

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL
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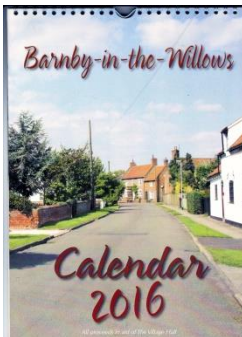


BARNBY NEWS



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By registering for the newsletter on the web site, you can also receive regular updates to your email address.

A number of people have approached the Parish Council about having a **defibrillator** in the village. The Parish Council would be willing to arrange this, but it would be dependent on people of Barnby raising funds towards it (about £2,000). There will be a meeting and a demonstration by the Community Heartbeat Trust who are a supplier of these units on **Thursday 21st January at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**. Please come along to discuss the options for Barnby, and to see how a defibrillator works.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Village Hall coffee morning and afternoon tea on 21st November. There are still a number of Barnby calendars for sale (£5), available at the Willow Tree or from Vicki 626312.

Yet again – a request to keep dogs on a lead and clean up after them, both on the pavements and on public footpaths and open spaces. We request that you **DO NOT ALLOW DOGS ON TO THE PLAYING FIELD OR VILLAGE GREEN** at all. It is a children's play area, and Les has to remove dog mess every time he mows on the green and the field.

If you notice a street light is not working, you can report it on the County Council web site, or let the Parish Clerk know to report it. You will need the lamp post's location and number.

All Saints' Church



Services:

1st & 3rd Sundays:

Holy Communion 11:00am

Churchwardens:

Yvonne Hewitt, Yvette Wellard

01636 702911 01636 626780

Please contact the wardens to arrange baptisms, weddings and for any other church matters. Funerals are arranged through your funeral director or the Area Dean's office (650063).



14th Dec 7 pm Carol Service
25th Dec. 10 am Christmas Family Service



At last work has started on the church roof, but it will take a few months yet. The scaffolding is in place, and unfortunately on closer examination, it was found that some of the load-bearing roof timbers are rotten and will have to be replaced and others reinforced. This has been caused by beetle infestation and not the damp as we had feared. Some of the rafters and parts of the wall plate, especially at Chancel do not have much bearing left. We are awaiting a full report from the structural engineer and quotations for the work. We have also been told that the gable coping is very loose and needs resetting and pointing – an additional £1300. We knew we had a mammoth task to raise the funds for a new roof, but it just got even bigger. Janine will be putting photographs on the web site and a full report of the work which will be done from scaffolding on the inside of the building as well as the outside. Thank you to everyone who supports All Saints' Church. The total raised for the roof to date is £52,820 of which £16,822 is from local donations and fund raising – a great achievement for a small village.

THE WILLOW TREE



Tickets are now on sale for our **New Year's Eve 'Back to School'** night. £12 per person.

Tickets will not be available on the day for catering planning reasons.

We are holding a race night in aid of the Newark Women's Refuge on **Thursday 25th February 2016**. The event can accommodate up to 60 players. Entry will be by tickets priced at £5 each and include a chip butty. We will also be seeking sponsorship from local companies for the individual races.

If you would like to advertise your company by sponsoring a race on the night for a nominal donation then please do get in touch. Call Kathryn on 629003.

All proceeds from this event will go to the local refuge. We hope to be able to make enough money to contribute to their winter electricity bill. There are some cold months to come. The ladies' heating is currently turned off at 7pm to keep costs down. Whilst the refuge does an amazing job for these vulnerable families if the heating could be kept on a little longer it would make a big difference to the comfort of their stay.

We will also be collecting food and other items for the refuge. Please bring them in on any evening and we will add them to our collection. We are looking for anything with a long sell by date. Dried foods, pasta, tins etc. and also toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, new toothbrushes etc. Some families arrive with nothing but the clothes they stand up in. Anything will help.

We look forward to seeing you all on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and hope you will join us with your families for this very special time of year.

Kathryn and Brett

Proposed Wind Farm

If you haven't already sent in your objection to the industrial-scale wind farm proposed for Fulbeck Airfield, you are not too late. It is unlikely that the proposal will be decided before Spring 2016, and comments from the public will be considered right up until the decision is made. It is particularly important that local people make their views clear. The Government is putting more and more emphasis on affected local communities in deciding whether or not a scheme such as this should go ahead. As you drive, cycle, ride or walk around the local area, the turbines will dominate the landscape. and will change forever the views eastwards from the village. You can comment on line on the SKDC website, www.southkesteven.gov.uk/planningsearch, application S15/1764, or write to N.Bryan, SKDC Council Offices, St Peter's Hill, Grantham,NG316PZ.



KEEP FIT

The Keep Fit sessions run by Sally Geeson in the Village Hall will continue on Monday mornings, 7th and 14th December, and after Christmas from 11th January.
10:30-11:30am, £3.50 per session.

There will be another fund raising event for a specially adapted mini bus for the Orchard School in the Village Hall on Friday 29th January
For details and tickets, contact Chris Fergusson on 626435.

- The Mobile Library will next visit Barnby, on 22 January
- Line Dancing is held in the hall on Tuesdays from 7:30pm
- The Fybromyalgia Group meets on Tuesdays for activities from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Contact Joyce on 626626.
- Table tennis can be played in the Village Hall.
- The hall is available for private hire at a cost of £4 per hour for residents of Barnby.
- For all bookings, contact the Parish Clerk on 626780, ywellard@btinternet.com