

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Winter 2011

**OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL WISHES
YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FOR 2012.**

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

Oxspring Best Planter of 2011 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: N Coldwell: planter nr Mount Pleasant

2nd Prize: J Sanders: planter outside Play area

3rd Prize: J Wainwright: planter nr Mount Pleasant

New "Pop In Club" has successful start

A "pop in club" which started in the summer at Saint Aidan's Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons has been going well. It runs every Wednesday from 1.30 – 3.30pm and is an ideal opportunity to drop in and meet other local people for a chat over a cup of tea and slice of homemade cake! It is very informal and open to all.

The last one before Christmas will be on the 21st December. It will then restart in January.

Resident 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.

Update from: Oxspring Open Gardens

The 8th annual Oxspring Open Garden event raised £3,777.88 for Macmillan Cancer Support! This brings total funds raised since the event started to nearly £18,000.00.

A big thank you to all who contributed this year, and who work tirelessly year after year to make the event the success it is!

Macmillan Cancer Support uses money raised in many ways – times have moved on from those first Macmillan nurses who were sent to support people at the very end of their life. Now Macmillan works very hard to support people with a cancer diagnosis and their carers throughout their treatment and beyond. Funds raised are used to provide a wide variety of health professionals, who are able support patients and their carers in many ways, including Doctors, Specialist Nurses , Allied Health Professionals (such as physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, dieticians) , Social Workers and Benefit Advisors.

Macmillan have also contributed to and continue to support specialist palliative care units, who care for patients in need during their cancer journey, and for all patients regardless of diagnosis, at the end of life. They also provide grants for patients who incur additional expense as a result of their cancer diagnosis and provide direct information and support through a telephone line to all patients with a cancer diagnosis.

Hence the reason we keep endeavouring to raise the money every year!

The 2012 Annual Oxspring Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 8th July 2012 between 1pm and 5pm.

Anyone wishing to join us and open their garden should contact Roy and Heather Fox on 01226 766836.

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**WHEN IT IS LESS
URGENT THAN 999**

101 is now the number to call when you want to contact South Yorkshire Police – when it is less urgent than 999.

When should I call 101?

To report less urgent crime or disorder and for general police enquiries. For example;

- If your car has been stolen
- If your property has been damaged
- When you suspect drug use or dealing
- To report a minor traffic collision
- To give the police information about crime in your area

How does it work?

The service is available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. Visit www.southyorks.police.uk/101

Calls cost 15p per call.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can textphone 18001 101.

Remember in an emergency always call 999

For example when you need an immediate response because a crime is in progress; someone suspected of a crime is nearby; when this is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

**Notice from:
Oxspring School**

Diary Dates:

Nativity performances: Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December

Christmas Dinner: Tuesday 13th December

All school visit to Academy Theatre, Birdwell:

Wednesday 14th December

Infant Christmas Party: Thursday 15th December

Junior Christmas Party: Friday 16th December

Recycling update:

The PTA have sent off three boxes of old ball point pens and felt tipped pens for recycling, for which the PTA will receive 2p per item.

Please don't throw old pens away, but bring them to school to be recycled instead.

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling throughout the village is currently a big problem. In particular the Playingfield and the Village Green are badly affected. 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 fouls on designated land.

Barnsley Council dog wardens have the authority to issue £50 fixed penalty fines to those found offending or the Council can take formal action resulting in prosecution where a maximum fine of £1000 may be imposed.

Please note that used dog fouling bags can be placed in any Barnsley Council litter bin.

Call the Council on 772468 if you witness anyone not clearing up after their dog.

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Update from Oxspring Parish Sport and Community Centre

Details of the last year's progress of the project can be seen on www.oxspring-centre.org.uk where you can donate on line now direct to the project.

We need funds to help with the running costs of the group mainly for postage and stationary.

We have however now raised enough funds to get a business plan prepared and are working with Barnsley MBC and the FA to identify the basic facility provision.

It looks as if in the current economic climate we will need to do a phased programme with changing facilities first and then a community room.

Once the basic provision for phase one is agreed these can be costed and fed into the business plan to use with applications for the design and construction of the facility.

The planning permission has been renewed and the lease for the site with Oxspring Parish Council is completed and awaiting the final design footprint adding.

Queens Diamond Jubilee 2012

To mark 60 years of the Queens reign the Diamond Jubilee celebrations will take place on the weekend of the 2nd to 5th June 2012.

The Parish Council intends to mark the jubilee, and invites your ideas on ways to mark or celebrate the occasion. Please send your ideas to the Clerk at opc@tolson818.fsnet.co.uk.

Oxspring Indoor Bowling at Saint Aidan's (October to March)

Come and join us if you're free

Have a game and stay for tea

Between the hours of 1 and 4

It's just £2 on the door

On every Monday afternoon

All are welcome, so see you soon!

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

Pop In Social Club: Wednesday 1.30 – 3.30pm

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

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 Council 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

BMBC Switchboard 770770

Police Golden Line 736387 (Penistone Safer

Neighbourhood Team – non emergencies)

Public Sewers 08451 242429 (Yorkshire Water)

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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.
Arthur Wood:	2 Old Mill Cottages, Roughbitchworth Lane, Oxspring.	Tel 07796 906369.
Ann Walker:	9 Brookfield, Oxspring.	Tel 379895

Two new Councillors have joined the Parish Council, here they introduce themselves:

New Councillor: Ann Walker

I have lived in Oxspring for 10 years, after living in Barnsley for all my married life. I have been married for 42 years and have 2 grown up children and 3 grandchildren.

I retired 3 years ago, after a long and happy career at Barnsley College, and since then I have tried to get involved in lots of different activities in the village. I am a Governor at Oxspring Primary School and am now looking forward to joining the Parish Council with a view to working with different groups in the community.

New Councillor: Arthur Wood

I have lived in the village for 40 years and am passionate about Oxspring and want to keep the parish a clean and safe place to live for all.

Work wise I train, supervise, mentor and give guidance to category A former prisoners aged 18-65, helping them to retrain, gain confidence and gain valuable work experience. From structured projects in the community, I help them move on a journey towards employment.

I also work at weekends as a community pay back supervisor for West Yorkshire Probation Trust. I now feel that it is time to do some good within my own area.

Oxspring Parish Council meeting dates 2012

At Saint Aidan's Church

Monday 9 th January	7.15pm	Monday 16 th July	7.15pm
Monday 6 th February	7.15pm	Monday 3 rd September	7.15pm
Monday 5 th March	7.15pm	Monday 1 st October	7.15pm
Monday 16 th April	7.15pm	Monday 5 th November	7.15pm
Monday 14 th May	6.30pm	Monday 3 rd December	7.15pm
Monday 11 th June	7.15pm		

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

Christmas Village Events

Oxspring Heritage Group Annual Christmas Sing

Sing those traditional and local Christmas songs with Old Silkstone Brass Band.

Wednesday 14th December at 9pm in the Travellers Inn, Oxspring.

Oxspring Friends Carol Concert at Saint Aidan's Church

Join us to sing Christmas Carols and enjoy free sherry and mince pies! Friday 16th December at 7pm.

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.

Saturday 31st December at 8pm in Saint Aidan's.

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