

BARNBY NEWS

MARCH 2017

The defibrillator has finally arrived after such a long time in the planning, and we just need the go-ahead from BT now to install it in the phone box. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project through donations and fund raising. This is how the money was raised:

On-line donations to CHT	542.00
Donations by cheque to PC	150.00
NCC Funding (Cllr Dobson)	500.00 *
Bonfire Night fund raiser	1,236.00
Village Carol Singing	136.00
TOTAL	£2,564.00

We don't have the final cost for the defibrillator + installation yet, but Cllr Dobson's grant specified that if there is any surplus from the £500, it should go towards new chairs for the Village Hall. The phone box will need a good clean before it can house the defibrillator, and the Parish Council is planning a **Village Spring Clean Day** for this and a list of other jobs at the Village Hall, the Church and around the village. **Any volunteers to take part?** Please ring or email the Clerk (see below) for more information.

The Parish Council is again appealing for people to park their cars with consideration for others. Most people have a driveway and don't need to leave their car on the road or on the pavement. The far end of Back Lane becomes particularly congested so that on at least two occasions recently, the oil delivery lorry has been unable to access the houses in the cul-de-sac between the Village Hall and The Grange. Imagine how frustrating this is for people who need oil but the lorry has to be turned away.

There has been a big increase in fly tipping across the country in general, and frequently on Long Lane. It can be reported on line, directly to Newark & Sherwood District Council or by contacting the Parish Clerk – parishclerk@barnbyinthewillows.com 626780.

The next **Safer Neighbourhood Group** meeting is on Tuesday 21st March at 7:30pm at Winthorpe Community Centre - all welcome.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Services: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month: Holy Communion 11:00am

Please contact the warden to arrange baptisms, weddings and for any other church matters. Yvette Wellard 01636 626780 ywellard@btinternet.com

Funerals are arranged through your funeral director and your Vicar:

Revd. Louise Holliday 01636 704811 revdlouiseholliday@gmail.com



I'm sure, like me, you have noticed green shoots appearing on the plants in your garden and the snowdrops quietly emerging through the soil as the days begin to slowly draw out. We are approaching spring and after the short days and cold nights of winter the thought of brighter.

Warmer days is a welcome one. Signs of new life in the world around us really do lift our spirits. I love this time of year and I value the rhythm of the Church calendar too as it echoes the rhythm of the season.

This month will mark the start of Lent, the period when we begin to look toward Easter day. At this time, we are invited to journey with Jesus as he makes his way toward the events of Holy week and the resurrection. Lent offers the opportunity to slow down on our spiritual walk and allow God to draw closer to us. It is a time for reflection: a time to recognize the significance of faith in our lives and perhaps to let go of some things. When we take time in our busy lives to do this, either alone or with others, we find that God meets us where we are. And so, at the beginning of Lent I encourage you to consider what would be helpful to you in your journey of faith, and to seek out time to spend with God.

I find being outdoors helpful. Walking my dog or spending time in the garden helps clear my mind of the daily clutter, allowing space to focus on the significant aspects of life.

You may like to attend the Lent study group that will meet in St Giles church. We will be looking at the theme of 'Receiving Christ'. The groups begin on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th March and will meet each Tuesday at 10.30am and Thursday at 7.30pm throughout Lent. Feel free to give me a call for more details or just come along.

However you choose to spend your time this season I pray that together we will grow in our understanding of the love that God has for each of us. It was love that took Jesus through his ministry to the cross and on to Easter day. It is the same love that is drawing each of us into an ever-deepening relationship with him here and now.

God bless, Revd. Louise

THE WILLOW TREE

Curry Night takes place weekly on a Wednesday from 6:30pm. Keep an eye on our A-board for special Thai and Chinese themed evenings instead of the usual Indian.

St Patrick's Day – Friday 17th March. Green is the Theme! We hope you will join us to celebrate this event. We will be serving a hot bowl of Beef in Guinness Stew at £10 per person. We open at 5:30pm and food will be served at 7:30pm. We are planning some interesting themed cocktails to add to the craic.

Pie and Peas Supper – Thursday 30th March. From 6:30pm we will be serving a choice of Brett's home-made pies with peas and chips for £10 per person. This has always been a popular and sociable event among our regulars and we hope that you will join us once again this year. Why not bring your neighbours and get to know other villagers a little better during the evening?

Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April
The Willow Tree will be closed on these days.

St George's Day – Thursday 20th April. We will be celebrating St George's Day on Thursday 20th April this year with a sausage and mash dinner. You are welcome to dress appropriately for the occasion and we look forward to welcoming you on the evening to celebrate all things English.

Watch this space for our 10th anniversary celebrations later this year. We feel very lucky to have been a part of Barnby in the Willows and custodians of our beautiful village pub for 10 years in November this year. Many other rural pubs in the area have closed, re-opened or changed hands over and over again in the time we have been here. We were sad to see the pub in Beckingham recently be converted to domestic property. We believe our village pub was built in 1738, and so it has been the focal point of our community for many years. We hope you will join us later in the year to celebrate.

If you would like to take part in any of the events above, then please contact us on **629003** to reserve a place at least 24 hours or more prior to the event.

Best wishes, Kathryn and Brett

VILLAGE EVENTS

1940's AFTERNOON TEA at the Village Hall Saturday 25th March 2pm – 4pm

Displays of memorabilia, 1940's music, sale of vintage bric-a-brac, books and magazines. Tea, sandwiches, cakes, bubbly - £5 ticket in advance from Derick 626716, Vicki 626312 or any committee member.

Forties dress optional

There will be an **Easter-themed Spring Fair** in the Village Hall on Saturday 8th April, organised jointly by the Village Hall Committee and All Saints' Church. Tea and cakes will be served between 2pm and 4pm. Donations will be very welcome – cakes, prizes, plants etc.- please bring them to the hall on the morning of the 8th.

The **Whist Drive** held in January was very successful, enjoyed by both experienced players and beginners.. By popular demand, there will be another whist drive soon, look out for posters giving the date.

The Village Hall Committee is planning a **2018 Village Calendar**. If you have any photographs of the village depicting the different seasons, please send them by email to ywellard@btinternet.com. Although we haven't had any snow this year, if you do have any local scenes suitable for the **Church's Christmas cards**, please send those also. The **Barnby Recipe Book** is still on sale. Contact Vicki on 626312 or Derick on 626716 for a copy.

The next **Ladies' Lunch at the Willow Tree** is on Tuesday 21st March, everyone welcome. Contact Heather on 626662 to book.

Last year we had two fantastic events in the village – the hog roast in June and Bonfire Night in November, thanks to the organising committee led by Les and Derick. This year the summer event will again be a **HOG ROAST, this time with a LIVE BAND and games** on the Village Green. Tickets on sale soon, be sure to

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 3rd JUNE

The Mobile Library will visit Barnby, stopping outside Penny Patch, Back Lane from 10:30am to 11:15am on: 17 March, 12 May, 9 June

The hall is available for hire at a cost of £4 per hour.

To book, contact the Parish Clerk on 626780.