to £82.24 for properties in Band H. This will raise a precept of £18,906 for this financial year.

What is the Parish Precept spent on?

The Parish Council spends its funding on maintaining or improving sites that it owns in Oxspring such as the allotments, village green, play area, playing field, Anthills, Gordon's Garden and Bower Dell. It also spends it on projects and other issues affecting the Parish.

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How can you get involved with the Parish Council

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public (unless Councillors decide to exclude the public for reasons of confidentiality, which very rarely happens).

Speaking – The Parish Council has a ten minute adjournment for public participation at the beginning of each meeting. To facilitate this the relevant part of the agenda is brought forward to the beginning of the meeting so that members of the public can speak and then leave.

Planning Issues - Most people who want to speak to the Parish Council want to talk on planning applications. Some things to bear in mind:

1. The Parish Council is not the Planning Authority and do not decide planning applications; BMBC do that. We only recommend to them what we think they should decide.
2. If you are objecting it is very important that you write to BMBC as well as coming to our meeting.
3. We can only object to an application on valid planning grounds so please don't be disappointed if we don't comment on issues you regard as important, but which by law aren't relevant.

Further Information

You can contact any of the Parish Councillors, come along to any Parish Council if you have a topic you want to discuss, or visit the parish Council Website at www.oxspring-parish.com

Oxspring Friends Jubilee Tea – 19th 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 19th 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 11th May. Thank you.*

Oxspring Friends Over 60's Jubilee 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: _____