

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Winter 2010

Notices, News and Advertising

**OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL WISHES
YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FOR 2011.**

(See the back page for Christmas events in the village)

Oxspring Best Planter of 2010 Competition.

The Parish's competition for the best roadside planter took place once again in July this year. The three planters judged to be the most attractive were awarded prizes of £30, £20 and £10 respectively.

As in previous years, the judging was difficult as there were some lovely displays! Thank you very much to all those who help maintain them.

The winners were:

1st Prize: C Langley: Toll Bar Post planter

2nd Prize: N Coldwell: planter nr Mount Pleasant

3rd Prize: J Wainwright: planter nr Mount Pleasant

Oxspring Playingfield – New culvert now installed

You may have seen that parts of Oxspring Playingfield were cordoned off during the summer. This was due to the work undergone to install new culvert piping underneath the full length of the playingfield.

The field previously had an old stone culvert that had collapsed in places, causing the field to often be waterlogged during the winters.

The new culvert will take water that runs off the Trans Pennine Trail beneath the field to the watercourse alongside Sheffield Road. Hopefully this will greatly improve drainage and reduce flooding in that area in the future.

The 2011 Census is coming..

The Census has collected information about the population every 10 years since 1801 (except in 1941). The next census in England and Wales is on March 27th 2011. The census tells the government how many people live where and the types of people they are. This enables decisions to be made on accurate, relevant details. When your form arrives, it needs to be completed and returned so that services for your community/family uses can be identified. The census statistics help work out the amount of funding allocated to services and facilities such as schools, hospitals, emergency services in your area.

2011 Census - Help Tomorrow Take Shape

Trans Pennine Trail

The Trans Pennine Trail through Oxspring has had major resurfacing works taking place during the latter half of this year, and the work is still ongoing.

A non slip surface dressing will be laid over the new tarmac and soil will be put down either side so that vegetation may re-grow. (The seed bank was kept from removed vegetation). The finished visible surface of the trail will be 2.5m. A softer strip on one side will be suitable for horse riders, and the finished surface will be suitable for cyclists, walkers, pushchairs and mobility scooters. This work has been done by BMBC with external funding that became available through the Local Transport Plan.

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Oxspring Parish Sport and Community Centre

Progress has been slow due to recessionary factors rather than lack of effort or enthusiasm. A design brief is being worked on by the 6 trustees of this newly formed registered charity with help from professional consultants funded by a Grassroots grant. The brief will determine the construction costs enabling funding partners to be approached.

In the meantime OPSCC has been approaching charitable trusts to obtain funding to prepare a full scale business plan. This will be required to apply for construction grants. OPSCC's solicitor is currently negotiating with the Parish Council's solicitor over the lease of the land upon which the centre will be built.

OPSCC is always happy to welcome new members to the steering group or even those wishing to join the Trustees with particular useful expertise. Just contact the Clerk to the Council who will put you in contact with OPSCC.

Digital TV Switchover

The dates for the Yorkshire TV region digital television switchover have been announced.

Transmitter	Area	Stage 1	Stage 2
Sheffield	Sheffield	10/8/2011	24/8/2011
Emley Moor	S Yorks	7/9/2011	21/9/2011

Switchover will see analogue TV channels switched off permanently in 2 stages. Stage 1 is BBC 2, stage 2 is all other analogue channels. At the same time Freeview digital services will be boosted to reach virtually all households. Further information can be found at www.digitaluk.co.uk, or on the advice line 08456 505050. Help is also available to the vulnerable or elderly on 07590 306893 or at www.helpscheme.co.uk.

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Oxspring Playingfield Development

Now that the new culvert is in place, Council members and a local contractor have undertaken further urgent drainage work to the playing surface, and a long term plan for future improvements has been created. The intention is to add a perimeter exercise track suitable for walking, jogging, mobility scooters and prams, and to create a boules pitch. Also planned is a safe access gap in the car park wall at the Thurgoland end of the car park to link to a planned BMBC extension of the pavement up to Blackmoor Lane, so enabling access to the Trans Pennine Trail.

Investigations are also underway into extending the hard surface area to provide a kick wall, youth shelter & tennis. Cricket provision is also being looked at. The Council will apply for a Big Lottery grant to fund the project. Further suggestions are welcome, please contact the Parish Council.

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Saint Aidan's Church Diary

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

Weekly activities include:

Indoor Bowling: Monday 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Brownies: Tuesday 6.15 – 7.45pm
Rainbows: Wednesday 6.00 - 7.00pm
Slimming World: Thursday 6.30 – 8.30pm
Family Club: Friday 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Brazilian Soccer: Saturday 9am – 10am

The above family club is for parents and children of all ages and is £1 per family. Activities include snooker, table tennis, games, disco & general family fun. New families would be made very welcome.

Forthcoming Events:

Penistone Theatre Group "An evening of comedy"
Saturday 4th December 7.30pm. For more details see posters on the notice board at the Church and Oxspring Post Office.

Christingle Service on Christmas Eve 6.30pm.

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

Something to Report?

Here are some Useful Numbers

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

Police Golden Line 736387 (Penistone Safer Neighbourhood Team – non emergencies)
Public Sewers 08451 242429 (Yorkshire Water)



COME AND JOIN US IF YOU'RE FREE
HAVE A GAME & STAY FOR TEA
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1 AND 4
IT'S JUST £2, PAY ON THE DOOR
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Oxspring Indoor Bowling
St Aidan's, Sheffield Road, Oxspring

Refreshments 50p inc biscuits

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Oxspring Parish Council Information

Your Parish Councillors

<u>Chair</u> - Ian Goldthorpe:	Malydon, Bower Hill, Oxspring.	Tel 766362.
<u>Vice Chair</u> - 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 07508 223773.
Robert Chitoriski:	4 Copperas Close, Millhouse Green.	Tel 767813.
Chris Booth:	27 Brookdale Heights, Locke Road, Dodworth.	Tel 770559

Oxspring Parish Council meeting dates 2011

At Saint Aidan's Church

Monday 10 th January	7pm
Monday 7 th February	7pm
Monday 7 th March	7pm
Monday 4 th April	7pm
Monday 9 th May	6.30pm
Monday 13 th June	7pm
Monday 18 th July	7pm
Monday 5 th September	7pm
Monday 3 rd October	7pm
Monday 7 th November	7pm
Monday 5 th December	7pm

There is a 10 minute adjournment for public participation at the beginning of each meeting.
The May meeting is the Annual Assembly to which the public and local groups are invited.

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.

Residents' Items

We are always looking for interesting articles for the Newsletter. Please contact the Clerk if you have an item for the next issue that would be of interest to Oxspring residents.

Christmas Village Events

Oxspring Friends Carol Concert at Saint Aidan's Church

Join us to sing Christmas Carols and enjoy free sherry and mince pies! Friday 10th December at 7pm.

Oxspring Heritage Group Annual Christmas Sing

Sing those traditional and local Christmas songs with Hade Edge Brass Band.
Wednesday 15th December at 9pm in the Travellers Inn, Oxspring.

Oxspring Heritage Group Annual Christmas Family Walk

A gentle 4 mile ramble starting and finishing in Oxspring, includes visiting a local pub serving food.
Meeting Thursday 30th December at 10am in the Village Green car park.

Oxspring Friends Grand New Years Eve Dance

Dance in the New Year to the fabulous Ceilidh band Pinch o' Snuff. Includes a 2 course hot supper.
Bring your own drinks. Tickets £10 from Oxspring Post Office or on 766362.
Friday 31st December at 8pm in Saint Aidan's.

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