

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Summer 2017

Tour De Yorkshire

Sunday the 30th April was bright and sunny and rather cold with quite a strong wind blowing all afternoon. However, this did not spoil the race and we had a very successful event on race day with lots of people present in the village when the cyclists came through.

A lot of volunteers gave up their time to make sure that the event ran as smoothly as possible, and consequently we have a big thank you to say to all those people who helped to make the day so successful.

Particular thanks must go to all those people who provided cakes and buns for the refreshments in St Aidans and to the ladies who served refreshments on the day. We are pleased to report that we made £210 profit to be shared equally between Oxspring Friends and St Aidans.

A very special thanks must also go to Chris McShane and Dave Fisher who came along with volunteers from the Rafters Ukulele Club, together with our local Saxophonist Mick Brook to provide live music at the front of St Aidans. It was rather cold sitting in the wind and their perseverance was very much appreciated.

Danny Mitchell, a local village resident was taking photographs of the event throughout the day and hopefully some of his shots will have been shown on the big screen at Fox Valley. We will also be developing photographs taken by Danny to create a scrap book to keep as a reminder of the wonderful day we had when the race came through our village.

The Waggon and Horses also had a very successful day and drew in lots of people to sample the delights of their hog roast and again, we have received some terrific comments about the atmosphere and good food provided by our local hostelry.

We would also like to say a big thank you to the PTA and Oxspring Primary School for all the work they put in to make sure that there were plenty of things to keep the young children in the village occupied both before and during the race.

Finally we must say thank you to BMBC, Ward Alliance and Mark Dransfield Properties and their teams for all the hard work they put in to making sure the whole event was a success.

Lots of residents in the village have commented on what a lovely atmosphere there was on the day and all in all it was a very successful day.

*Please take a look at the Parish website for a photographic slideshow of the day in Oxspring.
www.oxspring-parish.com*

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Parish Council News

The Parish Council has been busy maintaining various areas of the village during this year, most notably maintaining the equipment in the play area.

*This has included new seats on the see saw and new bridges and platforms on the Toddler play unit. A new double bin has also been installed near the car park after the previous one was vandalised. The Parish Council has considered the **access to the playarea** since installing new fencing last year which made the site a safer place for the children. Currently there is an open access onto Sheffield Road with no gate. After much consideration and consultation with members of the public and Barnsley Council it has been decided to fence off this access and remove the steps rather than leaving it as it is or installing another gate. Therefore the only access to the playground will be the one from the car park once the changes are made.*

***Hanging baskets** have been installed in the village again this summer following the positive response to the baskets last year, and a few more have been added.*

*Work has started on creating a **Community Orchard**, this is located near the basketball courts on the Sheffield Road playingfield, and plans are afoot to create a **Community Allotment** at the top of Bower Hill this summer. We are also hoping to install a couple of items of adult **outdoor fitness** equipment on the Village Green in the near future. If the items prove successful further pieces of equipment may be added at a later date.*

*A new **Parish Notice board** has been placed outside the school recently so keep an eye on it for Parish updates or event notices.*

*Hopefully you will have noticed the brilliant job that is being done to the **dry stone wall** that runs along Sheffield Road. This is being done by Tom Handley of Growforest, as a joint project between the Parish Council, the Landowner and Penistone Ward Alliance. He is repairing and rebuilding large sections of the wall and we are really pleased with how great the wall is looking now. He also held a Walling Open Day in April where villagers could try their hand at walling and other local crafts, which was very successful.*

*The Parish Council **Titivator Group** are a community group of six Oxspring residents doing regular voluntary work around the village under the direction of and with the full approval of Oxspring Parish Council. They have been very busy over the last year and an update from them can be seen on the next page.*

However, more members are really needed at the moment. Their main aim is to help improve the village and keep it tidy by doing regular litter picks, maintaining flower beds, general pruning, clearing of vegetation etc. If you are interested in joining this small group of local residents please contact Freda Shaw on 01226 767070 or Graham Sedgwick on 764350.

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Greetings from the Parish Titivators.

We originally were not going to do an **Oxspring Open Gardens** this year but lots of people have been asking and the lovely individuals who opened their gardens last year have kindly said they would do so for 2017....so.... if there are any wonderful residents (I know there are many in Oxspring) who would like to open their gardens, (no Chelsea medals needed just a space you love and are happy to share for a great cause). Or if anyone would like to bake, donate plants or come on the day and help, then please get in touch. Alternatively it would be fantastic if you could come and buy a ticket... enjoy beautiful relaxing surroundings, listen to music, go on a history walk and eat some cake!

The event will take place on Saturday the 8th of July from 10am till 4pm. So please get in touch. **WE NEED YOUR GARDEN!!**

After the success of the village hanging baskets last year we are not only having them again but more of them. We have also recently planted the troughs on the Willows railings again. Huge thanks to all of the Titivators who litter pick/dig/plant/paint/repair/prune and generally make the village environment a pleasure to be in.

As you know the village is entering the **RHS Village in Bloom** this year, under category 10...which has three areas the judge will be looking at: Horticulture/Environment/Community. The judge will be coming on the 7th July to view three main areas in the village; The Pinfold, Bower dell and the Children's play area/Village Green. We will be organising another community work day to get these areas looking even lovelier than they already do and we will be putting up posters throughout the village for this. The date for this will be 1st July, 10am until 1pm, meeting at Bower Dell.

Help yourself Oxspring is hotting up again. We had a great deal of positive feedback from last year with lots of you harvesting from the Village Green beds. Hopefully more villagers will come and help themselves this year. The pupils from Oxspring school have been busy sowing seeds ready to transfer to these raised beds and the school garden, so please don't be scared of using these beds, the produce is seasonal and chemical free... We will be erecting some chalk boards for these beds to let you know what is in there and what is ready to harvest.

As part of this community sharing, the plans for the **Community Orchard and Allotment** are also underway; the orchard is the first area to be tackled. This will be situated on scrub land between the Pinfold and the basketball court in the recreation field. The area will be cleared, dug and new topsoil put down ready for the wildflower/grass mix and then fruit trees over the winter months. The hope is that this area will not only provide fruit but also be used for a village fruit day/work days and workshops and maybe a little cider making!!

If anyone would like to be involved in any of the above projects please contact Councillor Emily Gratton-Rayson on 01226 766322 or email at craftygardener3@gmail.com. Thank you kindly.

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Neighbourhood Plan Update

As you are aware, we have delayed submitting our Neighbourhood Plan for examination, due to the fact that Barnsley Council are currently in the process of having their Local Plan Examined. This is an update regarding the current situation.

The appointed Examiner for Barnsley's Local Plan, Mrs S Housden BAS (Hons) BPI MRTPI, can consider three possible outcomes at each stage of the Examination process:

- 1. the submitted plan is sound*
- 2. the submitted plan is not sound, but could be made sound by changes (known as main modifications), if necessary following additional work*
- 3. the submitted plan is not sound and could not be made sound by changes*

The Examiner wrote to BMBC on the 24th April indicating that, after the Stage 1 Hearings held in May, she would write during week commencing 12th June 2017, to advise whether or not the Plan was likely to be capable of being found legally compliant and sound in relation to the matters covered and could therefore proceed to Stage 2. Topics considered at the first hearings in May related to the following:

- An overview of the soundness of the Barnsley Local Plan*
- Vision and Objectives and Barnsley's role in the Sheffield and Leeds City Regions*
- Objectively assessed need for employment*
- Objectively assessed need for housing*

The Examiner has now agreed to proceed to Stage 2 and these sessions will take place during July 2017. The Stage 2 hearings will cover the following topics:

- Spatial strategy and distribution of employment and housing developments*
- Green Belt and Safeguarded Land*
- Transport*
- Natural and Historic environment*

If the Examiner concludes that the Local Plan is still capable of being found legally compliant and sound in relation to matters covered at Stage 2 she will agree to proceed to Stage 3 in early October. Stage 3 will consider the following:

- Housing and employment site allocations*
- Housing requirement and five year land supply*
- Development management policies*
- Viability, monitoring and delivery*

All documents relating to the Examination of Barnsley's Local Plan can be found on Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's web site.

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Trunce Run Series 2017

2016'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

It is hoped that from next year the race can revert to starting on Oxspring Playingfield, as the Parish Council are hoping to create a new footpath at the foot of the Trans Pennine Trail from the top end of the field to the farm track that leads to the Trans Pennine Trail. If this goes ahead, it will be done with agreement from The Trunce, the Parish Council, the neighbouring Landowner and BMBC.

2017 Race dates:

Monday 3rd July, Monday 24th July, Monday 14th August, Monday 4th September followed by end of year presentations in the Wagon and Horses pub.

Tour de Yorkshire – Feedback

Kevin Wallace at BMBC is undertaking some research regarding what impact the Tour de Yorkshire had on local communities and is now seeking some feedback from local residents regarding the events on the 30th April 2017.

The Parish Council would therefore be grateful if you could provide us with some idea regarding your thoughts on how the day was dealt with by both the Parish Council and the small group of people who we named the Oxspring Community Group.

We would like to hear from you with any positive comments but also if you have suggestions on how we could have improved the day so that we are better prepared for any future large scale events that we may be involved in.

The Oxspring Community Group included representatives from the local school, the Parish Council, St Aidans, residents of the village and feedback from the Waggon and Horses. We tried to involve as many different sections of the community as possible and the Parish Council felt that the day was a great success.

If you have any comments you wish to make, would you please email them to the Parish Clerk at: clerk@oxspring-parish.com so that we can consider them and pass on any relevant information to Kevin to support him with his research.

Thank you.

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Oxspring Primary School

*The PTA would like to thank everyone who helped and participated in this year's **Duck Race and Summer Fair**. It was a huge success and raised an amazing £3100.73!!!*

The wonderful community we have here in Oxspring and at our school was evident for all to see.

Thanks goes to all those who helped with the set up and running of the event and to those who helped clear up after, and a massive thank you to all of you who attended, bought and sold duck tickets, donated prizes or helped in any way at all.

This is a wonderful boost to the PTA's fundraising efforts, and we now look forward to being able to give the school £2000 towards the purchase of new home-school reading books for key stage 1 children.

From all at the PTA Thank you!

Saint Aidan's Church Diary

Weekly activities include:

<i>Pilates Fitness:</i>	<i>Monday 9.30 – 10.30am</i>	<i>Church Service: Sunday 9am – 10am</i>
<i>Busy Bees (preschool):</i>	<i>Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am</i>	
<i>Brownies (girls 7-10):</i>	<i>Tuesday 6.15 – 7.45pm</i>	<i>For more information on any of the</i>
<i>Kettlecise Fitness:</i>	<i>Tuesday 8.15 – 9.15pm</i>	<i>above activities and events please call</i>
<i>Pilates Fitness:</i>	<i>Wednesday 9.30 – 10.30am</i>	<i>Father Matthew Joy on 762276</i>
<i>Pop-in Club (for elderly):</i>	<i>Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00pm</i>	
<i>Rainbows (girls 5-7):</i>	<i>Wednesday 6.00 – 7.15pm</i>	<i>The hall is also available for hire at</i>
<i>Ranger Guides (monthly):</i>	<i>Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00pm</i>	<i>other times. Ring 764333 or 762276</i>
<i>Zumba Fitness:</i>	<i>Friday 6.00 – 7.00pm</i>	<i>for details.</i>

Oxspring Parish Council meeting dates 2017

At Saint Aidan's Church

<i>Monday 10th July</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>Monday 4th September</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>Monday 2nd October</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>Monday 6th November</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>Monday 4th December</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>

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

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Parish Council Website

The Parish Council website is www.Oxspring-parish.com

On the website you can find all publicly available documents, plus a wealth of other information about Oxspring. If you have a news item for the website please contact the clerk at clerk@oxspring-parish.com

Parish Newsletter

The editor of this newsletter is the Parish Clerk. Views expressed in the newsletter are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the Parish Council. The newsletter is published twice a year, (summer and winter). We welcome news items from parishioners. If you have a news item for a future edition please email the clerk at clerk@oxspring-parish.com

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Something to Report?

Here are some Useful Council Numbers

<i>Abandoned Vehicles</i>	<i>772468</i>	<i>Pest Control</i>	<i>772050</i>
<i>Dog Fouling</i>	<i>772468</i>	<i>Planning Applications</i>	<i>772000</i>
<i>Illegal dumping/fly tipping</i>	<i>772468</i>	<i>Public Rights of ways</i>	<i>772142</i>
<i>Fly Posting/graffiti</i>	<i>775656</i>	<i>Road repairs/potholes</i>	<i>773555</i>
<i>Flooded Road</i>	<i>773555</i>	<i>Street lighting faults</i>	<i>774200</i>
<i>Footpaths roadside</i>	<i>773555</i>	<i>Traffic Light faults</i>	<i>773555</i>
<i>Education/schools</i>	<i>773500</i>	<i>Trans Pennine Trail</i>	<i>772574</i>
<i>Gritting/snow clearing</i>	<i>773555</i>	<i>Noise complaints</i>	<i>772468</i>
<i>Grass cutting/weed killing</i>	<i>775656</i>	<i>Litter Bins/street sweeping</i>	<i>775656</i>
<i>Household Waste/recycling</i>	<i>772045</i>	<i>BMBC Switchboard</i>	<i>770770</i>

Penistone Safer Neighbourhood Team – non emergencies - 101

Public Sewers 08451 242429 (Yorkshire Water)

South Yorkshire Police (Non urgent calls) 101