

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016

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.

The large multi play unit has been refurbished, and the fencing along the roadside has been made more secure to keep the little ones from escaping!

A new Parish Notice board has been placed near the entrance to the playground, and the old Noticeboard that was outside the school is currently being refurbished so that it can be put back where it used to be.

The perimeter footpath on the playingfield has been resurfaced over the winter with a better surface; this was to deal with parts of the path that had become slippery due to overhanging trees during wet weather.

You may have noticed the new signs to deter dog fouling that have been put up in dog fouling hotspots around Oxspring. These are part of a "Keep Britain Tidy" campaign which the Parish Council purchased with a grant from Penistone Ward Alliance. Unfortunately a couple of days after some of the signs were put up, someone ripped some of them down. This is obviously very disappointing. The Parish Council believes that the majority of residents and responsible dog owners would agree that Dog fouling in public places is unacceptable, and would welcome the anti-fouling campaign.

Oxspring Open Gardens

Oxspring open gardens 2016 will be on Saturday 9th July from 10.30 a.m. running all day.

We have a number of villagers kindly opening their gardens for visitation, we also have the Oxspring school garden as the central hub, where you will be able to purchase a ticket for £ 3.00 which shall enable you to participate in the gardening workshop, the village history walk and talk and access to all of the open gardens.

There will be refreshments, cakes and plants available to buy at all the open garden locations.

If you would like to open your garden (which does not need to be a Chelsea gold medal winner, it just needs to be a space that you love and are willing to invite new friends in), or if you are able to volunteer your time to bake/donate refreshments, plants etc. we would be eternally grateful.

Please do come along to the open gardens event, support your community, raise money for an awesome cause and have a great time.

Please call Emily-rose on 01226 766322 or email craftygardener3@gmail.com.

Thank you.

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Oxspring Titivators

The Titivators are a community group of eight Oxspring residents doing regular voluntary work around the village under the direction of and with the full approval of Oxspring Parish Council. They have made a large contribution towards keeping Oxspring in good shape this last year.

They do weekly litter picks on the Oxspring Section of the TPT and throughout the village, assist with the cultivation of the Parish owned public open areas, clear vegetation around seating areas, maintain flower beds, remove graffiti and do general repairs. Specific areas that they have worked on and done planting are the Pinfold, Bower Dell, Gordon's Garden and the Rose Garden on the corner of Roughbirchworth Lane. They also helped the Parish Council put up the village Christmas tree.

The Titivators would like to thank Danny, (a new Oxspring resident at the Willows), for his photography. He took some great photos of the Titivator group. He is a keen photographer and bird watcher and you may have seen him out and about "with camera". He has spotted and photographed some less common birds of prey in Oxspring such as the buzzard and Sparrow hawk!

*Anyone wishing to join the group would be made most welcome.
Please contact Alan Walker on 01226 379895 or Freda Shaw on 01226 767070*

Oxspring Best Planter of 2016 Competition.

For those of you that tend to the Parish's roadside planters, the Parish Council are once again holding a Best Planter competition. The Planters will be judged in July or August. The judges will be looking for attractive displays, roadside appeal and good plant condition. The prizes will be: 1st Prize £50, 2nd Prize £30 and 3rd Prize of £20. There is up to £20 available per planter if required to reimburse for any plants purchased for the planter. Please send your claim and receipts to the Clerk to the Council. We wish you all the best of luck and are sure that you will produce some magnificent planters as you have done in previous years.

Oxspring Primary School

Duck Race

The annual Duck Race will once again be held at Bower Dell (weather permitting) on Friday 1st July.

Maypole Dancing

The school now owns a Maypole, kindly donated by the Parish Council. The school is currently looking for someone to teach the children Maypole dancing. If you are able to help, or know someone who has Maypole dancing experience please contact the school on 01226 763020 or email r.laslett@barnsley.org.

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Oxspring Village History Walk and Talk tour

At Oxspring Open Gardens event Saturday 9th July

Please join us for an historical walking tour around Oxspring as part of the Oxspring Open Gardens event. (See front of newsletter).

The tour will be led by Julia Tomson, Wendy Crossland and Dave Perkins.

It will start from the Oxspring School Garden at 2pm.

Wearing stout shoes is advisable.

For more information contact Julia on 01226 761153.

(Julia and Wendy are daughters of the late Phyllis Crossland, local historian and author of 'Years of Grace' and 'Echoing Hills').

The following article was written in 1963 by local resident Julia Tomson when she was at Oxspring School. It gives a flavour of village life in the 1960's, and is rather apt with the forthcoming Oxspring Open Gardens village event. (The location of the Gala, referred to in the article as 'David Browns sports field at Eddyfield', is where The Willows bungalows now are.)

Tuesday, June 18, 1963

Oxspring Gala.

On Saturday, June 15 it was Oxspring Gala. It was a nice sunny day with a slight breeze. It started at 2:15 but I wasn't there for the procession. In the procession there was the Hepworth silver band playing. They were dressed in navy blue uniforms with a yellow stripe down their trouser legs. Also in the procession were children in fancy dress.

The gala was held in David Browns sports field at Eddyfield. When we got there a man called Mr Palmer was giving a speech on the platform and the new Queen and the old Queen with their attendants, who had also been in the procession, were there. The old Queen had four attendants and the new Queen had six or eight.

The old queen had on a long white dress and a blue velvet train. The new queen was also wearing a white dress but her cloak was red. The old queen had made £13 but the loudspeaker broke down and you could not tell what she was saying. After that a man took the crown off the old Queen and put it onto the new Queen and after that the fancy dress was judged.

I looked around for a while and noticed that there was a bingo stall, a fish stall, skittles, darts and a coconut stall. There was a bran tub roll, a Penny stall and a pound stall. After I had bought an ice cream I watched the races. After the races I had a few turns at bingo with no success. After that I had my tea and then I had a turn on the fishes but in the end I bought one for 9 pence. I didn't have much to do so I walked around while mother talked to someone. When it was nearly time to go home I watched people get their prizes and then I went home.

Julia Tomson, age 10.

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OXSPRING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Oxspring Parish was published for public consultation under Regulation 14 Town and Country Planning, England, Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. This was a six weeks consultation process from 21st March 2016 to 5pm 2nd May 2016.

It is a legal requirement that not only village residents but a number of statutory bodies are consulted, and a number of comments have now been received. These comments will be entered onto a standardised consultation responses form for discussion between the Neighbourhood Planning team and the Consultants. Once these comments have been discussed, comments from the Neighbourhood Plan Team and the Consultants will be added and the forms will then be submitted to the Parish Council for approval at the 13th June 2016 meeting. The completed forms will be uploaded to the Neighbourhood Plan website in due course.

The next stage of the planning process is to go to Regulation 16 consultation which will be undertaken by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. The date for the commencement of this process has not yet been agreed but discussions will take place with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council once the Draft Plan has been approved by the Parish Council in June.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Ann Walker - 01226 379895.

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>

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OXSPRING IN BLOOM

The parish council with kind permission from Berneslai Homes are going to install and plant 20 troughs on the railings outside The Willows on the Sheffield road. These troughs shall be planted up with a cascade of double headed ivy leaf geraniums and giant trailing fuchsias, so that along with the new hanging baskets that are going to be installed we shall have a fabulous display of colour and interest throughout the village.

The Oxspring school garden and village have also won a prestigious project fund from the RHS as part of Britain in bloom. The theme of this years Bloom campaign is 'Greening Grey Britain for Health and Wellbeing'.

Our project is to install three large raised beds in three locations around the village, where the school gardening club shall plant seasonal fruit, veg and herbs for the Oxspring villagers to harvest. We shall also be running regular community days and workshops on growing.

We will have boards up within the beds indicating on a weekly basis what is ready to harvest. The project is called "Help Yourself Oxspring", in the hope to bring our younger and more mature experienced villagers together in one common goal..... health and wellbeing and just because getting together and growing is awesome!

The children shall be launching this project at this years Duck race. The RHS and the Barnsley Chronicle newspaper shall also be present and are both following every step of this fantastic project.

If you would like to be involved please contact Emily-rose on 01226 766322 or email craftygardener3@gmail.com.

Trunce Run Series 2016

2015's Trunce Run Series was yet another successful season with record numbers in some races, and 2346 competitors throughout the season.

This years Trunce is well under way with the first 2 races setting the pace for the season. All races start at 18.45 from 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.undeadmonkey.org.uk/trunce.

2016 Race dates:

Monday 16th May, Monday 6th June, Monday 27th June, Monday 18th July, Monday 8th August, Monday 22nd August, Monday 12th September followed by end of year presentations in the Wagon and Horses pub.

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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>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</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>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

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Seniors' Tea – Saturday 4th June, 5pm till 8pm at St Aidans

Oxspring Friends invite all Oxspring resident seniors to an Evening of good food and superb entertainment followed by a quiz and raffle.

If you would like to attend, please complete the slip below and return to Ben at the Post Office or hand in at the Pop In, by 28th May 2016.

Oxspring Friends seniors' Tea, Saturday 4th June, 5pm till 8pm at St Aidans.

I accept your invitation and request _____ place(s).

Name(s): _____

If any of our seniors are housebound, we could deliver. In this event please contact Freda Shaw on 01226 767070.

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LOCAL HISTORY

THE BOSVILLE FAMILY AND THE MANOR OF OXSPRING

The following article was printed in the Millennium edition of the Oxspring Parish newsletter. It was written by the late Howard Thorpe. He was an Oxspring resident and had researched the following information. It gives a background to the Bosville family, our early Lords of The Manor!

The Manor of Oxspring was owned by the Bosville family. Early in the eleventh century the Lord of the Manor was John of Bosville, Knight of Oxspring and Ardsley in Yorkshire.

The name of Bosville came from a village in Normandy, which was famous for its fertile meadows, so excellent for cattle. The oxen of this district were so famous that the very name of the village tells you so - "Bos", Latin for bull, and "villa" a country dwelling. From this village in the 11th century, came the progenitor of the family, Sir Martin de Bosville, Knight Treasurer to the army of William the Conqueror, and grandfather of John of Bosville. The Bosville family owns estates and manor houses in parts of South and East Riding of Yorkshire.

The antiquity of Oxspring must have been great, being apparent from the "nodus" of ten shillings per year (ie. tithe or rent for land) fixed upon it by the "court". The Manor lands were more extensive at that time and included Thurlstone, Carlecotes, Hunshelf, parts of Bradfield Chapelry to Moor Hall, and other places including Roughbirchworth. The Townships of Oxspring and Hunshelf were not divided until 1686, when two overseers of the poor were appointed - Edmund Stocks for Hunshelf and Richard Wilby for Oxspring. In 1685 Jonas Broadhead had been appointed for both townships.

The estates would have been reduced by the practice of giving away portions of them to younger sons, or divided upon death. One of these in time assumed the name of de Oxspring instead of his own family name, and this induced the Lord of the Manor to re-purchase the lands and family arms in case any but a Bosville should bear them. A bull's head in a bush appeared to be the arms or crest for Oxspring instead of the whole bull for the Bosvilles.

A court was held at Oxspring by Godfrey de Bosville in the 17th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, 1575. There are Court Rolls in the second Godfrey's name, and still later ones belonging to a third Godfrey in 1696, and even to the fourth Godfrey in 1741 for Oxspring with Midhope, and in 1747 for Oxspring.

The Manor of Oxspring appears to have left the Bosville family around 1886. Records of the Bosville pedigree - family papers, documents and Court papers remain at Thorpe Hall in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

The symbol of this distinguished family in Oxspring is the Manor House, or Oxspring Lodge, today rapidly disappearing back into the high knoll overlooking the Don and today's village. It should be recognised for its importance and preserved for all interested to see.

Old maps going back 200 years or more do not mark a village on the site of present-day Oxspring. Instead, they mark the hamlet of High Oxspring alongside the top road from Thurgoland to Ingbirchworth and they show the position of the former Manor House or Lodge which until recently was marked on Ordnance Survey maps in the special italic letters that are used to indicate something ancient. The original Oxspring undoubtedly lay on the opposite side of the River Don from the present village.

The earliest historical reference to Oxspring is in the Domesday Book of 1086. The meaning of the name is literally the 'ox spring'. The whereabouts of the original settlement is unknown but the most likely site is that of the former Manor House, which occupied a commanding position on an outcrop of shale above the river. For centuries Oxspring consisted of just a few scattered farms and mills. The Domesday Book also records Rough Birchworth. 'The enclosure amongst rough ground where birch trees grow'. Here was a separate manor and a small farming community with all the buildings clustered together. The strip pattern of the mediaeval open fields is remarkably fossilised by the long, narrow fields that stretch towards Castle Green and Springvale. The River Don was probably the boundary between these two Domesday settlements, which together formed the township of Oxspring within the old parish of Penistone. The word 'township' has fallen out of use, but in the Middle Ages it meant the basic unit of local government. The modern parish of Oxspring covers exactly the same area as the ancient township.

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Little is known about the mediaeval lords who used Oxspring as their surname. In 1547 Godfrey Bosville of Gunthwaite Hall bought the manors of Oxspring, Rough Birchworth and Hornthwaite and began to erect the building that was described at the beginning of this century as 'The Lodge' or 'Old Manor House'.

It had certainly been completed by 1580, for in that year Godfrey Bosville's Will refers to the 'bed and bedsteads at my lodge at Oxspring and tables and forms there with all harness, crossbows, rack and artillery'. Apparently Bosville used it both as a hunting lodge and as the meeting place of the Oxspring manorial court. As he normally resided at Gunthwaite, the lodge was let to tenant farmers. It became uninhabitable in the late nineteenth century and fell into ruin during the decade before the First World War. Old photographs show that thick stone walls masked a timber-framed building in the post and truss style, which was about 38 feet long, 25 feet wide and 2 to 3 storeys high. One room had oak panelling, but elsewhere the timbers were exposed and the gaps between them were filled with well-tempered clay. The staircase wound its way round a newel post with solid oak steps 9 inches deep and 12 inches wide.

The lord of the manor also owned a corn mill on the River Don. Matthew de Oxspring had such a mill in the reign of Henry 111 (1216-72) but the structure was rebuilt more than once and no mediaeval features survive. However the goit can still be traced from the weir at Willow Bridge to the former dam. John Rollings who bought the mill in 1830 had two years previously built a steam mill alongside Barnsley Road. This was burnt down in 1856 and replaced by a new structure, which has now gone. Two other water mills stood on the township boundaries. One of these, Dawson's Mill may have been the corn mill of the manor of Rough Birchworth, though by 1838 it had been converted into a woollen mill. The other, Kirkwood Mill, was once the only building between Penistone Church and Oxspring. It obtained its water from Castle Dam and Kirkwood Beck and for a time was a woollen mill too. The River Don was also the source of power for another mill in the Middle Ages, the lord's fulling mill or walk mill, where cloth was fullled after it had been woven. In 1306 Robert de Oxspring had granted part of his mill to Henry de Rockley, and further references appear in the records from the sixteenth century onwards. The site has long been occupied by Winterbottom's Wire Works, but the wooded hillside to the north of the river is still known as Walk Mill Bank.

In 1743 John Wood of Oxspring was one of three local fullers who agreed not to fill the cloth of any clothier who did not use the new cloth market at Penistone, and the township had at least five clothiers in 1806. The woollen trade disappeared from Oxspring later in the century.

The present farmsteads are frequently sited at places where men had farmed in the Middle Ages, but the parish no longer possesses timber-framed houses or cruck-framed barns such as can be found in neighbouring localities. 'The Waggon and Horses' was so called by 1828 and Jockey House was formerly a pub known on the 1826 enclosure award as the 'Horse and Jockey'. It was conveniently sited at the junction of the Huddersfield-Sheffield road and an old packhorse track that came over the hills from Bradfield and Bolsterstone, past Underbank and Dyson Cote, and along the back Lane at Rough Birchworth to Willow Bridge and so on to Silkstone, Cawthorne, Wakefield and Leeds. This route was improved with several guide stones and a new bridge at Ewden in 1734, and this is the likely date of the delightfully picturesque Willow Bridge.

In 1818 a private act of parliament authorised the enclosure of the 260 or so acres of common land within the township. Until the early nineteenth century it had been possible to walk all the way from Oxspring to Thurlstone over common moorland. The work of the enclosure commissioners is still evident in the regular shaped fields and straight roads that characterise the southern part of the parish. A curious feature resulting from the enclosure award is the narrow tongue of land that protrudes from Oxspring parish towards Throstle Nest. No doubt this was designed to allow access to the Hartcliff to Green Moor Road which was part of an important mediaeval highway along which salt was brought from Cheshire to Rotherham. The salters are commemorated in such names as Saltersbrook (the county boundary) and Salter Hill Farm and Plantation. Throstle Nest was a prominent boundary point, known as Bleak Royd in old perambulations, where the township of Oxspring met those of Hunshelf and Langsett. The exact line of the boundary between Oxspring and Hunshelf had been disputed until agreement was reached in 1756. The agreed line went from the Oxspring Pinfold along Dawson Mill Brook to three new boundary stones, one of which stands prominently in the field near Tanyard Farm to the south of Rough Birchworth, and so on to a prehistoric earthwork of Iron Age origin. The earthwork has been ploughed flat but its outline is marked clearly on nineteenth-century Ordnance Survey maps.

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