



“If a year was tucked up inside a clock, then autumn would be the witching hour”

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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Barnby in the Willows Newsletter

Editors Notes:

Hello everyone and welcome to this the first edition of a new independent village newsletter.

Now that the hiatus of Covid lies behind us, it is important that we do not lose that wonderful community spirit that was shown throughout the pandemic. We live in a wonderful community, enhanced by our geography, so it is our aim to foster this spirit, promote village events and activities and generally help us all to feel part of the community that is Barnby in the Willows.

In this initial edition we are promoting live music events at the church, our annual horticultural show, litter picking, churchyard clearing parties, bat walks as well as some helpful advice around excessive barking dogs which seems to be a problem at the moment, amongst other things! We aim to have regular contributions from the Church,

the Parish Council and hopefully in the future, the pub!

But of course, what is really needed for a community to develop is the participation of all within that community. To this end I am asking you all to engage with this newsletter and let me know if there is anything you wish to promote or bring to the attention of the village. This includes introducing new neighbours, promoting sponsor / charity events, items for sale as well as the usual events.

We intend to publish four times a year, so the next newsletter is due in December, and I am asking for 25 November as a deadline for submissions. We want this to be your newsletter and therefore want it to be relevant to you!

All Saints ' Church

Services: 2nd Sundays: Holy Communion 10:00am
4th Sundays: Sunday Together 4:00pm
an informal meeting on a variety of topics (see below)

Vicar: Reverend Louise Holliday 01636 704811
Churchwarden: Yvette Wellard 01636 626780

Church is open every day for visitors or for private prayer and quiet reflection.

Saturday 3rd September CHURCHYARD WORK PARTY from 10am

Grass cutting, yew trimming, weeding – please help our tidy up for Ted and Sally's daughter's wedding on 9th September.

The HARVEST FESTIVAL will be on **Sunday 25th September at 4pm**, followed by tea and cakes. The service will be taken by Revd. Louise, and we hope that you will join this celebration and thanksgiving. Gifts of non-perishable foods will be donated to the Newark Foodbank. The Church will be open during the day on Friday and Saturday for decorating, and for those who will not be at the service to leave their gifts.

FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER – ACAPELLA FESTIVAL

Two choirs: **Aint What Ya Do** and Fellacapella

7pm Wine and Cheese Social

7:30pm Aint What Ya Do

8:10pm Interval

8:30pm Fellacapella

9:15pm Finish

Please phone / text Yvette on **0785 7686356 to reserve a place.**
Suggested donations of £10 to include pre-concert cheese and wine and interval drinks.

SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER at 4pm The guest speaker for our Sunday Together service will be Ed from **Meadowmakers** at Dunham on Trent, telling us how to establish and maintain a wildflower area. This will be followed by a **sale of native wildflower plants**, tea and cake.

The plant sale will be followed at 5:45pm by a bat walk and talk (weather permitting), led by Lynn Preece, NSDC Environmental Officer.

Everyone is welcome to join all or any of the above events

All Saints has also been awarded the Bronze Eco Church Award by A Rocha UK. There is still a lot of work to do to achieve our vision for the churchyard, but our thanks to all those who help, especially the regulars – Graham G and Barry W for grass cutting, and also to Graham B for taking away a huge pile of green waste which Coddington Scouts collected and loaded on to his trailer.

Welcome to the Village:

Barnby, like any community, ebbs and flows as folk arrive and leave. In this edition we want to welcome the following new members of our community and hope to see them at future events:

Long Lane: A big welcome to Paul and Rachel Wilkinson who have moved into Manderley. I am sure many of you will have seen them out walking with their two huge Newfoundland dogs, Dippy and Brontii.

Front Street: Not only are we welcoming Matt & Sarah who have moved into the pub with Stanley and Charlie, their canine co-inhabitants, but next-door Rebekah and Tony Pallett have joined our community along with their two children Sebastian and Elliot..

Cross Lane: It was lovely to meet Amanda and Neil (yes, another one!!) and their two children, Tom, and Tilley at one of the recent Village Green gatherings. Slightly concerned they may be horrified by other resident's tales of law breaking at that event and not many new residents arrive with 6 chickens!

If you find that you have new neighbours, please welcome them into the village and let us know their names so we can include them into our next newsletter.

Finally, I think we should also say a fond farewell to Marie and Charlie who have lived in the village since Fred Flintstone went to the village school (now the village hall). We wish them all the very best on their travels and hope we will meet again sometime.

I am sure there are others I have not mentioned, and so please accept my apologies if I have missed anyone who should have been included.



Enjoying one of the impromptu Friday evenings on the village green. Organised via the Village People WhatsApp

The Parish Council:

Parish Councillors:

Cllr Janette Barlow, Cllr Jackie Parker, Cllr Carina Jukes, Cllr Carol Speakman, Cllr Graham Bett, Cllr Richard Cowley, Cllr Betty Brooks,

If you wish to contact the Parish Council you can raise matters directly with any Parish Council Member, but the preferred route is to submit all requests via the Clerk:

Mrs Helen Cowlan
Clerk to Barnby in the Willows Parish Council
Tel: 07905 787086
parishclerk@barnbyinthewillows.com

Notes from the Parish Council:

Village Committee – the Parish Council would like to give formal thanks to Derick and Jackie Parker for their commitment to, and hard work for, the Committee. They would also like to extend their thanks to all those who supported the recent Jubilee Event.

Speeding – speeding issues remain a concern within the village and the PC is liaising with the County Council on this matter. The PC is looking at setting up a 'speed-watch' type of scheme to try and educate and encourage slower and safer driving. If you are interested in being part of this, please contact the Clerk or one of the Councillors as soon as possible so training can be booked. You are encouraged to report issues – where possible, please include vehicle details, dates and times when reporting issues, commonly with delivery drivers.

Potholes – potholes of at least 40mm in depth can, and should, be reported for repair. You can do this by contacting Customer Services or by reporting online at <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole>

Future Events – the Annual Horticultural Show will take place on 3rd September with the usual mix of categories and events to support. The Committee is also considering organising a cheese and wine evening, for which details will be circulated when agreed.

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Horticultural Show

To be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd September 2022

2-30pm

Timings:

0930hrs	Village Hall opens for staging (booking in)
1130hrs	Hall closes to exhibitors
1200hrs	Judging commences
1430hrs	Official opening of the show
1530hrs	Raffle followed by presentation of cups
1600hrs	Close of show, auction of remaining exhibits

Refreshments available

Entry fee – 50p per entry

The full list of categories can be found on the flyer distributed throughout the village. However, if you are not fortunate to have any spectacular horticultural blooms to enter into any of the categories, you can always enter category 31, which is producing a “Banana and honey teabread from the recipe provided”. To help you we have printed the recipe for you to follow on the following page.

Please support this event either by entering something or joining us on the day.

Banana and Honey Teabread:

Ingredients:

8oz/225g self raising flour

2 eggs

¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

6 tablespoons thick honey

4oz/100g margarine

FOR THE TOPPING

8oz/225g bananas

2 tablespoons thick honey

4oz/100g caster sugar

Sugar for sprinkling

Grated rind of one lemon

Preheat the oven 180C/160C fan/Gas 4. Lightly grease and base line a 2lb/900g loaf tin.

Mix the flour and nutmeg in a large bowl and rub in the fat until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.

Peel and mash the bananas and stir into the flour mixture with the sugar, lemon rind, eggs, and honey. Beat well and turn into prepared tin and level the surface.

Bake for about 1 ¼ hours or until an inserted skewer comes out clean. Loosely cover with foil at the end of the cooking time if it is browning too much. Turn out and leave to cool.

TOPPING – gently warm the honey in a small pan and brush over the top of the teabread. Sprinkle with sugar.



Village WhatsApp Groups

Are you aware there are two village WhatsApp groups? If you are not sure what a WhatsApp group is, it is a messaging service you can instal on to your mobile phone and receive alerts when there is some news. If you need help in joining any of the groups just ask for help.

Barnby Action Group (BAG)

A huge thanks goes to Neil Gribby for setting up this group earlier this year after he and Jo had been broken into by intruders. Neil organised a village 'security' meeting at the village hall, attended by several villagers and hosted by our Community Support Officers and it was agreed that a WhatsApp group dedicated to matters of 'security' would be a good idea. This is basically Neighbourhood Watch on steroids.

Since it has started several suspicious vehicles have been reported, as well as strangers looking into back gardens and potential fly tippers.

The village is a quiet relatively safe place and we certainly do not suffer from any particular crime, but crime is all around us and we will not be immune. Our best deterrent is a vigilant community and by reporting anything of a suspicious nature on to the group means we can investigate and deter.

If you wish to join this group and receive alerts when suspicious activity has been spotted, then please text Neil on 07817 584840 and ask to join the 41 villagers already registered

The Village People

Named after its founders' favourite group (I might have just made that bit up), this group was set up to share anything social within the village.

This group has been a great success with a couple of impromptu social events arranged on the village green being the highlights.

This is the group to ask for recommendations for trades people, shout outs for help or assistance and asking for answers to simple questions like "what is that smell wafting in the village!"

We want everyone to join this group as it is a great way to foster community in the digital age. If you wish to join, text me 07977 519773 or Danny 07788 831110 (the original founder) and we will be really happy to add you to the group. If you need help in setting this up, just ask!



The Willow Tree Pub:

I am sure you, like me, cannot wait for our local pub to reopen and once again become a focal point within the village where we can meet, have a few drinks, and put the world to rights! Matt and Sarah have moved in and have begun the considerable process of renovating the pub, beginning with the interior. I can report that the old toilets are no longer there!

They are hoping to have the pub open either late September or early October, with the availability of various trades being the determining factor. They do have a Facebook page which will carry more details as they approach opening but hopefully in the next newsletter, we will be reporting a successful opening and a list of Christmas offerings

Litter Picking Party – Sunday 25 September

Marie has done a fantastic job in the past heading out to pick litter on Long Lane, and we have now decided to turn this into a community event. So, on Sunday 25 September we are inviting all residents to join us on a litter pick both along Newark Road to the crossroads and Long Lane up to the A17. We will provide bags and we hope to head off in small groups, with

the full bags being collected and taken to the tip.

This is a great opportunity for the village to come together. We will meet up on the village green (or if it is raining the Village Hall) at 10am and then hopefully enjoy a few drinks and refreshments afterwards hopefully in the pub!

New Village Noticeboard:

Although not contained in the Parish Council notes, I am pleased to let the village know that the PC intend to install a new village noticeboard on the village green, replacing the old one at the village

hall, which is down a cul-de-sac that few people pass. This will be in a much better location and as such can become much more useful.

Jubilee Celebrations:

On Saturday June 4th the village held its own celebrations for the Queens Jubilee. The weather was not kind, being somewhat cool and dull, but thankfully it remained dry, and the celebrations could go ahead.

The event was a success, and we thank everyone who was able to join in on the day. We made an excellent profit in the region of £480 which will go towards the running costs of the village hall. This profit was achieved by the generous donations made by those attending. This was an excellent example of where the community can come together to support each other.

It was a contentious issue whether the event should be unticketed, and that there was a risk it may have made a loss. However, the event was a one off, the Queens Jubilee, a celebration of community and after much debate, it was agreed that that risk would be one worth taking. But no one should have feared how well our community can come together and our faith in each other was repaid, many times over.

But events like these do not just happen. They require quite a lot of organising and we are extremely grateful for the help of everyone who either provided tents, beer, display items cakes and raffle prizes, and to those who helped on the day running the bar, selling raffle tickets, and chasing donations! It has been mentioned earlier but particular thanks go to Jackie and Derick, who both put

a huge amount of effort into organising and supporting the event.

The village does need to fund its own projects and support the upkeep of our village hall, so of course some future events will be ticketed, and we will always politely make requests for your financial support and donations, but on this occasion the village choosing to make this a free event for all was the right call.

Well done to everyone involved.



Barking Dogs:

Many people in the village, including myself, are dog owners, and don't we all love our canine friends. As responsible dog owners, we know it is our responsibility to ensure they don't cause a nuisance. A constant barking dog is extremely disturbing and annoying to anyone, but overall is preventable. So below we have published several tips on how to stop your dog from excessively barking.

Why do dogs bark?

Barking is a means of communication. Dogs may bark for attention, to alert you to a strange noise, boredom, anxiety, frustration, or a simple defensive mechanism to protect their territory. There is always a reason. So, the first step is to understand why they are barking. It may surprise you, but they do not bark to annoy you!

Tips to stop excessive barking.

- It is important that you remember not to punish your dog. If you shout at your dog, this is the dog equivalent of you barking; the louder you yell, the louder they bark.
- Remain calm (I know this is not easy). Get your dog to come to you, use trigger words like "shhh" and reward them when they go quiet. Speak to them in a calm manner and reward the behaviours you want.

- Provide stimulation through toys or brain puzzles, for example stuffing a "Kong" with treats, is a great way to distract your dog. Give them something else to switch their attention to, and if they stop barking, reward the behaviour.
- Never reward barking, for instance if a delivery man arrives at the door and the dog barks, it may at first glance seem good that the dog barks, however rewarding this behaviour will only create confusion further down the line.
- And finally, remember your neighbours. If your dog is barking excessively when outside, then please take the dog inside. When the dog goes quiet, reward them. They will learn that if they wish to stay outside, they need to be quiet

All dogs bark and is an important part of their means of communication. However excessive barking can be prevented, it just needs a little time and effort, understanding why, rewarding good behaviours, and ensuring we, as owners, remain calm and mirror the behaviours we want to see our little furry friends adopt.

Village Survey:

We would like to take the opportunity of the newsletter canvass any views and opinions the village may have on any matters that may be relevant to the community. If you have questions to ask, then please write in.

In this first edition we think it may be timely, as we relaunch the Village Committee and begin to organise future village events, to begin to canvass the village on what sort of events you would like to see the village organise. We want you to have a voice.

We have a wonderful asset in the form of the Village Hall, plus the Village Green and surrounding countryside, so what can we do, as a community, to maximise their use and get the best out of what we have? What village events would you be interested in?

We have the Annual Horticultural Show, the Quiz night and of course the summer celebration, but what else would you like? Suggestions have included film nights in the village hall during the winter months, treasure hunts, wine or even craft beer tastings, craft workshops, reading groups and other things.

Let us know what you would like us to consider in the first instance by either sending a text to: **07977 519773** or by stuffing any old scruffy piece of paper through our door at 2 Birkett House, Front Street.

And finally.....Christmas!!

As a means of raising a few pounds for the village, it is our intention to produce (and sell) several "Village" Christmas Cards. But to make this a village inclusive activity we would like to ask if anyone has a great photo that specifically relates to Barnby in the Willows and captures something about Christmas. Please submit any entries to me at keithstanton02@me.com or by posting them through our door at 2 Birkett House, Front Street (though we will need a digital copy if we go to print).

The Village Committee will choose the best 5 (if we get 5!) and we hope to put these into print, so they are available for the build up to Christmas. Looking forward to seeing your submissions.

Contact Details:

If you wish to include anything in the next village newsletter, please contact us via the following means:

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Front Street

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Mob: 07977 519773

Email: keithstanton02@me.com

Or via The Village People WhatsApp Group

Deadline for submissions is Friday 25 Nover 2022

