

BARNINGHAM RESIDENTS LETTER January 2008

The Parish Council (PC) sends an annual newsletter out to all residents of the village to provide information on the council and local councillors, local services and facilities and a brief report on their own activities.

The final piece in the funding puzzle for updating the Sandy Lane play area was the £10,000 grant from the Lottery fund, achieved after much hard work by the temporary Parish Clerk Steve Wilson. The new equipment together with secure fencing and better lighting should be installed within the next two months. Investigations are also in hand for a youth shelter to provide a safe outdoor meeting place for slightly older residents. Like the bus shelter this will probably take some time to resolve the problems of location, design and funding. The saga of the bus shelter highlights the difficulties in getting quick action as the PC tries to meet the requirements of the Planners, the Conservationists, the Highways Authority, the Passenger Transport Executive and local residents as to location and style. Maybe this year will see it resolved! This year should see the construction of the Hepworth road footpath which has been on the PC and SCC's agenda for many years. Some changes in the village have been visible this last year, for example the adjustments to the footpath barriers to allow mobility scooters to use the footpaths. Also visible was the felling of the Church Road protected sycamore tree, which had been deemed dangerous, and which will be replaced by a suitable tree before Easter, and the installation of new bollards on the corner opposite the shop to prevent lorries parking on the footway. The improvement in the condition of the village environment has continued thanks to the efforts of the permanent part time cleaner/handyman Steve Wilson.

Less visible has been the work undertaken to comply with the latest revised government code of conduct for councillors and the regular discussion on highways, planning, police changes, school changes etc which hopefully enabled local opinion to be taken into account. Last year was an election year and saw Councillor Gladys Marsh stand down from the PC after many years service. Councillor Kathy Cummings was co-opted to fill her place as there were insufficient nominations for an election.

For more information about the PC please read the reports in the Parish News, check out the website or better still attend some of the meetings.

Barningham Parish Council – meets once a month at the village hall at 7.45pm on 1st Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise advised). Members of the public are warmly invited to attend and time is set aside at every meeting for public discussion. For further information contact:

Parish Clerk: *Until further notice for 2008 please contact Steve Wilson: tel: 231460, email to: ix.wiz@virgin.net*

Chairman Mr David Pettitt: tel 07771541990,

Councillors: Mr Colin Bullock 07801197878, Mrs Brenda Last 221307, Mr William Martineau 221495, Mr Mike Millett 221204, Mrs Pat Callear 221872 or Mrs Kathy Cummings 20 Hopton Road.

The Councillor with special responsibility for your area is Brenda Last

But please feel free to contact any councillor or the parish clerk with your concerns.

Website (www.barningham.suffolk.gov.uk) where agendas and minutes can be seen as well as information about the Council and the village.

County Councillor – Mrs Joanna Spicer - tel 01359 230800

St Edmundsbury Borough Councillor – Mr David Ray - tel 01359 250912

Police: Safer Neighbourhood team 01284 774100 for Community beat officers – WPC Sheena Tate and team.
<http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/saferSuffolk/StEdmundsburyRuralNorth>

Neighbourhood watch scheme – local coordinator – currently vacant

Doctors Surgeries

Hopton & Stanton – Drs Hassan, Wheble, Redmond & Wallace – tel 01953 681303

Ixworth & Stanton – Drs Cannon, Lockyer & Harpur – tel 01359 230252.

Bus Services – Tel 01284 702020 or 01842 752226. Check timetable near The George for times.

Church services: There is a Holy Communion service at 9.45am on Sundays somewhere in the Benefice and usually an 11.00am service elsewhere in the Benefice. There are also Prayers at Barningham Church at 9.15am most Thursdays. For details of locations and times of services please see the Parish news or check with the notice board.

Churchwardens: Mr W Martineau 221495 and Mr J Hall 221719

Schools: Barningham Primary (ages 5 – 9) Tel 221297

Blackbourne Middle (Stanton ages 9 to 13) Tel 250611

Thurston Community School (ages 13 to 18) Tel 230885.

Village Hall – regular activities:

Mother, baby and toddler group- Mon 1.30pm to 3.00pm Tel: Dawn Pipe 221712

Whist Drive- Tuesdays 7.30pm – Tel Sid Dorling 221877

Brownies – Wed 5.45pm to 7.15pm – Tel Carol Butcher 221702

Youth Club – Thursday 7.00pm – 8.30pm - Alan Bury: tel 221462

Social Club – alternate Thursdays – 2.00pm - 4.00pm – Brenda Last 221307

Carpet Bowls Club – Mon & Fri 7.30pm – Tel Gladys Marsh 221375

Knit & Stitch group – Wednesday 2.00pm – 4.00pm every 4th week – Brenda Last 221307

The hall is also available for hire outside the above hours for meetings, parties etc. contact Mrs Peggy Elinor Tel 221752.

Aggies Piece – our local pocket park and wildlife haven – to find it follow the road past the Church and take the second turning on the right (on the bend), follow the road round the next left hand bend and about 100 yards further on is a signpost on the right hand side of the road. There is a small parking area for disabled visitors further up the road at the next right turn. There is a circular trail with signposts as well as benches for taking a rest. Mike Millett is always looking for volunteers to spend a few hours a year helping him on it – if you are interested please contact him (221204)

The Parish News is published every month and covers the villages of Barningham, Hopton, Coney Weston, Market Weston and Stanton. It includes information about Church services, “what’s on “ in the villages, local news, a letters page, short stories or articles, adverts for local businesses and useful telephone numbers. It can be bought in the local shops or subscribed to for a whole year and then delivered to your door.

Contact Dorothy Lodge: Tel – 221636

Barningham W.I. has now joined Hepworth and meets on 2nd Thursday of the month at Hepworth Village Hall. Contact Brenda Last (221307) for information and transport arrangements.

Barningham Heritage Group: contact Mike Millett Tel 221204

Barningham Charities: for assistance or information contact Mike Breadmore – 221627.

British Legion: contact James Reid Tel 221592.

The Royal George – run by Annie and Tony – 221246 – food and drinks.

Barningham Village Stores and Post Office run by SPAR. Currently open 6.30am to 9.00pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 9.00pm Sundays. (standard opening hours for the Post Office)

Paigles Flower shop run by Pat Pettitt – 221799. - open 9.30 – 12.30 and 2 – 5 Mon – Fri, 9 -12 Saturdays.

Barber: Michael the mobile barber calls every 6 weeks on a Saturday morning and can be found at the Village Hall from 9.00am. For dates see the Parish magazine.

The mobile library calls fortnightly on Thursday and is parked outside the school at 10.30am.

Other home deliveries and local services – see Parish magazine.