

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

WINTER 2017 PARISH NEWSLETTER

**OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2018**

Oxspring Best Planter of 2017 Competition.

The Parish's competition for the best roadside planter took place once again in August this year. The three planters judged to be the most attractive were awarded prizes of £50, £30 and £20 respectively.

As in previous years, the judging was difficult as there were some lovely displays! Thank you very much to all those who help maintain them.

The winners were:

1st Prize: C Langley: Toll Bar post planter on corner of Roughbirchworth Lane

2nd Prize: S Horn: Planter opposite the Willows bungalows

3rd Prize: A Mills: Planter near the playingfield entrance

Oxspring Friends Carol Concert at Saint Aidan's Church – 16th December

*Oxspring Friends invite you all to their annual carol singing evening at Saint Aidan's Church
on Saturday 16th December*

From 7pm to 9pm

Mince Pies and Sherry will be served

Everyone is very welcome

*This event including refreshments is **free**, tickets not required.*

UNLIMITED FASTER BROADBAND

Unlimited Faster Fibre broadband is now available in Oxspring. Contact your current provider for further details.

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FITNESS EQUIPMENT

In an effort to give adult residents of Oxspring an opportunity to participate in getting a little fitter, a grant was applied for from the Big Lottery Fund to allow us to purchase two pieces of fitness equipment for the Village Green next to the children's play area. The application was successful and consequently the equipment has recently been installed.



It includes a skier (for either one or two adults) and a bicycle. We hope you enjoy using the new equipment and depending on how successful it is we could consider installing further pieces if we believe there is a need. Please feel free to give us feedback. Contact the Parish Clerk if you have any constructive comments to make.

WORLD WAR 1 PLAQUE

The Country will be commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War next year and The Parish Council decided to apply for a Ward Alliance Grant to ensure that the Village would be able to participate in the important events that will be taking place across the country. The application was successful and subsequently a stainless steel wall mounted plaque bearing the names of those killed in the First World War from Oxspring was erected on the front wall of St Aidan's in time for a small commemoration service which was conducted by Father Matthew Joy on Sunday 12th November 2017.

In 2018 we will have a better opportunity and more time to organise something for Armistice Day and hopefully many of you will be able to come along and participate. If anyone is interested the Parish Council have details of individual people named on the plaque and information regarding where they are buried. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

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*

Horticultural updates from the village

The village is “officially amazing”

Not only did the school gain an RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) Gold award and a judge’s discretionary award for outstanding small community.... if you can handle more good news, the village for the first time were awarded a level 5/outstanding in the RHS “it’s your neighbourhood” award scheme, which is truly amazing.

A huge thank you to all those who continue to help make Oxspring a special, unique place to live. Please do come and get involved as we have lots of projects and community days planned for the village. Whatever time, advice/feedback, hands clasp a spade, you can spare would be warmly appreciated.

Work on the Community Orchard at the side of the playingfield has started after receiving a fantastic grant from the Penistone Ward Alliance. A new low level fence has been erected, wild flower/grass mix has been sown, and coming soon will be a community day to plant the seven fruit trees, stake them and muck spread. They will hopefully be arriving soon....so keep your eyes open for the poster advertising the date and time.

Plans for the Community Allotment are also underway; we have drawn up plans and are busy applying for grants to help support this project. The hope is that for those people not wanting to take on a whole allotment as an individual, a shared space may be the way forward. The space will be accessible to all. There will be parking, raised beds at varying heights, play garden/mud kitchen for the budding horticulturalist, a polytunnel and it will be chemical free.

Workshops and tools will be available. The community allotment will be an inclusive, evolving project; so if you think you might like to be involved please contact either myself directly or through the Parish Council.

Huge thanks to those awesome individuals who opened their gardens and gave their time for the Open Gardens 2017 event; it was such a lovely day with some fantastic feedback and we raised nearly £400 for the Bluebell wood children’s hospice. They are very excited to be using the money raised for their sensory arts project. We won’t be running an Oxspring Open Gardens event next year but if you would like to open your garden or be involved in any way in 2019, then please get in touch anytime.

Thank you for your past, present and future contributions to our awesome village.... spades and wellies at the ready.

Emily-rose Gratton-Rayson. (Parish Councillor).

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Do you need Oxspring Bowling

(By Chris Sharp)

*If you feel blue this time of year
Here is a thought to bring you good cheer*

*There is a place where you can go
It's sure to stop you feeling low*

*It's Oxspring Bowling down the street
St Aidan's Hall is where we meet*

*Every Monday one till four
Just £2 pay on the door*

*Never played? Just have a try
You'll find the time flying by*

*So grab your coat put on your shoes
Let Oxspring Bowling cure your blues*

Oxspring Parish Council meeting dates 2018

At Saint Aidan's Church

<i>Monday 8th January</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>	<i>Monday 2nd July</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>Monday 5th February</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>	<i>Monday 3rd September</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>Monday 5th March</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>	<i>Monday 1st October</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>Monday 9th April</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>	<i>Monday 5th November</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>Monday 14th May</i>	<i>6.45pm</i>	<i>Monday 3rd December</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>Monday 4th June</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>		

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

Oxspring Allotments

Oxspring Parish Council runs three allotment sites in and around the village with a total of 30 allotment plots. The current waiting list is very small, so if you are keen to get your hands on a plot, please contact the Clerk to join the waiting list, and you may be gardening sooner than you think! Clerk@oxspring-parish.com or fill in the form on the website.

NEW YEAR'S EVE



CELLIDH

ST. AIDAN'S, OXSPRING

8pm 'til "Big Ben"

LIVE BAND: Pinch O'Snuff

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

ADULT: £10 CHILD: 5-11YRS: £5

**Get your Tickets now from
Oxspring Post Office or Val 07778 422925**

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Saint Aidan's Church Diary

Weekly activities include:

<i>Pilates Fitness:</i>	<i>Monday 9.30 – 10.30am</i>
<i>Indoor Bowling:</i>	<i>Monday 1.00 – 4.00pm</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>Kettlecise Fitness:</i>	<i>Tuesday 8.15 – 9.15pm</i>
<i>Pilates Fitness:</i>	<i>Wednesday 9.30 – 10.30am</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>Ranger Guides (monthly):</i>	<i>Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm</i>
<i>Zumba Fitness:</i>	<i>Friday 6.00 – 7.00pm</i>

Letter from Saint Aidan's

Dear Oxspring residents

Many of you will know that Father Matthew Joy and his wife Alsie recently left Oxspring for retirement in Leicestershire. This is a sad loss for not only St Aidan's Church but the community as a whole. We now need to think about what we, as residents of Oxspring, can do to build on their work to ensure the church's growth in future.

Although St Aidan's is not a typical church building looking as it does more like a village hall, it is, first and foremost, a church. In order to continue as a church, the congregation needs to grow. Currently we have an enthusiastic but small, and dare we say, ageing congregation. The church is well used for a variety of weekly events and functions but if there is no church, there will be no building.

Unfortunately due to pressure on the team clergy, there will not be a Christingle Service at St Aidan's church this year but you are all welcome to join the one at St John's Church Penistone at 6.30pm on 24th December

What would encourage you and your family to come to church?

Would you like a different time for the service currently 9am – 10am?

Would you prefer an informal 'café/church' on a weekday morning or perhaps after school?

Please let us know your thoughts and ideas

Remember – if you don't use it, you lose it!

Please send your replies to stjohns.pen@hotmail.co.uk

Wishing you a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year from St Aidan's Church congregation

OXSPRING VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

As we hope you are aware, the Oxspring Neighbourhood Development Plan is ready to be submitted to Barnsley Council in preparation for Examination by an independent Examination Officer. Unfortunately, Barnsley Council's Local Plan has still not been successfully examined, with the Inspector reporting that there is a mismatch between the level of new job expectations across the Borough and the number of new houses to be built. Consequently, the stage 3 hearing sessions were adjourned on 25th October 2017.

On Wednesday 15th November the Agenda for the Cabinet meeting in Barnsley will include the following agenda item:

The Local Plan Examinations – Modifications and Additional Sites Consultation.

The Examiner will reconvene the hearing on 12th December 2017 to cover the matters, issues and questions raised over the three earlier hearings. Hopefully, we should have some further news after this meeting.

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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

PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE

Ward alliances are groups of people who have put themselves forward to help improve the communities they live in. They work with local councillors to determine what the priorities are for the area and the group meets once a month in Penistone.

Each ward alliance has developed a community plan which helps them to measure their progress in delivering their priorities. The Ward Alliances have a small budget called the Ward Alliance Fund and Oxspring has been successful with a number of grant applications this year. We would like to encourage any community groups in the village to apply for ward alliance funding .

If you have any projects that you think might benefit from Ward Alliance funding then please contact the Parish Council in the first instance and we can advise you in relation to any claim that you may submit. Application is very straightforward and successful funding can help provide a host of different amenities/facilities to help improve the village.

Something to Report?

Here are some Useful Council Numbers

<i>Abandoned Vehicles</i>	<i>772468</i>	<i>Pest Control</i>	<i>772468</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/tipping</i>	<i>775656</i>	<i>Potholes/Road repairs</i>	<i>773555</i>
<i>Flooded Roads</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>Graffiti</i>	<i>775656</i>	<i>Refuse collection/recycling</i>	<i>772045</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>774215</i>	<i>BMBC Switchboard</i>	<i>770770</i>

Police Golden Line 736387 (Penistone Safer Neighbourhood Team – non emergencies)

Public Sewers 08451 242429 (Yorkshire Water)

South Yorkshire Police (Non urgent calls) 101