

# **OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL**

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**WINTER 2014**

**OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FOR 2015**

### **Oxspring Best Planter of 2014 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 £30, £20 and £10 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: J Sanders: Planter nr Village Green*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: J Wainwright: Planter near Mount Pleasant*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: C Langley: Toll Bar post planter on corner of Roughbirchworth Lane*

### **Oxspring Titivators**

*We 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.*

*2014 has been a busy year for the group. We do weekly litter picks on the Trans Pennine Trail and throughout the village. Following the group purchase of a brush cutter and hedge trimmer this summer we have been busy strimming and clearing various areas around Oxspring, including Bower Dell, Gordon's Garden and the Anthills.*

*Other works we have done have been to plant and maintain the herb garden at the Pinfold, cut back various overhanging trees in the village, clearing and cutting back the area around the old Bower Hill Bridge, planting of wild flowers in Bower Dell and Gordon's Garden, pruning the Rose Garden near the Post Office, and tidying up the riverside and picnic areas at Bower Dell in preparation for the Duck Race (which unfortunately was transferred to the school yet again due to bad weather!).*

*A grant was received in the Spring this year which enabled us to purchase some excellent equipment for the group, in addition to the brush cutter and hedge trimmer we also purchased high viz vests, safety equipment and general gardening equipment.*

*We are now looking forward to assisting the Parish Council put up and decorate the Village Christmas Tree.*

*Anyone wishing to join the group would be made most welcome*

*Please contact Alan Walker on 01226 379895 or Freda Shaw on 01226 767070*

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### **Oxspring Friends Carol Concert at Saint Aidan's Church – 11<sup>th</sup> December**

*Oxspring Friends carol singing evening will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December,*

*From 7pm to 9pm at Saint Aidan's.*

*Mince Pies and Sherry will be served, and Malcolm will be conducting in his own unique style!*

*The organist will once again be Lena.*

*Everyone is very welcome.*

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

### **A big Thank You**

*A message of thanks from Pauline Parkin, a resident on Toll Bar Close:*

*A huge thank you to all my neighbours who came to my assistance when I was knocked over recently on Roughbirchworth Lane. Also a big thank you to everyone who came to see me afterwards, it was much appreciated!*

### **Village Improvements**

*In addition to all the village improvements made by the voluntary Titivator Group, the Parish Council have also been busy maintaining various areas in the village.*

*The main works this Summer and Autumn have been at the Children's playground and the Sheffield Road playingfield. In the play area the Waltz Roundabout has had two of the arms and seats replaced due to wear and tear, and repairs have been made to the cradle swing seats. Maintenance works have been made to the perimeter fencing to make it safer and new grass matting has been laid in parts of the playground, in particular near the entrance.*

*The playingfield has undergone drainage works with the laying of new underground piping to solve the problem that appeared last winter after heavy rains, when a large hole opened up on one of the football pitches with water spouting out of it! The hole was immediately filled and made safe, but an investigation then ensued to find out what the problem was.*

### **Saint Aidan's Church Diary**

#### Weekly activities include:

<i>Pilates Fitness:</i>	<i>Monday 9.30 – 10.30am</i>
<i>Computer Class:</i>	<i>Monday 10.30 – 12.30pm</i>
<i>Indoor Bowling:</i>	<i>Monday 1.00 – 4.00pm</i>
<i>Pilates Fitness:</i>	<i>Monday 7.00 - 8.00pm</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 8.30 – 9.30pm</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 7.00 – 9.00pm</i>
<i>Zumba Fitness:</i>	<i>Friday 6.15 – 7.15pm</i>

*Church Service: Sunday 9am – 10am*

*For more information on any of the above activities and events please call Father Matthew Joy on 762276*

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## **New Year's Eve Ceilidh**

*At Saint Aidan's*

*8pm to Midnight*

*All welcome, come and enjoy a great evening of entertainment!*

*Tickets available from Oxspring Post Office.*

*See full advert at the end of this newsletter.*

## **World War One Centenary**

*Do you know of anybody from Oxspring who was involved in WW1? If so, the Parish Council would be very interested to hear from you.*

## **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

*As you are hopefully aware, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee have been working on trying to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Oxspring. This was originally brought about by a proposal to build 111 houses off Roughbirchworth Lane in Barnsley's Local Development Plan which was originally issued for consultation in 2012. The guidance goals for Local Development Plans changed shortly after the document went out for consultation which meant that Barnsley had to rewrite its Local Plan which has in turn delayed the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.*

*The latest Local Plan for Barnsley will replace the Core Strategy, and the previous Unitary Development Plan, and will cover the period from 2014 to 2033. Once adopted, this document will be Barnsley's statutory development plan. It considers the future use of all land within the borough including Barnsley Town Centre. It will be used when considering planning applications and to co-ordinate investment decisions that affect the towns, villages and countryside of Barnsley. The draft document is now out for consultation and you can access the Local Plan at the following places:*

- *On-line at: [consult.barnsley.gov.uk/portal](http://consult.barnsley.gov.uk/portal)*
- *On BMBC's web site at [www.barnsley.gov.uk/localplanconsultation](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/localplanconsultation)*
- *At Barnsley Central Library and branch libraries across the borough, either online or as a paper copy (during normal opening hours)*
- *At the Barnsley Civic Connects service centre (Monday to Friday between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.)*
- *Paper copies are available to purchase by telephoning 01226 772129*

*The Parish Council will be responding to the consultation document and if you want to raise any issues that you would like them to consider as part of their response, it is important that you read the document and/or go along to one of BMBC's consultation events. Please forward your comments by 30th November 2014 to the Parish clerk Mrs Stephanie Tolson at [opc@tolson818.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:opc@tolson818.fsnet.co.uk) or 01226 792657.*

*Consultation events are being held in Penistone as follows:*

- *Monday 22nd November 2014 Penistone Market Hal from 10 a.m. to 12 noon*
- *Thursday 4th December 2014 Penistone Town Hall, Shrewsbury Road from 2 pm to 4 pm*

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## **Oxspring Primary School – Letter to the community**

*I feel tremendously proud and privileged to be the new Headteacher at Oxspring Primary School and to be working within such a wonderfully warm community. I was previously the Deputy Headteacher at Springvale Primary School, where I also spent time as Acting Headteacher. I began my teaching career in Southampton in 1989, and have worked in 4 different primary schools since that time. I also have experience of working as a Teaching and Learning Consultant and School Improvement Officer for Barnsley Local Authority.*

*As Headteacher, I have extremely high standards and expectations of myself, the staff and the children. I passionately believe that every child can do amazing things and it is our job to help make this potential a reality. With an outstanding education, every child has the freedom to choose their own future. As parents and carers are the most important people in a child's life, it is therefore extremely important that we work together to support each other in making sure each child gets the best education possible.*

*I have received such a lovely welcome from the local community and being part of Oxspring Primary's School journey is an absolute honour. There is a strong determination to develop the school further and over the next few years, with commitment from children and partnerships with parents and carers, I am confident that the school will go from strength to strength. I very much look forward to developing strong community links over the coming months and years and celebrating the success and achievements of Oxspring Primary School.*

*If you are interested in visiting the school, please contact our reception staff on 01226 763020.*

*Sharon Irwin  
Headteacher*

## **Your Councillor Contacts**

### **Parish Council**

Chair - Ian Goldthorpe: Tel 766362  
Vice Chair - Ann Walker: Tel 379895  
Freda Shaw: Tel 767070  
Alison Mills: Tel 379910  
Ian Stanley: Tel 764220  
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### **Borough Council**

Penistone East  
Robert Barnard: Tel 382861  
John Wilson: Tel 243497  
Paul Hand-Davis: Tel 773148

## **Oxspring Parish Council meeting dates 2015**

### **At Saint Aidan's Church**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	7.15pm	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	7.15pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	7.15pm	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	7.15pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	7.15pm	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	7.15pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	7.15pm	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	7.15pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	6.45pm	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	7.15pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	7.15pm		

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

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## Something to Report?

Here are some Useful Council Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	772468	Pest Control	772468
Dog Fouling	772468	Planning Applications	772000
Illegal dumping/fly tipping	772468	Public Rights of ways	772142
Fly Posting/tipping	775656	Potholes/Road repairs	773555
Flooded Road	773555	Street lighting faults	774200
Footpaths roadside	773555	Traffic Light faults	773555
Graffiti	775656	Refuse collection/recycling	772045
Gritting/snow clearing	773555	Noise complaints	772468
Grass cutting/weed killing	775656	Litter Bins/street sweeping	775656
Household Waste recycling	774215	BMBC Switchboard	770770

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

Public Sewers 08451 242429 (Yorkshire Water)

South Yorkshire Police (Non urgent calls) 101

# IT'S BACK!

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CEILIDH!

COME AND ENJOY A FANTASTIC  
EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT!

AT ST. AIDAN'S OXSPRING  
8PM 'TIL MIDNIGHT!

WITH DANCING TO THE BAND  
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ADULTS: £10

CHILDREN (5-11 YEARS) £5

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JULIE: 01142 830613

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