PARISH NEWSLETTER

Summer 2018

Tour De Yorkshire Friday 4th May

The Tour De Yorkshire passed through Oxspring as part of the route for day two starting in Barnsley and finishing in Ilkley.

Although this year we could not boast being part of the final day the spectacle of so many world class riders passing through our village was a site not to be missed and the residents did the village proud by installing decorations and turning out in their thousands (perhaps not thousands) but what a turn out and what a lovely spring day too.

Thanks to everyone for making it such a memorable occasion.

Thanks also to Danny Mitchell for forwarding a couple of photographs of the riders passing through on their way to Thurgoland.

If anyone else has interesting photographs they are willing to share of the day perhaps we can add some of them to the Parish Councils new Website.

NEW Parish Council Website

The Parish Council website has been re-designed and is looking great. Please take a look at www.Oxspring-parish.com

On the website you can find all publicly available documents, plus a wealth of other information about Oxspring, local groups, activities, businesses and other useful local information and links. We will also keep the website updated with any local news or announcements. If you have a news item for the website please contact the clerk at clerk@oxspring-parish.com

WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL

As you know, we installed a plaque to the outside wall of St Aidan's Church last year commemorating the war dead from our village during the Great War. Installation was not completed until early November last year and consequently, we were unable to make the majority of residents aware of the ceremony undertaken by Father Matthew Joy on Armistice Day. However, this year, as Sunday 11th November will mark 100 years since the end of the First World War, we are planning to hold a ceremony at St Aidan's at 2.00 p.m. on the 11th November 2019. There will be a short ceremony followed by music played by some volunteer musicians from the local area who will be playing a piece entitled the Battle of the Somme. We would like to welcome as many residents as possible to the ceremony and look forward to seeing you on this very auspicious occasion. Please make a note in your diary.

Further information and details available from the Parish Clerk.

Oxspring Best Planter of 2018 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 or August. The judges will be looking for attractive displays, roadside appeal and good plant condition. The prizes will be: 1st Prize £50, 2nd Prize £30 and 3rd Prize of £20. 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 displays as you have done in previous years.

VILLAGE IN BLOOM & VILLAGE GALA 2019 - WE NEED YOUR HELP

Oxspring Parish Council entered the RHS 'It's your Neighbourhood' competition last year and at the awards event in September 2018, children from the local school and representatives from the Parish Council were extremely pleased to receive a Level 5 Outstanding certificate.

Feedback from the judges suggested that the Council should consider applying for the next category of 'Village in Bloom' this year. However, after much discussion, it was decided that we should hold off submitting an application until the year 2019 as there is such a lot of work to be done to get the village ready for such a prestigious competition.

We are now at the planning stage for next year, and part of the judging process is to consider what public involvement there has been in putting our displays on show for the residents of the village, and for the judges. We are therefore seeking to enlist the help of volunteers from across the village who we hope will be able to help us plan, grow and plant all the necessary plants, and flowers that we will need to put on the dazzling display that will be needed if we are to be successful.

If you think you could spare us a few hours to help with our preparations, we would be delighted to hear from you. The work will entail preparing new flower beds, growing plants from seed and eventually planting up the beds and tubs that will be needed to ensure that we have a fabulous display. The village's hanging baskets will still be supplied by Barnsley Council and paid for by the Parish Council and will enhance any additional flower planting that we undertake.

We are also considering planning an Oxspring Gala event for 2019, this also would take a lot of planning and preparation, and would only be viable if we could get a Gala committee together. So if you would like to be involved in making this happen, please get in touch.

If you feel you could help in any small way, please contact our Clerk on either:

Tel: 01226 792657 or: email:clerk@oxspring-parish.com

Village update

Greetings.... So I hope you are all embracing the barmy weather, hopefully we shall have a whole summer to bask in its warmth.

I just wanted to update those who are not aware about some exciting developments,
The village has been awarded a second place grant from Tesco bags of cash for the
Community/family allotment...amazingly this grant is for the full amount enabling us to get the
project off the ground.

If any individual/couple or family wish to be involved in the projects evolution however small or great please get in touch, either through myself (Emily Gratton-Rayson, craftygardener3@gmail.com, 01226 766322) or directly to the Oxspring Parish Council. I will put up regular updates around the village and if you want to leave your email with me I can let you know directly about all developments and dates.

The **Community Orchard** trees are planted and the 1st phase of the wildflower seed is down and growing, I will be giving it its 1st cut this week and then another in a few weeks, with the end result being a swath of colourful pollinators and little mowed paths with a bench in the middle, creating a little sanctuary of calm, plus the treat of being able to pick fruit. Again, if you would like to be involved in this project we would be most grateful for any time/input you could manage.

Please remember the **Pinfold** and the "**Help yourself Oxspring" beds**. Oxspring School has been very busy growing crops and herbs for both of these areas so that you can harvest your own over the summer months. We will keep you posted on the chalk boards about what is available and ready. There will also be a few new additions going into the Pinfold, with new fruit, trees and more herbs.

The school children have been ever busy in the school garden with lots of sowing, digging, planting, pruning and of course lots of fun. We are very excited about building the school clay oven so it will be pizza all-round very soon.

The children are calling out to anyone in the community who have any surplus plants (veggies/fruit/perennial/herb/shrub etc.) or seeds that they are happy to donate so that they can run a plant stall at this year's Duck Race. Otherwise they will not be able to run a stall to help raise school funds. All and any donations would be most gratefully received. You can either drop them off at the school garden or to the school reception.

Thank you kindly for your unfailing help and support.

Emily Gratton-Rayson

Neighbourhood Plan Update

As we advised you recently on the Parish Council website and on the Neighbourhood Plan website we have recently been informed that sites EC6 and EC7 on Sheffield Road, Oxspring are being removed from the Barnsley Local Plan. Consequently, no house building will take place on either of these sites in the foreseeable future.

The statement from BMBC Planning is as follows:

"In light of the representation from Historic England we have re-considered the proposed sites EC6 and EC7 at Oxspring. We have considered the option of retaining the proposed allocations and adding the heritage hatching which would retain the allocation with a significantly reduced yield. However we don't think exceptional circumstances exist to justify this approach given the number of units that could be accommodated when balanced against the amount of Green Belt release required to facilitate those units. There may be a potential for future windfalls where appropriate which could be allowed under NPPF paragraph 89 bullet point 5, in respect of providing limited affordable housing for local community needs. The Council therefore does not wish to continue to propose sites EC6 and EC7 as modifications."

This statement, as you are hopefully aware, is in agreement with what we have written in our Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

From us all at Oxspring Parish Council many thanks for all your support.

The next stage for the Parish Council is to submit our Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Examination by an independent Examiner, who we will be able to select from a list provided by BMBC. We will be talking to BMBC Planning regarding submission time lines and we will keep you informed regarding progress.

Hopefully, the end is now in sight.

Trunce Run Series 2018

2017's Trunce Run Series was yet another successful season with record numbers in some races. This year's Trunce is well under way with the first few races setting the pace for the season. All races start at 18.45 from the farm track adjacent to Oxspring Playing field and the course is approximately 4 miles long and 2 miles for juniors. Entry costs are adults £1.50, juniors 50p. For more information visit the Trunce run website at www.trunce.org

2018 Race dates:

Monday 2nd July, Monday 23rd July, Monday 13th August, Monday 3rd September followed by end of year presentations in the Wagon and Horses pub.

World Challenge

Two Oxspring children are travelling to Thailand in 2019 to do community work

Megan and Emma, ages 14 and 13, from Oxspring, are travelling to Thailand, without their parents, in the summer of 2019 as part of World Challenge. They are taking part in the expedition to assist the local community with large projects that would otherwise take a substantial amount of time to complete e.g. building schools, playgrounds or community centres, providing a once-in-a-lifetime experience and allowing them to gain vital skills along the way.

On this expedition to Southern Thailand, they will live with and contribute to the local community and will complete a rainforest expedition. They will spend time engaging with the local community and will undertake tasks that will assist the community contributing to the needs of the community or the local environment. The help they provide can have a significant impact on the work and can reduce the time the locals have to spend working on the task. This time also allows the participants to engage with the locals and understand and experience their way of life. They will live in the community to fully experience the lifestyle and to provide help which will benefit them massively.

In order to take part in the expedition, each member must fundraise a total of £3,000. The fundraising is a substantial part of the challenge as it increases independence whilst also allowing them to make decisions based on profit and the management of their fundraising. Megan and Emma are using a range of methods and are organising multiple events to reach their target. They are babysitting, dog walking, car washing, selling cookies, and organising raffles around their local community. In addition to this, they will be running stalls at both Oxspring Duck Race and Penistone Gala. They are also organising events such as a fashion show, a barbeque and a race night, welcoming everyone.

Megan and Emma want to thank these local companies for their tremendous and valued support:

Real Property Finance	www.realpropertyfinance.co.uk	Providing excellence in financial
	07912 326 228	solutions.
Waggon and Horses,	www.thewaggon-oxspring.co.uk	Quality food and service.
Oxspring	01226 763 259	
Ego Hair and Beauty,	01226 763 056	Welcoming salon for ladies & gents
Penistone.		of all ages.
The Paint Spot, Springvale	01226 370 716	For all your car body repairs.
Pete Holmes Private Hire,	www.peteholmesprivatehire.co.uk	Getting you safely and smartly to
Oxspring	07971 622993	where you need to go.
The Carpet & Bed Shop,	www.thecarpetandbedshop.co.uk	Proud family-run business
Penistone	01226 764 782	
Paul Schofield Butcher,	www.paulschofieldqualitybutcher.co.uk	Local meats for local people. Hog
Penistone	07719 526307	roast available.
S36 Magazine	www.titomedialtd.co.uk/	Premier monthly magazine
Hacketts Florist, Penistone	www.hackettsflorist.co.uk	Call in – see that we are much
	01226 762 241	more than a florist.
Auckland Opticians	www.aucklandopticians.co.uk	Located in the heart of Penistone.
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To help with fundraising, if there is anything you need help with we can be contacted on 07710041905 (via our dad, Dean). Thank you. Megan & Emma!

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

We currently hand-deliver approximately 520 newsletters three times a year. This is time consuming and costly and we are considering reviewing the way we deliver our newsletters in the future.

There are a number of ways we can do this.

- 1) The easiest, quickest and most cost effective way would be to send the newsletter out to individuals via email <u>but we would need your express permission to do this.</u>
- 2) We could leave copies in the Post Office for you to collect at your leisure
- 3) If you still prefer to receive a hand-delivered copy, we could also arrange this

This is obviously not a 'quick fix' and it will probably take us twelve months to get any changes sorted out and in the meantime, we will continue to hand deliver the Parish Council newsletter.

What we really need to know as soon as possible is, how many residents would be prepared to accept delivery of the newsletters via email. If you are happy to do this, could you supply your email address to the Parish Clerk, via email at the following address together with a note to confirm that you are happy for us to contact you in relation to Parish updates.

We have a Data Protection Policy in place and assure you that we will <u>not</u> use your email address for any other reason than to contact you regarding Parish news.

If you need to discuss this matter with anyone, would you please ring either Ann Walker on 01226 379895 or the Parish Clerk at the following number/email address.

Tel: 01226 792657 or email: clerk@oxspring-parish.com

Oxspring Parish Council meeting dates 2018

At Saint Aidan's Church

Monday 2nd July 7.15pm Monday 3rd September 7.15pm Monday 1st October 7.15pm Monday 5th November 7.15pm Monday 3rd December 7.15pm

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

Saint Aidan's Church Diary

Weekly activities include:

Pilates Fitness: Monday 9.30 – 10.30am Church Service: Sunday 9am – 10am

Ballet Class: Monday 3.00 – 6.00pm Busy Bees (preschool): Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am

Brownies (girls 7-10): Tuesday 6.15 – 7.45pm For more information on Saint Aidan's

Kettlecise Fitness: Tuesday 8.15 – 9.15pm Church please contact:
Pilates Fitness: Wednesday 9.30 – 10.30am stjohns.pen@hotmail.co.uk
Pop-in Club: Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00pm

Rainbows (girls 5-7): Wednesday 6.00 - 7.15pm The h Ranger Guides (monthly): Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00pm other

Slimming World: Thursdays 7.00pm

Hatha Yoga: Friday 9.30am – 10.34am Yoga Flow: Friday 11.00am – 12.15am Zumba Fitness: Friday 6.00 – 7.00pm Hatha Yoga: Friday 7.30pm – 8.30pm The hall is also available for hire at other times. Ring 764333 for details.

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Something to Report?

Here are some Useful Barnsley Council Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	772468	Pest Control	772050
Dog Fouling	772468	Planning Applications	772000
Illegal dumping/fly tipping	772468	Public Rights of ways	772142
Fly Posting/graffiti	775656	Road repairs/potholes	773555
Flooded Road	773555	Street lighting faults	774200
Footpaths roadside	773555	Traffic Light faults	773555
Education/schools	773500	Trans Pennine Trail	772574
Gritting/snow clearing	773555	Noise complaints	772468
Grass cutting/weed killing	775656	Litter Bins/street sweeping	775656
Household Waste/recycling	3772045	BMBC Switchboard	770770

Penistone Safer Neighbourhood Team – non emergencies - 101 Public Sewers 08451 242429 (Yorkshire Water) South Yorkshire Police (Non urgent calls) 101

Parish Newsletter

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