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**BARNTON
PARISH
COUNCIL**
has a vacancy for
**A PARISH
COUNCILLOR**

Have you got what it takes
and a few hours each
month to serve your
community?

Meetings are held once a
month on Monday
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NEW DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON LYDYETT LANE

We are now into a New Year with a few changes in the Barnton area. As most of you will be aware, there are now double yellow lines in place on Lydyett Lane and Townfield Lane. These are enforceable and a number of parking tickets have been issued in this area. The yellow lines in this area have been placed there for a reason. PC Taylor, who is Barnton's Police officer, strongly believes that this will help the congestion and the risks that this poses in the area.

I am now in my 2nd year as the PCSO for the Barnton area, and would like to say to all the residents who know me that it is always a pleasure to speak regarding any concerns that you may have. I am here to help and if I don't know the answer to any questions raised then I will do my best to find out and get back to you.

In the next few months when the weather improves it is hoped that I will be able to get a Litter pick organised, hopefully with some residents in the area getting involved. I will let you have the dates in the near future

Some residents may be aware that a Police operation was recently

conducted in the area where a number of search warrants were executed relating to controlled drugs. This has had a positive impact in the area, and the number of calls received by the Police concerning these issues has significantly reduced.

If anyone has any information regarding these or any other issues please don't hesitate to contact PC Taylor or myself, we will be more than happy to discuss things in confidence. If anyone would like to contact PC Taylor or myself then please ring **0845 4580000** or alternatively leave a message on **0845 4586392**.

PCSO Diana Wiggins



Surely this is an improvement?



You can leave information for the
Northwich Community Action Team on

0845 458 6392 This is an answer phone

Or email: Northwich.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Next Parish Council meetings -
23rd February ~ 23rd March ~ 27th April

BARNTON GETS A NEW PASTOR

BARNTON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH has got a new Pastor for the New Year.

Pastor Andy Webb arrived on January 3rd 2009 filled with enthusiasm to start his new post in ministry.

Andy is 45 years young and has been married to his wife Liz for 24 years (they are looking forward to their 25th anniversary in September) They have three children, Alan who has a degree in psychology is 23 and is employed in that field, Rachel aged 19 has just completed her A levels and is working for a year before going to university and their youngest Kirsten is four and a half (she says the half is very important) and will be attending Barnton Primary School after the half term break.

Andy comes from Nottinghamshire and grew up in a mining village. He followed his father and many of his relatives into the coal mines to work and spent 12 years working underground at the local colliery. After it like many others closed he found work with a Japanese fabric weaving and dying company and then worked for eight years self employed as a painter and decorator.

Andy became a Christian when he was 30 years old and has worked with children and youth groups, done School assemblies and worked in all areas of adult Church life.

An induction service was held on Sunday 1st February to officially introduce Andy to the community and acknowledge his leadership of the Church. The Assemblies of God superintendent for the North Wales and Midlands region Pastor Geoff Cooper led the service. A buffet was enjoyed by the people after the service.

After the service Andy was asked about his life as a Christian. He responded "As a child I was caught in the middle of a forest fire, I played on a pit tip and sank in mud up to my neck and was pulled out, I picked a fight with an Alsatian dog and lost and even managed to walk on water. Unfortunately the ice broke I went under and was rescued by friends. If you do as many stupid things as I have done in life it's good to know that someone is watching over you and can help you live a better and safer life. God gives me purpose in life, a desire to live a full and exciting life and above all I know, whatever I have done, however stupid I have been, He always has and will love me."

The main Sunday service at Barnton Pentecostal Church starts at 10.30am.



Barnton's new Pastor, Andy Webb, with his wife Liz and daughters Rachel and Kirsten.

A Great Way to Take Control of Your Finances

Save Safely for Christmas

Borrow for essentials when you need to

- n Keep your money in the community you live in
- n No extra costs
- n Know exactly how much you will repay in total on your loans
- n Know that your savings are safe!

Cheshire Neighbours Credit Union is open in Vale Royal. This means that the residents of Vale Royal now have their own non-profit making Community Savings and Loan scheme.

For a membership fee of £3 anybody living or working in Vale Royal can save and borrow money at a very favourable rate. Credit Unions are regulated through the Financial Services Authority and come under the financial services compensation scheme, so there is no danger of members losing their savings.

We are open at

The Information Shop in Northwich Tues and Fridays 10am - 1pm,

The Junction in Winsford Tue 10 - 1pm and Thurs 10 - 3pm.

To find out more phone Jackie on 01606 59804.



The Credit Union is always pleased to hear from people who are interested in Volunteering.

NEWS FROM BARNTON LIBRARY

Information, Inspiration, Imagination

Books, CDs, DVDs, free computer access, story times and much more available at your local library. Come and visit to see what the library has to offer.



HOPEFULLY, IF ALL GOES TO PLAN, by the time you read this Barnton Library will be open again after its refurbishment. We closed at the end of the day on Friday 30th January and, all being well, we'll be open again on Wednesday 11th February. We are celebrating our reopening with a coffee afternoon from 2.30pm - 4.30pm, and are also having a spectacular face-painter in; so come along for a drink, get your face painted and have a look around our wonderful 'new' library!!

As well as having new carpets and a fresh coat of paint, the layout of the books will be slightly different. The non-fiction will be in Dewey (number) order, instead of categories, which is the same system that is used in most of the libraries in Cheshire. There will be leaflets available in the library to help you, if you can't find the book you need, and we're always happy to point out where things are kept if you aren't sure. There will also be a new Teenage area with a table for homework, so please come in and make use of the space. We're very excited about our refurbishment, and cannot wait to see how it's going to look - we've been imagining it for months!

In other news, we kick-started the New Year with a karate session on Friday 2nd January. Thanks to Glyn from Shotokan Karate for giving a brilliant lesson, the children really enjoyed it. Glyn's lessons take place at Barnton Memorial Hall, and leaflets are available in the library.

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day, and we'll be celebrating in the library with a special Fancy Dress Storytime. Storytime will be from 3.45pm - 4.15pm and there'll also be a fabulous face-painter, so you can come and get your face painted as well. Don't forget that Storytime is on every Thursday at that time, and all children are welcome.

The library always welcomes new members, so if you haven't already joined, please come along and see us. All you need to bring is some ID with your address on, such as a driving licence or phone bill. Members can take up to 20 books out on their ticket, and they are issued for 3 weeks. You can renew books up to 8 times, if they haven't been reserved by someone else. If we haven't got the book you're after at Barnton, we can reserve it for you from another library for just 80p. Children get free reservations. You also get an hour free on the internet everyday.

And finally, for more information on how libraries can help you tackle the Credit Crunch, visit:

www.cheshire.gov.uk/Library/creditcrunchlibraries.htm

Here's a taster:

1. **Joining is free!** It opens your world up to a whole range of services and stock, and libraries local to you!
2. **Borrowing books is free!** Why buy books when you can borrow them for free from your library? Plus, bag a bargain at our regular sales of withdrawn stock!
3. **Sign up for free PreOverdue notifications**, and we'll e-mail you when your books are due back - no more late charges!
4. **Rent a CD, DVD or console game** from the library for a week. You get to listen, watch and play at a fraction of the cost! Look out for special monthly offers too!
5. Visit the **Virtual Reference Library** for free access to premium subscription services, 24/7, 365.
6. **Read newspapers and magazines** for free at your local library!
7. Don't let your business suffer - get free information and support from the **Business Information Service**
8. Get hold of free useful information leaflets on money and a wide range of other matters from **LINC**, or direct from your local library.
9. **Get free PC and internet access** in your local library. Keep in touch with friends and family; update your CV; look for jobs online!
10. Free information from our stock of reference sources and advice from our helpful, professional staff. Plus, **free 24/7 live enquiry service from Enquire!**

"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries." - Ann Herbert

Eleanor Moss (librarian)

Opening hours:	Monday	2pm - 7pm
	Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday	2pm - 7pm
	Thursday & Friday	2pm - 5.30pm
	Saturday	10am - 1pm

Telephone and Fax: 01606 77343

email: barnton.library@cheshire.gov.uk

Website address: www.cheshire.gov.uk/library

New Trustee

The Trustees have co-opted George Loughlin as a Trustee. George is a Barnton lad and is currently a school Governor for Barnton Community Primary School.

George says "I am delighted that the Trustees have asked me and I look forward to doing my part in managing the Hall"

The AGM of the Hall is due in June. If you would like to be a Trustee and help us to run a fantastic Hall please contact John Turnbull or Jeff Gray.

Relief Caretaker/Gardener for the Memorial Hall

Mike, our current relief caretaker, has taken a new job and that leaves us needing a part time caretaker (1 day a week plus holiday cover) and a gardener (Spring to Autumn).

If you are interested in either or both these posts please contact John Turnbull on 783442.

New Users at the Hall

DRAMA

We are pleased to announce that a Drama Group starts at the Hall on the 23rd February - If you are interested please contact Karen Brindle 01606 301793 or 07977 298991 email: Karen@polshaw.fsnet.co.uk

1st Barnton Scout Group



In June 2008, 1st Barnton Scout Group set two aims:-

- n Increase its membership base
- n And to renovate our headquarters to provide the best scouting experience possible.

So far we're succeeding! Memberships have risen to over 40, and we're well underway with the building work. Double glazing is now fully fitted, new heating systems installed and floors repaired.

With such activities as camping and scout craft days in the pipeline for 2009 plus much more, the group looks set to continue with its success. We have three sections, each with a programme of activities suited to the ages concerned, which aim to help develop and gain skills and awards that will help our youths in their future lives. For 6-8½ years, the Beaver Scout Colony meets Mondays 6:00pm-7:00pm. For 8½-10½ years, the Cub Scout Pack meets Tuesdays 7:00pm-8:15pm. For 10½-15½ years, the Scout Troop meets Mondays 7:30pm-9:00pm.

If you would like more information about joining the Group or would like to offer your services as a leader/assistant or with building work please e-mail us: barntonscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk; visit our website: www.barntonscoutgroup.btik.com; visit us on Church Road (opposite Hill Top Close) or call Bryan Flint (GSL): 01606 781591



BOARD MEETINGS

A local charity is to hold its board meetings at the Hall. They tell us that they have had difficulty finding places that are disabled friendly - they were very impressed by our facilities. Do you know of any business or charities looking for a meeting place - if so please put us in touch.

GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

The Trustees of the Memorial Hall are keen to hear from anyone who would like to be the founder members of a Golden Years club. The objective of the club would be for those with time to spare during the day to meet up, have a hot drink, some cake, biscuits, talk to each other and organise some games if that is what folk want. We would expect to meet about twice a month in the Memorial Hall meeting rooms. If you are interested in attending or you are able to help please call 75153 and leave a message with your name and contact details. We are especially looking for people to assist with the general running of this group.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Several young Mums in the village have asked the Trustees if we run a mother and toddler group. Being old fuddy-duddy fellas we do not know where to start! - so need some help. If you are interested in either attending a Mother and Toddlers Group or you would be able to help in the running of such a group, please call us on 75153 and we will see what we can do.



Age Concern Cheshire have lots of activities for clients age 55+. These include exercise classes, Tai Chi, Golf lessons, swimming lessons, horse riding, dance classes, healthy living walks and Nordic walks etc.

A 'KEEP FIT AND ACTIVE' class is run on Tuesday mornings 10-11am for age 50+ at Barnton Memorial Hall.

For more information or to enrol please telephone 0845 182858

www.ageconcerncheshire.org.uk

BARNTON VILLAGE WEBSITE:

www.barntonvillage.org.uk

BARNTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



SPRING TERM

Life continues at it's busy pace, with parents and children making the most of the opportunities available to them...

After-School Clubs

Our After-School programme continues to be busy, with opportunities for pupils to undertake activities such as: ICT, Tae-Kwondo, Cookery, Choir and Sport. Children in our Art Club have been looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and have been using materials from nature to create their own work in his style.



We are currently discussing ideas for some COMMUNITY ARTWORK and would be interested to hear from anyone who may be able to provide some inspiration.

Family Learning

Barnton continues to be a hive of activity for parents as the 'Parent's Task Force' continues to go from strength to strength. Numbers at our 'Dance Aerobics' - (Tuesday 9.30 - 10.30am in the school hall) are also increasing. ALL members of our community are welcome to participate in this and a Crèche is also provided.

Please contact Mrs Chapman in the first instance (01606) 74784 - ALL WELCOME!

Our programme of Family Learning also continues on Wednesdays and Thursdays, with ICT and the FLIGHT course has once again proved to be very popular, allowing parents the opportunity not only to develop their own understanding of Literacy, but also to support their children, at an appropriate level.



Football News

We are delighted to share the news that we were recently awarded the County FA Charter Standard Primary Development Award (one of the highest honours in grassroots football). This makes us one of only five schools in Cheshire to receive this prestigious award.

Terry Harrop, chairman of the CCFA football development committee said,

"The award recognises what a positive contribution Barnton Community Primary School is making to the community, enabling boys and girls to play football and develop their skills in a safe, structured and positive environment."

We are so proud of this accolade and would like to thank the community of Barnton, who have supported us in achieving it.



Residential Visits

Our Year 5 recently presented a Shakespeare Spectacular - sharing with us what they did at Tattenhall on residential, when they studied Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. They thrilled us with a dance to tell the story and recounted their memories.

Our Year 6 children are away at the Conway Centre this week - no doubt they will have countless tales to tell on their return - watch this space!

BARNTON YOUTH CLUB continues to attract new members and we usually have about 25 at our Juniors session and 40-50 at the Seniors.

We meet on a Tuesday evening at the Memorial Hall on Townfield Lane. 5.30pm-6.45pm for the Juniors and 7pm-8.15pm for the Seniors.

Admission is free for the first week and then £1 a week.

We have two pool tables and table football; PS2 (including Singstar), Xbox and Wii games as well as art and craft projects and organised ball games each week. Snacks and drinks are on sale.

Our latest activity is a dressing up box and it is proving very popular with all the children, so we are going to have a fashion show very soon and those who have made costumes will be parading them for the parents. Admission will be 50p towards Youth Club funds and we will be sending out invitations soon.

We are thinking at the moment about whether to have our usual annual adventure weekend to PGL or if we should have different activities this year. It will, of course, depend on whether we can get a grant to cover the cost. Those of you who are still waiting for the DVD of last year's trip - we are very sorry for the delay, we have bought a special program to produce it but it's taking a lot longer than we thought.

We have decided on our theme for our entry into this year's Northwich Carnival (sshhh - it's a secret - well it is now, it won't be for long!) and will soon be busy with the children making costumes and props and learning a dance routine. Please let us know if you can help.

"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives."

Great British Fish and Chip Supper - Friday 15th May 2009

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2009 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2009 SIA will celebrate its 35th Anniversary and being that Friday 15th May 2009 is Spinal Cord Injury awareness day and what a better way to raise funds than eating Fish and Chips and raising money for SIA.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Donor Development Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

2009 is the first year that SIA are running the suppers but we already envisage this to be one of our top fundraising initiatives in the SIA calendar over the coming years. Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk



ROSEBANK SCHOOL

Digging for Success!

Rosebank pupils are excited at the prospect of soon being able to grow their own vegetables in a newly created vegetable garden, thanks to the Guardian Newspaper chain. A grant from the paper's Gannett Fund will fund a fenced-off plot with raised beds, together with sets of tools for pupils to begin to grow their own food. The project is still in the design stage but we hope to have our first crops on the table by the summer!

A Load of Old Rubbish

In January Rosebank pupils had a visit from Groundwork Cheshire, who came and gave our Key Stage 2 children a special assembly showing them how to make compost.

Pauline came to school with lots of things that we can turn into compost and explained to the children that to make compost you need 'wet greens'; vegetable peelings, grass, plant prunings etc; 'brown' cardboard, shredded paper, egg boxes etc and also worms and snails.

Pauline brought with her some compost that she had made at home and the children planted primulas which they took home.



Story Time

Pupils from Class 5 have been enjoying their fortnightly visits to Barnton Library.

The class choose books to take back to school and then take part in a Story Time session led by the Librarian.

The children really look forward to these sessions, particularly the adventure stories.



BARNTON YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB



Budding Junior Football Players!

Barnton Youth Football Club is currently running a football training programme for under 6's (current school year 1, must be over 5 and under 6 at Midnight 31st August 2008)



The sessions are held on a Saturday morning at Barnton Primary School, 9am to 10am (subject to the weather), and to ensure the weather is beaten we have booked St Nicholas Catholic High School gymnasium on the 14th & 21st February and the 7th & 21st March.

The programme is open to all boys and girls who want to learn how to play football in a safe and fun setting indoors. It will provide an excellent springboard from which to join our under 7's team for the 2009/10 season.

The sessions are run by our FA level 1 coach Mike Hinton,
tel: 07859 912597 email: Mikehinton1963@hotmail.com

Barnton YFC are also looking to start girls football team's again if number's are achieved.

Barnton YFC is a Football Association Charter Standard Club, where all managers and coaches are CRB checked and at least FA level 1 coaching qualified.

If you are interested in managing or coaching a team, FA coaching courses are available through Barnton YFC. Don't be shy come and join in.

**Interested? Then please contact Chris Dymond on 01606 79149
or e-mail: Chris.dymond@fsmail.net**

BARNTON YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

NEWS



Now the 2008/2009 season is entering it's 2nd half there is some exciting games to watch, with the under 11's, under 12's and under 13's all pushing for promotion in their respective divisions', check out the website www.barntonyfc.co.uk and come along and support the teams, there is some excellent football to watch at all age groups, and it's free to spectators.

Development

As we go to press Barnton YFC have submitted an application to become an FA Charter development club, the next stage after an becoming an FA Charter standard club in 2004 and hope to have news in a few weeks time.

Barnton YFC have teams involved in age groups from under 7 to under 16 (except under 10's) that's almost 150 children participating in weekend sport, and are looking to start girls football again if numbers and helpers can be recruited.

We have also started an U6's training programme in readiness for next season's under 7's team and are looking to start girls football again if numbers and helpers can be recruited.

If you are interested in joining us then please contact Chris Dymond, on 01606 79149 or e-mail chris.dymond@fsmail.net

Barnton YFC is still on the look out for areas for larger pitches, any landowners out there that has some flat ground available please contact Chris Dymond.

BARNTON SILVER BAND

Although it seems a long time since Christmas I would like to mention a couple of Band engagements.

Firstly there was the Carol Concert for the Barnton Methodist Church. In recent years the format has changed from a purely Band concert where the audience listens, to one where there are more carols and they join in. This seems to go down much better and we have had a lot of favourable comments as a result.

The second engagement involved playing carols at a party put on for disabled children (mainly Downs Syndrome). Their singing was enthusiastic and some of them helped by hitting various pieces of percussion. At a time when there seems to be a lot of troubles in the world, the simple pleasure shown by these children was a really uplifting experience.

Sadly, just before Christmas we lost a number of players and this has meant that we won't be able to contest this year. However, we are still in business and available for fetes, garden parties and concerts.

We rehearse at Little Leigh village hall on Tuesday evenings at 8pm. Visitors are most welcome. Anyone wanting further information about the Band should contact me on 01606 44457.

Chris Ravenscroft



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Barnton Cricket Club



Officials at Barnton Cricket Club are currently putting the finishing touches to their application for 'Club Mark', a quality standard awarded by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). The formal submission - which, if successful, would give the Club access to a raft of grants and other financial aid - will be lodged in May.

Club Mark is awarded to clubs who can demonstrate that they have created a safe and effective environment for the development of junior cricket. Already Barnton CC has made major strides towards this goal. The Junior Section has been reorganised, under the leadership of long-serving player Simon Hancock; and, with two new recruits on board (Gary Edwards and Lee Walker), the Club now has six junior coaches. The four others are Simon Hancock, Peter Johnson, Keith Jones and Paul Coot.

Cricket Section Chairman Steve Yarwood said the submission was now almost completed, and he was confident that, once the Cheshire Cricket Development Team had carried out their assessment on behalf of the ECB, Club Mark would be achieved. 'Then,' said Steve, 'we must ensure we do not lose it, which means maintaining high standards of behaviour both on and off the field. Club Mark is so important for the future of Barnton CC, as it would bring benefits not just for the cricketers but for all club members.'

This summer both Under-9s and Under-11s teams will be in action, with the latter also entered in their KO competition.

Junior winter nets will be held at St. Nicholas RC High School on March 24 and 31 and April 7 from 6-7pm.

Meanwhile, the long-awaited completion of the new outdoor nets is expected in good time for the start of the season.

For further information on the junior teams and training contact Simon Hancock on 07754971296 or email: simon@peers.co.uk

www.barntoncc.co.uk

