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*November 2007*

# A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

## WEDNESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER

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**This is the date of the next Community Action Meeting, which will be held in the Barnton Memorial Hall on Townfield Lane. The time of the meeting will be 7pm. The meeting is your next opportunity to voice your opinions to members of the Northwich Police unit.**

PCSO DIANA WIGGINS is starting to hold a Police Surgery in Barnton. The first one will be on Saturday, 24th November from 10am-12mid-day.

The Surgery will also take place in Barnton Memorial Hall, and is for anyone in the village that may have concerns, but not have the opportunity to speak to her during the week.

The Surgery will be held every 3rd week, the next one after the 24th, will be on the 15th December, followed by the 5th January 2008.

Diana is really grateful for the good response that she is receiving from the residents of our village and is looking forward to making herself available to meet with other residents who may have any concerns.

## 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 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



If you wish to report a crime or see anyone acting suspiciously - call the POLICE

**0845 458 0000**

To report a crime ANONYMOUSLY call Crimestoppers on

**0800 555 111**

Working in partnership with the police



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 meeting - 3rd December

# BARNTON PARISH PLAN

**Please Help -  
Volunteers Needed**

The Barnton Plan Group has completed their work on developing the survey, which was due to go out in late autumn. However, funds to produce the survey i.e. printing etc; have been delayed and with Christmas on the horizon it will now be hitting your doorstep in the New Year, a grand start to 2008.

With that in mind would you like to volunteer to deliver and collect the survey in your road as the more surveys returned will add gravitas to the importance of the plan, and show that the people of Barnton take a great interest in how they want to see their village developed in the future.

It will also provide increased bargaining power when discussing how to take the plan forward with the relevant authorities or submitting bids for other funding to implement the plan and show that the people of Barnton care about their community and want their voice to be heard.

Therefore, please, please think about volunteering your services, two £50 prizes are on offer for the volunteers who collect the highest % of surveys against the overall number delivered.

If you want to know more about the survey or wish to volunteer your services please contact any of the group members below:

Name	Phone No	Survey Responsibilities
Frank Casey	01606 77852	1. Household
Derry Morris	07984 011872	2. Safer Stronger Communities
Rachel Stanley	01606 782029	3. Children & Young People
Jane Denton	01606 75093	3. Children & Young People
Michael Parkes	01606 871076	4. Transport & Infrastructure
David Stevens	01606 75241	5. Healthier Communities & Older People
Lynn Gibbon	01606 784599	6. Environment
Helen Kirsopp	01606 784795	7. Business & Development

# NEWS FROM BARNTON LIBRARY

Information, Inspiration, Imagination

**Books, CDs, DVDs, free computer access, story times, author events, all of this and more are available for you at Barnton Library.**



We have had a busy autumn so far. We welcomed ghouls, ghosts and witches to our special Halloween story time. Feel free to bring your children along to our regular story time, it is suitable for all pre-school age children, and includes rhymes as well as stories, every Thursday at 3.45pm.

In September we celebrated 45 children completing our Summer Reading Challenge in a very special ceremony attended by County Councillor Malcolm Byram. This year the summer reading scheme was entitled 'The Big Wild Read'. Its focus was upon children discovering their environment and looking after nature. This year's scheme was linked to the Woodland Trust and the BBC's Breathing Spaces Initiative. Children could collect tree tokens when they brought their books back to the library and for every 25 children who completed the scheme a new tree has been planted in Dutton Park in Cheshire. We were really lucky to have a tree planting event near us. Year 3 from Barnton Primary and staff from the library were chosen to carry out the special tree-planting event at Dutton Park on Friday 19th October. The BBC was filming the event so we may be featured in the regional segment of Autumnwatch starting on November 5th.



Tree planting in Dutton Park

In September we also hosted a thoroughly enjoyable adult authors evening with Annie Groves and Anne Bennett. Pat's (the boss!) cakes were included in the excellent feedback we received from those who attended.



Pat and Kate ready to open the doors for our Author evening

If you have any suggestions for events and activities you would like to see at Barnton Library we would love to hear from you. Please pop in and see what the library has for you including in November a Watercolour exhibition by local artist Olwen Waldron.  
**Rachel Foster (Group Librarian)**

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

Telephone and Fax: 01606 77343  
email: [barnton.library@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:barnton.library@cheshire.gov.uk)

## New Telephone Number

We have brought the Hall into the age of communications by installing a telephone! The number to use for bookings and general enquiries is **01606 75153**. You can contact the duty caretaker on **0790 6858 759**

## Echo, Echo, What was that?

We have had a number of comments on the echo in the hall. We are looking to see if we can install some sound-absorbing roof tiles to reduce the echo. It looks as though this will cost in the region of £6,000. If anyone has experience of installing ceiling tiles and would like to volunteer to help us to install them please contact John Turnbull tel 783442.

## Long service award to Maureen Booth

The Trustees have presented Mrs. Maureen Booth, who retired from her caretaking role, with a Gold watch in recognition of her years of loyal and dedicated service to the Memorial Hall. The presentation was made by our Chairman J Gray and M Ferguson in his capacity as Chairman of the Parish Council and a Memorial Hall trustee.

## Car Parking at the Hall

The trustees are pleased to report that we have had a land drain installed that will hopefully keep the puddles at bay that appear after heavy rain.

## Use of the Memorial Hall Car Park

The Car park adjacent to the Memorial Hall is owned by the Trustees. The Trustees have agreed to let the football club use the car park provided the Memorial Hall users have priority. Those people using the car park and attending football functions should park on the stoned area of the car park only. The marked bays should not be used by people attending the football events, they are strictly reserved for Memorial Hall use.

## Exciting times - Trustees required

The Memorial Hall is becoming the place to "meet and greet" in the village. We have two Xmas fayres coming up, good support for the Mid Cheshire College courses, dancing, Karate, ju-jitsu and the hall is proving a popular venue for children's parties.

If you can spare to time to help the trustees to run the hall please contact J Gray on 76610 or John Turnbull on 783442, we would particularly like someone to act as our treasurer or even our maintenance manager. If you have a few hours a week to spare and would like to be a trustee running a busy village hall – do call.

# BARNTON MEMORIAL HALL

There are still places left on the following courses:

## **Dressmaking and Soft Furnishing, Flower Arranging, Card Making and the Monthly Book Club**

**Dressmaking and Soft Furnishings** – students can enrol for ½ term on this from 6th November to 15th January 2008 for £45.

**Handmade Greetings Cards** – a new course starts on 12th November to 12th December (5 weeks) £35.

**Monthly Book Club** – this runs monthly and is a free course – students can join any time.

Book Club and dates available from Janet Dewison, Community Education Team on 01606 720527.

Email [jdewison@midchesh.ac.uk](mailto:jdewison@midchesh.ac.uk)

The Trustees are sorry to lose Mrs Maureen Booth, who, after 18 years as Hall Manager/caretaker, has decided to follow other interests away from work.

We are delighted to welcome our new staff:

**Michelle Johnson,**  
*caretaker*



**Barry Watkin,**  
*relief caretaker*

Michelle and Barry will work with our secretary, Bernadette O Donnell and Vic Knop, our existing caretaker.

**CONTACT THE DUTY CARETAKER ON  
0790 6858759**

# BARNTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



# NEWS

THE START OF A NEW TERM soon came round and here at Barnton Community Primary School we've had a great first half-term back - the children are so smart and all keen and determined to learn!

At the end of last term we said 'Goodbye' to Mrs Howarth, Mrs Ressel and Miss Lunn; and we trust they are enjoying their chosen paths. At the start of this term we welcomed our new staff: Miss Prince in Year One, Mrs Millington in Year 4, Mrs Lawson in Class 7 and Miss Layton, the new Deputy Headteacher, who will be working in classes throughout school.

In the Office we also have new staff - Mrs Aston, our new Finance Officer and Mrs Bass, our afternoon Clerical Assistant. We wish them all success during their time here at Barnton.

Even our school has had a face lift - with new electric front doors ensuring access for all!

## RUGBY TOURNAMENT

An enthusiastic team of Year 5 and 6 children recently took part in a Rugby Tournament, held at Moss Farm. We were all VERY proud of how hard they tried and, although they didn't win every game, we all realised the value of taking part and trying our hardest.



## EXCITING NEWS!

WE HAVE ALL BEEN PREPARING FOR OUR MULTI-CULTURAL ARTS WEEK

12TH - 16TH NOVEMBER



# BARNTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FAREWELL TO SCHOOL GOVERNORS

FOLLOWING A COMBINED period of service of over 100 years to our local schools, two of our Governors have recently decided to retire. During their time in office, Mrs Clare Vernon and Mrs Olive Goulding have brought a huge amount of experience to the Governing Body at Barnton Community Primary School and their commitment during that time has been exemplary. The Governors and staff will miss the valuable input from both Clare and Olive and we would like to publicly thank them for everything they have done for our village school. We would like to wish Clare and Olive all the best in their retirement and we are glad that they have said they will be keeping in touch with us.

At a recent meeting, Clare and Olive were presented with a bouquet of flowers by Annete Chapman, the head teacher at Barnton Community Primary School.



**Our Year 6 children recently visited 'Solvay' at Warrington, where they learned all about science in industry.**

**This has been part of their work undertaken in the 'Children Challenging Industry' project; allowing them to see how Science happens in everyday life and making their learning more meaningful.**

### APPLICATIONS FOR OUR RECEPTION CLASS 2008 ARE NOW BEING MADE

Any parents wishing to visit Barnton Community Primary School will be warmly welcomed and appointments can be made with the Headteacher - Mrs A Chapman.

Please ring: 01606 74784; or email: [head@barnton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@barnton.cheshire.sch.uk)

# ROSEBANK SCHOOL



## Rosebank Geographers!

IN RECENT WEEKS, you may have noticed some of our Key Stage 2 - classes going out and about in the village with clipboards. This has been part of their Geography topic to contrast Barnton with another locality, namely Llandudno. It was interesting for the pupils to discover more about Barnton, but the field trips to Llandudno were very popular and generated a lot of good work.



### Rosebank School Extension

We hope that Barnton residents living near the school have not been inconvenienced by the building work which started in the summer. This is now nearing completion and we are looking forward to using our new facilities - a purpose-built Music Room and a new Therapy Room. We are planning a grand opening for the end of November, when the children will be putting on a performance in association with the Manchester BBC Philharmonic Orchestra.

# NURSERY ROAD RECREATION GROUND

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
DURING TERMTIME

at BARNTON MEMORIAL HALL  
TOWNFIELD LANE, BARNTON

6pm-8pm

AGE 6 UPWARDS - ALL AGES WELCOME

Experienced and trained youth leaders.  
All CRB checked

WEEKLY CRAFT SESSION

PS2 - XBOX - WII

POOL TABLE - FOOTBALL TABLE

ORGANISED GAMES

ANNUAL ACTIVITY WEEKEND

NORTHWICH CARNIVAL ENTRY

We currently have attendances of between 50 and 80 children. We have eight regular helpers but would love to have more or we might have to limit attendances.

If we get more Senior members (High School age) we may be able to re-open the later session.

If you'd like to help and/or have some good ideas for activities please come along next Tuesday.

SARA, ANGE, TRACY,  
LAURA, TINA, ANGE,  
JENNY and ROSE

IT IS NOW almost 12 months since Phase 2 was completed and the Architect will soon be handing the project back to the committee which we will pass on to the Parish Council.

There is a small amount of cash unspent and this will be returned to the Council and added to the Recreation Grounds budget for ongoing maintenance.



The playground gates have been fixed by the contractors and fertiliser has been spread on the football pitches. The new grass is suffering from this summer's weather but should improve with time. The goal posts will be erected shortly.



New trees will be ordered from Vale Royal through the Parish Planting scheme to replace those that have died or been damaged.

The Rec. is currently proving a magnet for anti-social behaviour and the Parish Council is working with the Police CAT team to control this. Lights are currently being installed on the playground to help with observation and an alcohol ban is being introduced.

Angela Robinson  
Secretary  
Nursery Road Recreation Ground

**THE NEXT COMMUNITY ACTION MEETING IS ON**  
**21st November**  
**at Barnton Memorial Hall**  
**7:00 to 9:00 pm**

# BARNTON F.C.

presents

A THREE-COURSE  
SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

at  
THE FOURWAYS INN,  
DELAMERE

on  
THURSDAY  
29TH NOVEMBER 2007  
START 7.30 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER  
JOEY JONES  
EX-LIVERPOOL AND WALES

PLUS  
COMEDIAN - HAL NOLAN

AND  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
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Soul – Thursday 8pm – 10pm

50s and 60s – Sunday 6 – 8pm

Local Issues – Sunday 8 – 10pm

All the latest travel news between 7am and 10am / 4pm – 7pm

**Studio telephone – 01606 555 910**

# BARNTON YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

## *Community Football*

Session No. 2

on **SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

at **Barnton Football Club**  
(Townfield Lane)

**STARTING AT 12 NOON**

THESE SESSIONS cater for Children aged 3 to 5, and will consist of a full 1½ hour Session. The aim of these sessions will be to introduce young children to the wonderful game of football, through fun games, demonstrations and special training techniques especially developed for very young players.



This invitation is for both Girls and Boys, regardless of ability.

Once again our Barnton YFC under 15's boys football team will be playing a home match at the football club on the same day (kick off 2:00 p.m). So please, parents and guardians, do come along and enjoy both the minnows and the under 15's, the bar will be open so relax over a drink and support our club. A great day of fun and excitement for the whole family.

#### *Registration is to Adam Green*

Phone: 01606 74866. Leave your name, child's name, age and emergency contact number.

Text: 07887 948911. Text your name, child's name, age and emergency contact number.

Email: [adamgreen@btinternet.com](mailto:adamgreen@btinternet.com) (enter minnows in the subject line). Send your name, child's name, age and emergency number.

#### *What to bring:*

Appropriate football kit, warm waterproof clothing (as the sessions will be held outdoors), and a drink.

Children must wear Shin Guards.

Children will receive a football certificate and free buffet lunch.

(We regret we cannot cater for special dietary needs).

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

### **Barnton Youth Football Club**

Affiliated to the Cheshire county Football Association.  
Registration No. DYM 00641

Awarded the FA Charter Standard 2004



Members of the  
Mid Cheshire Youth Football League  
& the Cheshire Girls Football League



# MID-Cheshire Division 1



**Saturday 10th November**

**Kick-off 2.15 pm**

**BARNTON**

**V**

**CROSFIELDS**

Adults £2.00

Pensioners £1.00, Children 50p

**Please support your local team**

*Thanks to our sponsors*

**BENNETTS  
JOINERS**

# MID-Cheshire Division 1



**Saturday 24th November**

**Kick-off 2.15 pm**

**BARNTON**

**V**

**RYLANDS**

Adults £2.00

Pensioners £1.00, Children 50p

**Please support your local team**

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**BENNETTS  
JOINERS**

# BARNTON SILVER BAND

FOR SEVERAL YEARS the Band has taken part in an 'Old English Evening' at a Masonic Hall in Greater Manchester (lots of patriotic playing - Rule Britannia, Jerusalem, Land of Hope and Glory etc).



As a result of our last visit we were invited to put on a concert in Chorlton-cum-Hardy in October. This proved to be a resounding success.

There are more concerts planned nearer home. We will be at Little Leigh Church on Friday 7th December and Barnton Methodist Church on Saturday 15th December. So look out for ticket details nearer the time.

We have just received details of the test piece for the 'Area' contest next March and once Christmas playing is out of the way will be getting down to some serious rehearsals.

It is many years since the Band has had a regular percussion section. If there is anyone who would be interested please get in touch (01606 44457 evenings).

More information on our website: [www.barntonsilverband.co.uk](http://www.barntonsilverband.co.uk).

**Christopher Ravenscroft**



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Or leave a message at:  
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Barnton

## Barnton Cricket Club



Barnton Cricket Club's 2007 award winners will be named at a special end-of-season event at the club on Saturday, November 17th. As well as the trophy presentations, the event will feature a 'Human Race Night' with cheese and wine refreshments.

It will also provide an opportunity for members of the Cricket Section to formally recognise the collective achievement of the Second XI, who this year topped their league and so gained promotion to Division B of the Meller Braggins Cheshire Cricket League.

Barnton Village  
Website:

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

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