

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2012

**OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FOR 2013**

Oxspring Best Planter of 2012 Competition.

The Parish's competition for the best roadside planter took place once again in August 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: J Sanders: Planter on corner of Roughbitchworth Lane and Sheffield Road opposite Village Green

2nd Prize: V Shale: planter on Roughbitchworth Lane

3rd Prize: P Mills: Trough Planter near the playingfield

BARNSELY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION - DEVELOPMENT SITES AND PLACES

The Parish's letter of objection to the above draft proposals was submitted by the due date of 15th November 2012. It was delivered to the Strategy, Growth and Regeneration team by hand and also via email.

Our comments will now be considered and taken into account for the next stage of the consultation process. A summary of all the comments received by BMBC will be made available by early next year and will be published on the local authority website. If the Planning Authority at Barnsley Council decides to go ahead with the proposed change of land allocation from farm land to housing (including 111 houses) within the sites identified, there will still be an opportunity to prepare and present our concerns and objections to the Planning Inspector during the Local Development Framework Sites and Places Planning Inquiry.

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 14th December at 7pm.

Christingle Service

This years Christingle Service at Saint Aidan's Church will be held on Saturday 23rd December at 6pm.

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.

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

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Saint Aidan's Church Diary

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

Penistone Theatre performance 21st December 7pm

Christingle Service 23rd December 6.30pm

Weekly activities include:

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

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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Oxspring Primary School

Oxspring Primary School will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Friday 7th December at 6pm in the School Hall. Lots of family fun including Santa's Grotto, games, Tombola, raffle, many stalls and mulled wine.

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

<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

Oxspring Parish Council meeting dates 2013

At Saint Aidan's Church

Monday 7 th January	7.15pm	Monday 15 th July	7.15pm
Monday 4 th February	7.15pm	Monday 2 nd September	7.15pm
Monday 4 th March	7.15pm	Monday 7 th October	7.15pm
Monday 8 th April	7.15pm	Monday 4 th November	7.15pm
Monday 13 th May	6.30pm	Monday 2 nd December	7.15pm
Monday 10 th June	7.15pm		

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

Parish Website

Oxspring Parish Council's website is Oxspring-parish.com

On it you will find a wealth of information about the village including weekly clubs and activities, local businesses and services, Parish Council information and lots more. If you have information about local events or news or notices that you think would be useful on the website please contact the Clerk to the Council.

Perimeter Footpath at Oxspring Playingfield

It has come to the Parish Council's attention that this footpath has become slippery in places particularly during wet weather. Warning signs have been placed around the path and the Parish Council is currently investigating the track surface in order to find a solution. In the meantime, please be aware that the surface may be slippery and use the path with caution.

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.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

The Localism Act has introduced a new type of Community led plan, which enables communities to produce a Neighbourhood Plan setting out policies on the development and use of land in a Parish or neighbourhood area. Once this plan is made it will become part of the Local Authority Development Plan, a statutory plan against which planning applications will be judged.

For any Neighbourhood Plan to be adopted it has to conform to planning policies and guidance at the local, national and European level. It will also need to demonstrate support from the local community through a referendum.

WHY PRODUCE A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

Following a proposal at a recent Parish Council public meeting with residents, a decision was taken to progress with investigating more proactive approaches/options to deal with any future development of the village.

Producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Oxspring can help residents, local businesses, land owners and other locally based interested parties to play a greater role in determining the future of our village. It can give our community the opportunity to shape what any planned growth will look like and where additional growth might go. It is not a tool to stop development in itself but the opportunity for those that live and/or work in the village to decide and secure the right type and level of development, facilities and environment for our area and our parish.

Creating a Neighbourhood Plan should bring the local community together to share ideas and build consensus about the needs and priorities for our area not just for now, but for years to come.

WHO NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED?

Although the Parish Council must initiate and lead the process it is essential that the local community, including residents, businesses, local groups, landowners and developers take an active role in the decision-making process and preparation of the plan. We have also requested support from the local planning authority as they will have direct responsibility for some of the steps, including a local referendum, and will also have a wealth of information that will be useful in producing our Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council and a core group of residents have already met with volunteers from Planning Aid England to gather general information on Neighbourhood Plan preparation. We will also be meeting with representatives from similar communities with the experience of going through this process. From historical information it takes a minimum of 18 months to complete a Neighbourhood Plan and it is therefore not something to be undertaken lightly.

The Parish Council is in the process of considering whether or not to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and part of the course of action agreed at the last Parish Council was firstly to 'Define the Neighbourhood Boundary Area' with active collaboration from local residents and the wider community of Oxspring, and secondly to apply for a formal designation of Oxspring Neighbourhood Plan from the local planning authority. In Parish areas the 'Neighbourhood Area' is expected to follow Parish boundaries, but a Neighbourhood area can cover only part of a Parish or indeed ,can be a combination of Parishes.

The Parish Council will continue to discuss the provision of a Neighbourhood Plan for Oxspring. In the coming weeks we plan to contact residents initially with a request on the level of skills and support you might be able to bring to the preparation of a future Neighbourhood Plan for Oxspring.

In the meantime, if you require any further information or wish to comment on the possibility of writing a Neighbourhood Plan please to do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk.

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