



# TUNNEL TOP NEWSLETTER

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May 2009

# TUNNEL TOP CLEAN UP

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## BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL

has vacancies for  
**TWO PARISH  
COUNCILLORS**

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

Meetings are held once a  
month on Monday  
evenings. No experience  
is necessary, just a good  
sense of community spirit.

Please contact  
The Clerk to the Parish  
Council by telephone on  
**01606 76468**  
or by e-mail at  
[crgarton@aol.com](mailto:crgarton@aol.com)  
for further details

The picture below shows the Clerk for Barnton Parish Council, Mr Roy Garton, having just completed a litter pick in the area known as Tunnel Top. He was assisted by Parish Councillor J. Wills and Vale Royal Borough Councillor Ranger Martin Harrison. The trio spent several hours retrieving the rubbish from around this area.

I have fond memories of Tunnel Top from the days of my youth. That is why your village newsletter has the title that it has. Gentlemen, may I say thank you for your contribution in helping to clean up this lovely area. I do know that several groups are planning more litter picks in the future.



Roy Garton at Tunnel Top.

It is intended to introduce village clear up days. The format would be on a very casual basis.

The clear up days are certainly not intended to replace the work carried out by the council but to simply spend a few hours tackling identified "Grot Spots".

At this stage any feedback from residents who wish to identify areas of concern and willingness to participate would be very welcome.

*Frank Casey*

## 'WHAT'S ON' IN BARNTON NOTICE BOARD?

I have, for some time now, wished that *Tunnel Top* was able to display a list of events that are taking place in our village. However, as TT only comes out every three months this has never come to fruition.

I have been having discussions with Jenny Jeffs who is our Web Master, and we have decided to try and put a page on the village website under the heading of 'What's On'. At the moment when you click on 'What's On', you are transferred to the local council website for the whole of Cheshire.

If you feel that you would like to help me and Jenny to set this up, please let us have the details of your events.

You can have it for daily, weekly, monthly or just a one off. This is a free service for everyone who educates or entertains the residents of Barnton. Please contact [Jennyjeffs1@sky.com](mailto:Jennyjeffs1@sky.com) or [fkc@sky.com](mailto:fkc@sky.com)



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](mailto:Northwich.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

Next Parish Council meetings -  
18th May ~ 29th June ~ 27th July



## PROGRESS ON THE BARNTON ACTION PLAN

HURRAH! All residents, companies, organisations and retail outlets etc, had their Barnton Parish Action Plan delivered in time for the successful launch at the Community Primary School on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm.

The format of the evening was an informal chat with tea and biscuits, a presentation by The Chair Lynn Gibbon, update from each member of The Plan Group and input from your volunteers on the satisfaction they derive from offering their services. There was also a question and answer session where all attendees had the opportunity to ask their own relevant questions, with an added bonus of suggestions and informative information being provided to help the volunteers. The Plan Group were delighted with the attendance of approximately 60 residents and it was an excellent evening resulting in another 11 volunteers being recruited (over 26 in total) and the teams are identified below:

### Action Plan E- Secretary

### Barnton Directory Manager

### Bulb/Tree Planting Team Leader

### Bulb/Tree Planting Team

### Climate Change Champion

### Clear Up Day Team Leaders

### Community Clear Up Team

### Community Speed Group Team (6)

### Road Survey Team

### Senior Residents Network Champion

### Senior Residents Networkers

### Safer Community Team (2)

### Village Centre Group

### Waterside Assets Leaders

### Waterside Asset Workers

### Youth Forum Lead (2)

### Childcare Survey

### Children

**John Gormanly**

**David Stevens**

**Vanessa Vickers**

Susan Skarratts

**Hannah Beswick**

**Diane & David Buckingham**

Jeanette & Malcolm Goodier

Nic Spencer-Kellett

+ 4/5 of their family

Nadine & Steve Moran

Wendy Norrey

**STILL REQUIRED**

**Raymond Wilkinson**

Alvar Jones

David Stevens

**Sheena Beech**

**Susan Skarratts**

Sue Neild

Mandy Carter

**STILL REQUIRED**

**Lynn Gibbon**

Shea O'Neil

**Jane Carter James Carter**

Vanessa Vickers

Sheena Beech

**Andy Webb**

**Mandy Carter**

**N Ryland**

This is where the work starts in implementing The Action Plan and if you are interested in helping any of the above teams, especially in the two areas where we haven't had any interest. Please do give me a ring on 01606 784599 and I will put you in contact with the appropriate person, we really would love to hear from you.

**Lynn Gibbon**  
*Barnton Parish Plan Chair*

# 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.**



To celebrate World Book Day we had a special Fancy Dress Storytime in the library on Thursday 5th March. Children came along dressed up as everything from Batman to princesses!



Our thanks go to Chris, our wonderful face painter, who worked tirelessly throughout the event. If you want to see more of what Chris does visit

[www.mistymoo-facepainting.co.uk](http://www.mistymoo-facepainting.co.uk)

On April 9th we celebrated Easter with an Easter storytime and craft session. Children had great fun making Easter cards, listening to Easter stories and singing Easter songs.

As part of Adult Learners' Week, which runs from 11th - 15th May, there will be Ancestry sessions and card-making sessions in the library. Places are



strictly limited and booking is essential, so please contact the library for more information. All the contact details are listed below.

If you are not a member of the library, then please come along and see us. It is free to join, and you can borrow up to 20 books. All you need to do is bring one form of ID that has your address on it, such as a driving licence or utility bill. Once you're a member you have free internet access for an hour a day and are entitled to reserve any book within Cheshire for a small charge (children's reservations are free). Please ask staff for details.

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

We look forward to seeing you soon.

**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](mailto:barnton.library@cheshire.gov.uk)

Website address: [www.cheshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/library)

## AGM

Notice is hereby given of the AGM, of the Hall, which will be held on Thursday 18th June, commencing at 19.30 hrs. Agenda's will be available from the Hall secretary.

If you would like to be a Trustee and help to run Barnton's fantastic Hall please contact John Turnbull or Jeff Gray.

## NEW USERS AT THE HALL:

### Golden Years Club

The inaugural meeting, held last month, of the Golden Years Club was a Bingo and coffee morning, which was well supported and went down very well. Everyone had a good time. Please keep a look out for the next event!

The objective of the club is 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. 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. The organisers are still looking for people to assist with the general running of this group.

### Mother and Toddler Group

Unfortunately, although there was some support for this idea, the Mums and Toddler group has not materialised yet. If you are interested we are still happy to hear from you, and we will put you in touch with the previous responses.

### Anyone for Bowls?

Would some of you good folks be interested in INDOOR Bowls? We have Monday nights free and if there is enough support we would be pleased to look at obtaining some indoor bowls mats for a Bowls Club. Interested? Call 75153 and we will get back to you on this.

## Drama

Karen Brindle on 01606 301793(H) or 07977 298991(M)  
Karen@polshaw.fsnet.co.uk is still hoping to start a drama class but needs more interest from possible attendees.

## Parties

The hall is a popular place to host parties for all ages, so to avoid disappointment please give Sarah, our Secretary, a ring on 75153 and book your date.

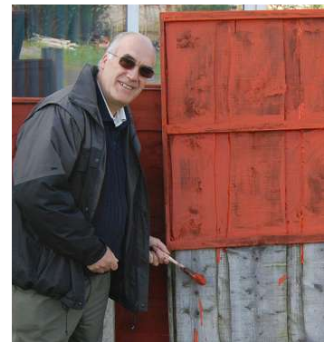
### Mondays for you?

We have the main hall free on Mondays evenings, so if you would like to hire it please call Sarah on 75153.

## Relief Caretaker/Gardener for the Memorial Hall

We are pleased to welcome Julia, to the position of relief caretaker, and Stephen Sawal as our occasional gardener.

The Trustees are very pleased that our gardens are all looking exceptionally beautiful this year. Visitors to the hall will notice that we have painted the fencing - it still needs a second coat but this will be done with our spring cleaning.



# CLIMATE CHANGE

I have recently volunteered to be the 'climate change champion' for the Barnton Parish Plan. We can all do our bit to cut our carbon footprint and reduce our impact on climate change. The following tips could help you to save energy around the home, cutting as much as a ton per year off your carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions and saving you money off your energy bills too!

- ☞ Switch electrical appliances off fully when they are not in use, rather than leaving them in standby mode. Standby buttons are responsible for wasting £740 million of electricity every year in the UK.
- ☞ Only boil as much water as you need in the kettle. If everyone in the UK always did this, we would save enough electricity to run nearly half of the country's street lighting.
- ☞ Replace your traditional light bulbs with new energy-efficient bulbs. Low energy saving bulbs can save you £7 a year in electricity and could reduce your overall lighting bill by as much as 75%.
- ☞ Fit sheets of aluminium foil behind your radiators to reflect heat back into your room. This simple step will reduce the amount of heat lost through walls and help to keep your heating bills down.
- ☞ Reduce your tumble dryer use by hanging your washing outside to dry whenever the weather allows. A tumble dryer is one of the highest energy-consuming appliances in your home.

**For more tips, please visit [www.biggreenswitch.co.uk](http://www.biggreenswitch.co.uk). If you are interested in helping out or sharing the role, please email [BarntonClimateChange@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:BarntonClimateChange@yahoo.co.uk)**

*Hannah Beswick*

# WATERSIDE ASSETS TEAM

HI THERE! We are James & Jane Carter, and we are the Team Leaders for the Barnton Waterside Assets Team. We will be giving updates in *Tunnel Top*, so that residents can gain awareness of how our section of the Parish Plan is going along. We started our volunteering in February 2009, and our overall role is to help promote Barnton's Canal and Riverside assets, this will include promoting and improving walks and access along the waterside, to address key issues such as managing the needs of the visitor and the environment in a holistic way, and liaising with other partners such as British Waterways.

Recently, major footpath work and improvement has been undertaken by British Waterways along the stretch of canal at the bottom of Leighs' Brow/Saltersford Tunnel. Due to drainage problems this area has been an issue for walkers and cyclists for some time. The majority of the problems have been caused by running water draining down the bank above the towpath and turning the footpath area into a challenging area of mud. New channels for land drains have been put in position to channel the water away from the footpath and into the canal.

Wooden rails are being installed further along the footpath to prevent vandalism of the steep bank, and to make the area safer for walkers. All of us who use this path are very appreciative of the work done so far to improve access, and enjoyment.

So, as you can see, parts of the Parish Plan are already well underway!

Some of the issues we are currently working on are: litter bin and seating provision; possible cycle link routes; also, the problems identified with walker/cyclist safety with regard to loose dogs, as last year there were several incidents of unsecured dogs frightening walkers and chasing joggers and cyclists.

Phew! All this in what's left of our 'spare' time! Thank you all for your support so far, it's all helping to make Barnton a much better place for all of us!

We'd welcome your ideas, and you can e-mail us on [barnton.waterside@gmail.com](mailto:barnton.waterside@gmail.com)

# BARNTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



# SPRING TERM

## Wider Opportunities

This year we have continued to run our Wider Opportunities scheme, allowing our Year 5 to learn an instrument, as part of their music topic of the Class Orchestra. Pupils are learning instruments including: flute, saxophone, euphonium, trumpet, trombone, all of which combined go to make our 'Windband'. They are due to perform at Northwich at the end of the school year. Excitingly, we have also been invited to play with the world famous Halle Orchestra in Manchester's Bridgewater Hall on the 12th June. What an experience that will be!

## Golden Mile Club

The sun shone on Barnton Community Primary School on the last day of Spring Term, when all children took part in our Golden Mile Festival. We had great fun as children from Reception to Year 6 ran, jogged or walked around the perimeter of our school, which is exactly a mile! Certificates were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each year group, as well as certificates for outstanding achievement and taking part. Pupils from Hartford High School came along to help the children warm up and gave us some moral support.

## Judo

Last half term Years 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Judo lessons. Children learned a wide variety of moves such as rolls, hold downs, falls and throws! In addition, each week three children were awarded a certificate for their fantastic effort and ability. It was great fun working in pairs and we were very lucky to have such an interesting and different P.E. lesson each week.



## Virtual Learning Platform

Our Year 5 'ICT Whizzkids' have been developing their homepages and understanding of internet protocol working on their Virtual Learning Environment in preparation for Friday. This initiative is to develop, not only to prepare students for life in the 21st Century, but also as a means to support learning on line and to share experiences with parents and other family members.

Year 5 are to present the work they have done to date and accounts of the experience they have had on this exciting journey to the rest of the school community in their class assembly, which is scheduled to take place on Friday!

## Fire Fire

Last week the Reception classes at Barnton Community Primary School were pleased to welcome the Northwich Fire crew for the morning. The visit was in conjunction with the topic 'People who help us', during which the children will be inviting many local people into their school, including the police force, doctors, nurses, vets, lollipop ladies, librarians and even a guide dog! During the visit the firemen let the children sit in the engine and demonstrated how to use the lights, sirens and hose pipe. An enjoyable morning was had by all, resulting in many budding firemen and ladies in the class!



Thank you to the fire crew for their time. The Reception classes are also enjoying using their fantastic new outdoor play resource, watch this space for its grand opening, coming soon....

## Burwardsley

Children in Year 1/2 class are busy finding out about holidays in the lead up to our exciting residential trip to Burwardsley. We have discovered that there are going to be lots of opportunities for us to explore the Cheshire countryside.

We have begun looking at maps and making plans! As a class we have been writing reports about transport and holiday activities. We are using maps, books, photographs and the internet to help us.

We will also be finding out what holidays were like in the past. Some of us have been asking our parents and grandparents about holidays they have been on and which destinations were the most popular. We look forward to reporting back from Burwardsley... watch this space!

## Newt - Man!

We also recently had a visit from James Grundy, the Newt Man! This was very exciting and we learned a lot about habitats and how to care for the wild newts that we find in our gardens.





# Brownies

## Girlguiding

In 2010 the Girlguiding Association will be 100 years old

This is a very good time to join one of our Rainbows, Brownies or Guides groups as there will be a lot of exciting activities going on across the country for us all to join in with. So if your daughter feels it's time to join a very active group of young ladies please get in touch.

Celebrations are a wonderful time

1st Barnton Brownies turned 75 this year and we had a beautiful Birthday Party in March at Barnton Community Primary School. Everyone who came along both young and not so young had a lovely time. To us, as a group, this was a massive achievement, I know I had a good time as did the Brownies. With lots of singing from everyone. I run the Brownies with two other ladies on a Tuesday night also at Barnton Community Primary School, and we would like to say a big thank you to all who came and a very big Thank you to Pat Skelcher who was 1st Barnton Brownies leader for a very long time and everyone when we mention our name 1st Barnton Brownies, thinks of Pat. Also thank you to Marion Kirkham, who took over the roll from Pat.

The Bingo Night held by the Friends of Guiding was a great success it was held at Christ Church, Church Hall in Barnton on Friday 24th April. Thank you for coming along to support your community and helping raise funds for our Guiding Groups. A lot of Bingo prizes went home to worthy winners.

The Friends of Guiding will hold another event in Great Budworth's Village Hall just around the corner from the Church. This will be on October 4th. 2pm - 4pm. Any of you with a sweet tooth this is definitely your day, so put it in your diary. These ladies bake exceedingly good cakes so watch out Mr Kipling! All proceeds go to your local Guiding Groups. So do your bit for your community. Come along for tea and cakes and a good chin wag.

Thank you to all members of the Friends of Guiding for their help and for running such wonderful events. Where would we be without these wonderful ladies. All money received by our Guiding groups goes back into making sure your daughters have a great time at Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

Anyone wanting information for Rainbows, Brownies or Guides in Barnton give me (Sue Greenwood) a call any evening on 01606 76408

## BIRD WATCHING ON THE RIVER WEAVER/TRENT & MERSEY CANAL

Here's news of our feathered friends from Dave Harazny who has been voluntarily looking after them

HOW MANY OF YOU have taken a leisurely stroll along the banks of the River Weaver with it being right on your doorstep? Whether you're a dog walker, or a keen birder like myself or you just like a quiet walk, many footpaths lead down to the river and canal. The walk along the River holds a wealth of bird life with the arrival of Spring and Summer visitors.

The singing of the chiff-chaff are the first to arrive in our local woods, followed by black-caps, willow warblers, and later white throat and cuckoos (a bird now in decline). The chorus of these birds is something not to be missed.

A walk down towards Saltersford may show you linnets, greenfinches, long-tailed tits which nest in the yellow flowering gorse in the fields. Further along near the Locks, look up into the sky to see 6 or more buzzards soaring around on the thermals. With the River Weaver becoming much cleaner we now have more water birds, including, great crested grebes, cormorants fishing on the old part of the River, and nesting swans which come back every year to the reedbeds. Kingfishers and herons also fish in the river.

The surrounding fields hold the declining yellowhammer (confirmed sighting last year), the woods hold the green and greater spotted woodpeckers. You can usually hear the laughing call of the green and the drumming of the greater spotted. Even the rarer lesser spotted woodpecker has been seen.

With great thanks, and kind permission of British Waterways, nest boxes have been erected in trees on their land to find out how global warming is affecting the local tit population with insects also in decline.

So, if you have nothing to do one day, take a walk down your local River/Canal, and see what you're missing.

# ROSEBANK SCHOOL

## Outstanding Ofsted for Rosebank

## Key Stage 2 Residential Visit

Pupils at Rosebank have every reason to be proud of themselves. An Ofsted inspection in February found them to be "polite and courteous" with "impeccable behaviour". The whole school community is delighted with the Ofsted report which reflects the skill, commitment and hard work of the staff team and the support they receive from parents and governors.

A copy of the report is available on the Ofsted website, or from the school.

Barnton now boasts two outstanding schools!

All the pupils in KS2 at Rosebank School have thoroughly enjoyed the residential visit to the Children's Adventure Farm Trust in Millington. A host of different experiences was available to them - feeding the animals, playing on the adventure playground, games in the sports hall, and activities in the art room. The Farm also has some wonderful resources for young people with additional needs, including multi-sensory room, ICT suite, music room and mini-cinema. We had a great time.



The pictures show two of our boys enjoying some activities in the Sensory Room and a class group helping to plant primulas, both on the residential visit to CAFT.



## BARNTON VILLAGE WEBSITE:

[www.barntonvillage.org.uk](http://www.barntonvillage.org.uk)

## A few words from our PCSO - Diana Wiggins

THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR has been relatively busy with lots of activity in the Barnton area. There have recently been reports of damage to the Rec, I must emphasise that the damage done will not be tolerated, any one who has any information on this incident can speak to myself in confidence. This is a great park and in order to keep it that way everyone using it should respect what they have. They need to realise that the damage caused stops the innocent users of the park from enjoying themselves and not being able to use all the equipment supplied.

There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in and around Wade Crescent, Alamein Road and Astbury Drive these youths know who they are and patrols have been upped. Weavervale have been made aware of the issues and are in the process of talking with residents to try and find out where most of the Anti Social Behaviour is coming from. We will then take immediate action to resolve the issues here.

A few weeks ago we arranged for an Easter prize bingo involving some of the older residents of the village, this was a great success. The next venue will be arranged at The Memorial Hall. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves with another to be arranged in the next few weeks. There will be posters around the village to let you know when this will be arranged. The next venue will be at Barnton Primary School.

A Police Surgery will be held on Tuesday 19th May at 2pm. This will take place at Barnton Primary School. Anyone with any information please come along or to discuss any concerns that they may have. All discussions are totally confidential.

**All residents can contact me with any issues they may have either by contacting me on 0845 458 0000 or 0845 458 6392**

## GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

AFTER A VERY SUCCESSFUL Easter Bingo organised by PCSO Diana Wiggins and Tracy Vickers from the Youth Club, it is hoped that this Club can continue. Over £100 was made on the day which is enough to take things forward.

Special thanks to Mandy, Jenny and Laura from the Youth Club who helped to organise the raffle and the bingo, and to Ruth Hunt and Vanessa Vickers who got stuck in and brewed up for everyone.

Mrs Chapman, the Head at Barnton Primary School on Townfield Lane has offered the use of the school for future meetings of a Young at Heart group and the next one has been booked for Thursday 21st May 1.30 - 2.30pm. It is hoped that there will be different activities at each meeting eg. whist and beetle drives and that those attending will be able to put their own ideas forward.

Transport can be arranged if you can't get there easily.

To all those who offered to help, please come along to the next event as it will need organisers if the group is to become successful and long lasting.

Contact me (Angela Robinson) for further information on 01606 79241 (leave a message if I'm not available and I'll get back to you).

THE CLUB CONTINUES TO MEET on Tuesday nights at the Memorial Hall - Junior Session (6-9 years) 5.30pm - 6.45pm and Seniors (9 yrs upwards) from 7pm - 8.15pm).

We are just about to start our Carnival Float preparations and will be busy in our craft session over the next few weeks. The theme is still a secret but here's a clue - it's yellow.

Natalie, our youngest and most enthusiastic volunteer has organised a fun football league over the next few weeks and we've decided to use some of a recently granted donation to buy some portable goals to play outside.

We are hoping to get a grant this year so that we can take the children to PGL on an activity weekend again as we have done in previous years. If we are successful the trip will probably be in September and we will keep parents and children up to date on developments.

Our long term aim is to have a dedicated Youth Club building in the village which will appeal more to 13 - 17 years olds and if there are any teenagers who want to be involved with this project, please come along after 7 o'clock on a Tuesday and let me know what you want.

Angela Robinson

## SENIOR RESIDENTS NETWORK

Contact: Sheena Beech on 01606 79483  
or Mandy Carter on 07743029123

I recently went to the "Monday Club" which, as the name suggests is held every Monday from 1 - 3pm in the function room at The Barn Owl. There is no membership, just a £1 entrance fee each time you attend. They play Bingo, which costs a modest 10pence per book, chat and have tea and biscuits or a drink from the bar. A couple of times a year the club have day trips on Regency Coaches and occasional hot meals such as hotpot, which is freshly cooked by Pam at the Barn Owl.

There are bus stops within easy walking distance and just one small step into the building. The group are happy to see new faces and anyone who wishes to go along will be given a warm welcome.

Are there any entertainers in the village who would be willing to donate their services later this year, probably in December for an event, which will be organised for our Senior Residents? We would like to hear from musicians, dancers, comedians etc.

If you feel you can help please call Sheena on 01606 79483 or e-mail elderlyresidents@googlemail.com

We will shortly be trying to find out exactly what our Senior Residents would like in the village with a questionnaire. If there are clubs/organisations/activities already in the village we would be happy to hear from you and add you onto our database, which will be on the Barnton Village Website in the near future.



[www.barnntonfc.co.uk](http://www.barnntonfc.co.uk)  
Established 2001  
An FA Charter Standard Club

# BARNNTON YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB



CHARTER STANDARD CLUBS

## NEWS

With the 2008/2009 season coming to a conclusion a big congratulations to Barnton under 12's who won promotion from their league having an defeated record all season, winning all their games but two, which they drew. Well done lads and the coaching team.

Barnton YFC were awarded the prestigious FA Charter Standard "Development Club" award in March, which is the 2nd level of the FA Charter mark, the first being the Charter Standard club award. The development award is all about providing a safe environment for children to play football in at grass roots level, maintaining standards and offering opportunities to volunteers and children.

For details log onto:

[www.thefa.com/GetIntoFootball/CharterStandard/Club/CriteriaAndBenefits](http://www.thefa.com/GetIntoFootball/CharterStandard/Club/CriteriaAndBenefits)

Barnton YFC would like to thank all our partners for helping us achieve this award, the help with venues - Barnton FC, Barnton Primary School, Barnton Cricket Club, Comberbach Primary school; and also all the local schools who help with their assistance in player recruitment. Also all our sponsors and the Parish Council who help in the purchase of kits and assistance in ground and training facilities hire; With over 150 children involved the future looks bright for football in Barnton. Barnton YFC will be holding a community fun day at Barnton FC on the 31st May, come along and enjoy the day.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Barnton Youth Football Club is currently recruiting players, boys and girls for the forthcoming 2009/2010 season: -

Under 7's (must be over 6 and under 7 at Midnight 31st August 2009)

Training during September is at Barnton Primary school on Saturday mornings 9.00 am to 10.00 am.

**Interested?** Then please contact Chris Dymond on 01606 79149 or e-mail Mike on Mikehinton1963@hotmail.com to attend a session.

Under 8's (must be over 7 and under 8 at Midnight 31st August 2009)

Training during September is at Barnton Primary school on Thursday evenings 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

**Interested?** Then please contact Dave Evans on 07909 761779

*Barnton YFC is an FA Charter Standard Development Club, where all managers, coaches and helpers are at least an FA Level 1 coach and CRB checked.*

## RECRUITING GIRL FOOTBALL PLAYERS !

Barnton Youth Football Club is currently recruiting players for girls football teams, for the following new teams for the forthcoming 2009/2010 season: -

Under 10's (must be over 8 and under 10 at midnight 31st August 2009)

Under 12's (must be over 10 and under 12 at midnight 31st August 2009)

Under 14's (must be over 12 and under 14 at midnight 31st August 2009)

Under 16's (must be over 14 and under 16 at midnight 31st August 2009)

Under 18's (must be over 16 and under 18 at midnight 31st August 2009)

**Interested?** Then please contact Chris Dymond on 01606 79149



Some of the 48 children who enjoyed a morning's football in the sunshine at Barnton FC on the 26th April, the Minnows sessions run by Barnton YFC are held monthly at Barnton FC for 3-6 year olds with the next session being held on the 17th May 10.30 - 12.00. Pre registration is a must and can be done by contacting Mike Hinton at minnows@hotmail.co.uk

## Family Fun Day

*In aid of Club funds*

**Sunday 31st May 2009**

**Barnton Football Club (Townfield Lane)**

**10am start**

**Entrance: Adults £1. Children free**

Barnton Youth Football Club will be holding a Family Fun Day and you are invited to come along. On

entering you will be given a raffle ticket, this ticket will be placed in a

draw for a week's holiday at Haven Holiday's Presthaven Holiday Centre, Prestatyn, North Wales. Included will be Funwork passes for a family of four. These will give you access to all the entertainment and activities during your stay. You will be staying in an 8-berth, 3-bedroom caravan. The holiday cannot be exchanged for a monetary value.



Games:

SACK RACE - THREE LEGGED RACE -  
OBSTACLE COURSE - RELAY RACE -  
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# LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER

## Barnton expands Home Watch

PLANS ARE AFOOT TO EXPAND the Home Watch scheme in Barnton. Jeff, who already runs a successful scheme in his part of the village, has been requested to take on the role of Village Co-ordinator to help develop similar arrangements across the whole of Barnton.

"Having an active Home Watch scheme will provide us with the best way of developing a partnership between residents and the police. It's in all our interests to reduce crime against ourselves and our properties," Jeff told *Tunnel Top*.

Barnton has over 5000 residents and 80 roads. The plan is to develop Home Watch with a network of volunteer co-ordinators to achieve 100% coverage, matching the best in Cheshire.

To achieve a practical scheme, Jeff believes we need about 70-80 co-ordinators, working in groups of up to 7 or 8 in each area, an average of one coordinator per road.

So far 15 volunteers are already working on the scheme; another 60 need to be recruited to cover the whole village. The task isn't onerous and current volunteers report themselves as soon brought up to speed.

Each coordinator agrees to hold the contact details of all residents on their patch and to act as the prime contact for crime information to and from the police and ad hoc reports from the residents.

"Having an e-mail address helps make communication more efficient" says Jeff, "but the scheme is also designed to include those without access to e-mail through a cascade process".

The aim of Home Watch is to help everyone in the community feel safer. By looking out for each other we can make it much more difficult to commit a crime in Barnton and help catch those who do.

Volunteers are needed now. If you want to get involved and are prepared to help either as a coordinator or as an individual who supports the scheme please get in touch with Jeff. He can be contacted by e-mail at [barnton@valeroyallink.com](mailto:barnton@valeroyallink.com) or telephone 07776335682, or more information can be obtained by visiting [www.valeroyallink.com](http://www.valeroyallink.com)



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# Barnton Cricket Club



**B**arnton Cricket Club's squash players are celebrating the end of a season of outstanding success.

In a remarkable hat-trick of championship victories, the Ladies' 1st team and the Men's 1st and 2nd teams all won their respective leagues. In addition, the Men's 4th team finished in their highest-ever position in their division.

It all added up to the club's best season since 2005-2006, when the Men's and Ladies' 1st teams also gained promotion.

These latest achievements have served to underline the excellent progress the Barnton club has made over the past few years. Not so long ago it had around 40 members; now it has over 90, including some top-rated new talent. It also boasts one of the most thriving junior sections in Mid-Cheshire, a development overseen by the club's two England squash coaches Carl Adamson and Harry Hardy.

According to Squash Section Chairman Mike Washburn the club's two heated courts overlooking the Broomsedge cricket ground - widely regarded as the best in the area - have played a key role in the success story.

'Because we have courts of this standard we have been able to attract some very good players here over the past few years,' he explained. 'The amenities on offer at the Cricket Club in general, especially its extensive bar and catering service, have also been an important factor.'

[www.barntoncc.co.uk](http://www.barntoncc.co.uk)



## Barnton Cricket Club Juniors

**B**arnton Cricket Club are hoping to gain ClubMark accreditation at the end of May which is designed to ensure that Junior Cricketers are provided with a safe and regulated environment.

Junior Practice is held every Tuesday night at the club from 6.30pm until 8pm. Coaching is carried out by qualified ECB coaches under the leadership of Simon Hancock and matches are scheduled throughout the season at U9 and U11 age group level.

The club is looking to recruit more boys and girls of any ability and at any age from 7 to 15. So if you feel you would like to give Cricket a try please come down on any Tuesday evening and you will be made very welcome.

Unfortunately, the U11s game against Northwich this week, was cancelled due to bad weather. However, further matches are planned over the coming weeks.

For further information on the junior teams and training please contact Simon Hancock on 07754971296 or email: [simon@peers.co.uk](mailto:simon@peers.co.uk)

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