

Cemetery Update

Over the past two years the PC has been looking at ways to improve the cemetery for the benefit of both the bereaved and village residents. Having clarified the regulations and planted the new beech hedging, the final works in the cemetery relating mainly to the older graves will be done in the Spring. This is to provide small flat stone markers for any old unmarked graves giving the grave number and the surname of the person buried. This will be followed by the levelling of some graves behind the current front row and relaying of turf as necessary. The PC has been contacting as many relatives of those buried in the cemetery as possible to advise them of the stricter enforcement of the regulations on the maintenance of graves and plans for levelling. The PC appreciates that while the works take place there may be some disturbance in the cemetery but this will be kept to the absolute minimum. As a number of items such as spare vases, water bottles and tools are being left behind the gravestones a box has been provided to store these tidily. The box will be left behind the seat of the right hand side of the cemetery and any such items will be placed in it by the caretaker. Any old temporary wooden markers which have been replaced by permanent headstones but left in the cemetery will be removed at the beginning of 2012.

In addition the PC will be tidying the area by the fence behind the cremated remains area and planting a new border to improve the look of the area. Anyone who may have left mementoes there outside the memorial area should remove them before the Spring.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The national Jubilee celebrations will be taking place over the first weekend in June when there will be 2 days of Bank Holidays on the Monday and Tuesday. The PC has decided not to try to compete with the many fetes and one day celebrations but to provide a more lasting memorial to the event and this will be in two parts.

The first is to get the Church clock, provided as a gift in celebration of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887, electrified and the history of the clock researched and made available to the school and village.

The second is to hold an exhibition with refreshments in the village hall for 3 afternoons starting on Friday 1st June on the village as it was and is now. This will concentrate on the time of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, the Queen's coronation in 1953 and the current day. It is hoped that this will eventually be part of a more detailed history of the village over the last two centuries. It is hoped to get local views of what it was like to live in the village in 1953 and also what the coronation memories are for people who moved into the village from elsewhere. If you can help with these memories someone from the PC would be very pleased to come and talk to you and get them written up. Please contact the chairman, Brenda Last, if you can help with this or with old photos of the village that can be copied.

Hand Bells Also can anyone help with the history of the hand bells kept in the school or remember how they were played? Thanks.

Fly-tipping. There has been an increase in fly tipping near the village and although SEBC removes it promptly from public land it would be better not to have it tipped in the first place. Much of it is commercial waste so if you are have any tradesmen in to do work which results in anything taken away please ask what their arrangements are for disposing of it. It should be done by a licensed waste remover.

Contact Information

The Parish Council meets monthly at the Village Hall at 7.35pm normally on 1st Wednesday of the month.

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Website: www.onesuffolk.co.uk/BarninghamPC

The website has back copies of the minutes and agendas as well as information on the village. The agenda and minutes are also posted on the PC notice board near the shop and on the one opposite the church.

County Councillor - Mrs Joanna Spicer 01359 230800

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Police – 01284 774100 for Community Beat Officers or
www.onesuffolk.co.uk/saferSuffolk/StEdmundsburyRuralNorth.

Please report all anti-social incidents to the police (criminal damage, graffiti, fly tipping, harassment, anti-social drinking and vehicle nuisance, etc). If you see it happening call 999, if you see it after it has happened call 01284 774100.

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This newsletter has an update on the cemetery and plans for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations next June plus the usual summary of recent meetings.

Recent meetings

June :

SCC Street lights reduced lighting hours; Knettishall; Caretaker's report plus concern on residents' hedges growing over footways; councillors' training & budget monitoring report; planning.

July:

Permissive path changes; Schools review; Anti social behaviour; Go ahead on extra bollards on B1111; dog proofing play area; marking out of football pitch on Cricket Meadow.

August:

Planning Hepworth Road corner; B1111 speeding and possible new sign; damaged tree on Millfield; replacement street light over B1111; Affordable Housing possible sites meeting; play area signage; Mill Road flooding.

September:

Young peoples' recreation facilities; Mill Road safety; fly tipping; Bardwell Road ; Church clock possible electrification; 2 tier schools future.

October:

Completion of external audit; consideration of 2012-13 draft budget; Mill Road safety; B1111 speeding; permissive path update (Coney Weston Rd path definitely closed); caretakers report.