

BARNBY NEWS

DECEMBER 2016



The news this year has been dominated by an E.U. referendum, and an American presidential election, which have polarized both sides to argue, bicker and tell lies before the vote, and then continue a level of disunity and discord after the results. Contrast this to our village where parishioners have come together to organise, support, and attend events, raising funds for a village defibrillator, the church roof appeal, and to keep the village hall maintained. Contributions to all these causes have been truly amazing, with people generously donating monetary funds, raffle prizes, fireworks, food, and lending equipment.

In June lots of planning was required to organise the Queen's 90th birthday party celebration, someone, (you know who you are) lit the Hog Roast at 4am! The weather wasn't brilliant on the day but spirits were high. Then after a mild autumn, a cold chilly night came as a surprise when the burger night was held, where a trusty band of volunteers provided refreshments to all, under freezing gazebos. The Christmas Fair, Harvest Supper, Horticultural Show and other events held in the Village Hall have all had to be organised, and have had your support too. So whatever your contribution, big or small, give yourself a pat on the back, we can be proud and grateful for the community of Barnby in the Willows.

Graham Bett,

Parish Council Chairman

All Saints' Church



Services:

1st & 3rd Sundays:
Holy Communion 11:00am

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Churchwarden:

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Please contact the warden to arrange baptisms, weddings and for any other church matters. Funerals are arranged through your funeral director and Revd. Louise.



12th Dec 7 pm Carol Service
25th Dec. 10 am Christmas Family Service



Reverend Louise Holliday



This is my first letter as your Vicar and I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge Thank you for your warm welcome. I would like to especially thank the many people, led by our warden Yvette, who worked so hard during the time when you were without a vicar and have helped make the start of my ministry here with you so positive and such a blessing to me. I joined you at a busy time of year with the service of Remembrance and now we are in the season of Advent as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

Of course, our shops have been in Christmas mode since October and we can so easily find ourselves drawn into the bustle and busyness of the season.

This is a busy time of year with the planning and preparation, the round of parties and gatherings, the shopping, wrapping and hiding of presents away from prying eyes.

There can be a strange kind of comfort in the familiar elements of the season. The sights and smells of Christmas lights and candles and the well-known hits from Slade, Wham and Bing Crosby can all help us to get in the mood. We can feel that we know where we are with Christmas. We have our family traditions that are observed year after year and even if they frustrate us, they are ours and we know them.

We can lose sight of ourselves during this time of year though and the expectation to be in good spirits and have fun can be an added pressure we could do without.

Maybe this has been a difficult year for you with challenges that have had to be faced. Perhaps you have coped with redundancy, illness or bereavement and are wondering how you will cope with the season of good cheer when you feel you have very little to be cheerful about.

Well, Advent marks the beginning of the Church's year and is a season of preparation and reflection as we look forward to remembering what Christmas is really all about, God's gift to us of himself in the form of Jesus, Emmanuel, which means God with us. It is a season that invites us to stop for a moment or two and consider what life is all about.

And in the busyness and bustle of this time of year it can help to remind ourselves that God chose to come among us in the form of a baby, born in the humblest of surroundings, a stable. In the simplicity of his arrival, without fanfare and commotion, he shows us what is of real importance not just at this time of year but all year around. Not expensive presents, not the most up to date games and gadgets but relationships.

The baby whose birth we celebrate on Christmas day grew to be a man who demonstrated God's deep love for humankind by being with people from all walks of life, bringing healing and restoration. As we move through Advent towards Christmas day we also look beyond to the cross and Easter day when the risen Lord appeared to his closest friends and sent them into the world to proclaim his peace.

How ever you choose to celebrate the season, I pray that you will have a joyful and peaceful time, that you will join us at our church services as we thank God for Christmas and even in the midst of the busyness of shopping and preparation you can find a moment or two to be still and discover afresh God's love for you.

God bless,

Revd Louise

As we come to the end of 2016, we are happy and relieved that the repairs to the church roof and structural timbers are finally complete and we can look forward to our Christmas celebrations in our beautiful old church, especially now with Revd. Louise to lead us forward. It has been a real struggle for a small village to raise so much money, but it has brought the community closer together with a sense of shared responsibility for the care of the building, and although the regular congregation is quite small, it is good to know that we have the support of many more. We are very grateful to all those who gave so generously their money and their time, and particularly Yvonne who was the driving force, organising the whole process, and spending many hours on grant applications. Volunteers continue to contribute in many ways, through fund raising, cleaning, flower arranging, bell ringing, music, mowing, and maintenance. With your help and with the Friends of All Saints, we look forward to the challenge of completing the restoration of All Saints' Church.

The village has achieved a tremendous amount. As well as the church repairs, enough money has now been raised for the **defibrillator**, and we are just waiting for confirmation from BT that we can install it in the phone box on the Village Green. Residents' donations have raised about £700, and we received a grant of £500 from Maureen Dobson's County Council funding pot. The Bonfire Burger Night raised over £1,000 thanks to the generosity of Derick, Les, Howard, Glen and all the committee members and helpers who donated the fireworks and the food. Thanks also to Brett and Kathryn for an ideal venue in the Willow Tree car park. It was a really good village get-together, and I can't wait to see what Les and Derick will be planning for 2017! Y.W.

The Village Hall is available to hire (including table tennis equipment) for £4 an hour. Unfortunately, Fit Step has now finished, and there are no classes in the hall apart from line dancing on Tuesday evenings. It is a shame that we can't keep a fitness class going in the village; some people are driving to Coddington for Sally's exercise/dance class which she had to move from Barnby because of dwindling numbers. (Contact Sally Geeson for details 626116). Any bookings / suggestions for using the hall to: parishclerk@barnbyinthewillows.com

FULBECK AIRFIELD WIND TURBINES

This application is now in its final stages and will be decided in the next few weeks. For the last 15 months, South Kesteven District Council has been waiting for extra information from the applicant and this has now been received. Re-consultation will now take place.

The extra information was supposed to include a further assessment of the impact of the turbines on Barnby Conservation Area. South Kesteven asked for this because they knew the turbines would have an impact on our village, but the applicant has decided it is not necessary. There is however an assessment of the impact on the church and a (poor quality) diagram of what the turbines might look like from the churchyard. This can be viewed on the South Kesteven website – go to Planning and search for application S15/1764, and look for the three items of additional information at the bottom of the list of documents. Of course, the applicant argues that there will be very little impact on the village from the presence of the turbines.

The turbines will be visible for many miles and will completely dominate the countryside to the east of Barnby. Ten turbines, 110 metres high, will be totally out of proportion with their surroundings, by far the tallest features in a landscape which is at present a beautiful unspoilt rural view. Industrial development is entirely inappropriate in this location.

Comments must be made by 21st December.

If you sent an objection 15 months ago, it is important that you send another one, otherwise South Kesteven may conclude that you have changed your mind. If you haven't already objected, now is your chance! If you are a dog-walker or horse-rider who enjoys the countryside around Barnby, or if you are just a resident who enjoys the views from the churchyard and the eastern end of Front Street, please send an objection.

You can make a comment on the Planning website, or write to

Phil Moore, Planning Officer
South Kesteven District Council
St Peter's Hill

Grantham, Lincs. NG31 6PZ

quoting reference S15/1764/CONR22.

PLEASE MAKE TIME TO DO THIS TODAY!

Celia Derbyshire, Barnby Hall

On the Beat with PCSO 8128 Mike Munro **Helping you to have a crime-free Christmas**

I am working hard again over Christmas to keep you and your family safe, and here are a few steps you can take to help me.

Don't leave presents under your Christmas tree if they are visible from windows or doors.

You may be lucky enough to receive a valuable gift for Christmas. If you do, mark it with your postcode. Permanent marking kits are inexpensive and could help you get your possessions back if they're lost or stolen.

If you love it, log it! Visit **www.immobilise.com** to register valuable items like computers, MP3 players, mobile phones, bikes, TVs and games consoles. It could help us return your items if they are ever stolen and later recovered.

Think before you throw. Dispose of packaging carefully. Empty boxes left outside can advertise that you have new and desirable goods at home.

Never keep large amounts of cash at home.

Lock up sheds and garages so thieves can't access ladders and tools that could be used in a burglary.

Don't leave keys in your doors or lying around. But, you should be able to find them quickly in an emergency. Never leave your keys displayed on a hook, especially near an outside door or under a doormat.

When you go out at night, leave a light on with your curtains drawn. You could also leave the TV or radio on to look as if you are at home. You could use timer switches to turn your lights on at times when you're normally at home or when it gets dark.

A secure home will reduce the chance of you getting burgled. However, if you get home and notice signs of a break-in, don't go in or call out – the intruder could still be inside. Go to a neighbour's house to call the police on **999**. Don't touch anything or tidy up as this could destroy valuable forensic evidence.

If there's a stranger at your door – stop. Remember **SOS – STAY OUT STRANGER**. Keep your door locked and check who is outside through the spy hole or a window. Don't open the door to anybody you don't recognise. Remember, you are in control.

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THE WILLOW TREE

Last **Curry Night** of the Year - Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December.

We will open from 5.30pm and will be serving mulled wine and a filled roll during the evening. The mulled wine and roll will be £5 per adult and £3 per child with a choice of soft drinks for the children. Please let us know if you would like to take part so that we can cater for you. We are awaiting timings for the passing of the International Space Station, but we hope that we will be able to step outside and watch 'Father Christmas' fly over Gables Farm as we have done in previous years. Once more we will enjoy carols around the fire later on in the evening.

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December.

We will be open from 12 with last orders at 1.45pm. The pub will close at 2pm. We hope that you will bring your families once again this year. Father Christmas will visit the children around 1pm.

26, 27, 28th and 29th December The Willow Tree will be **closed**
The Willow Tree will open from 5.30pm on **Friday 30th December**, serving a **fish and chip supper** on that evening. Please contact us on 629003 if you would like to book a table.

New Year's Eve Saturday 31st December - **Wild West Night**.

Round up for some fun at your local watering hole. Tickets are £12 each and available now. We open from 7.30pm and will be serving a selection of food from our Chuckwagon around 8.30pm. Wild West Hot Dogs, Hamburger Sliders, Campfire Corn, Ma's Homemade Slaw and Tumbleweed Tater Salad. We hope that you will dress the part.

The Willow Tree will be **closed from Sunday 1st January** and will reopen on Friday 13th January.

Wednesday 18th January first **Curry Night** of the year from 6.30pm
Thursday 2nd February. Tickets are now available for our **Chinese New Year Buffet** £10 per head. *Kathryn and Brett*



BARNBY VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair. A total of £314 was raised which was shared equally with the church. On top of this, the sale of the Barnby Recipe Book has raised £130 for the Village Hall. Copies are still available to buy from Vicki (626312) or Derick (626716).



Joy to the World!

If you would like to join Santa and his sleigh for carol singing round the village on Monday 19th December, we shall meet at Stump Corner (junction of Front Street and Cross Lane) at 6pm, and afterwards, mince pies and mulled wine in the Village Hall. At the same time, we will be looking for the best decorated house or window

On **Saturday 21st January**, there will be a **Whist Drive** with a light buffet supper in the Village Hall at 7pm. Please book with Vicki on 626312.

THE BARNBY DIARY

DECEMBER			
Thursday 8th	7:00pm	CHRISTMAS DINNER	Willow Tree
Monday 12 th	7:00pm	CAROL SERVICE	Church
Monday 19 th	6:00pm	CAROL SINGING	Stump Corner
Saturday 24th	from 5:30	BUTTIES&MULLED WINE	Willow Tree
Sunday 25 th	10:00am	FAMILY SERVICE	Church
Sunday 25 th	12 noon	DRINKS WITH SANTA	Willow Tree
Saturday 31 st	7:30pm	WILD WEST NIGHT	Willow Tree
JANUARY			
Saturday 21 st		WHIST DRIVE	Village Hall
FEBRUARY			
Thursday 2 nd		CHINESE NEW YEAR	Willow Tree