**Great and Little Barugh Parish Newsletter April 2016**

Welcome to The Barughs newsletter. Your Parish Council would like to update you on any recent news and would love to hear your opinions on issues and upcoming projects and events

**Your Councillors**

* Sarah Houlston, Chair
* Karen Garrett, Vice Chair and Acting Parish Clerk
* Peter Milner, Councillor
* Richard Metcalfe, Councillor
* Duncan Collinson, Councillor

**Website & Newsletters**

As of April 2015 the Government implemented the ‘Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities’ which has heavily impacted on Parish and Town Councils. The new legislation requires that all Parish Councils comply with the contents of the Transparency Code in this digital age. As a result of this our new website is currently under construction and should be online in a couple of weeks. All Parish Information, notices of meetings, newsletters etc will be put on the website. There will be residents who have no emails/internet access and we will deliver newsletter copies to your addresses. Notices/information will still be provided on the notice boards.

Email database – it would be really helpful if you could email karen@brawbygrange.com to be added to the newsletter distribution list. You will be notified of meetings and forthcoming events by email. Unfortunately we don’t have the time to hand deliver leaflets to every household so your assistance in supplying an email address would be helpful.

Photographs – we would love some photos of the villages to use for the website, preferably in colour or any historical black and white ones. It would be fantastic if you could email any ideas for names or copies of photographs you may have to Karen Garrett or give her a call on 01653 668245.

If you wish to advertise events or local services you will be able to do so on the website.

**HRH Queen Elizabeth II Birthday Celebrations**

Her Majesty’s 90th birthday weekend falls on the 11th/12th June this year and like the Jubilee, we would like to have a super community event to celebrate this on the 12th June. We do, however, need volunteers to help organise it. We hope to have a meeting with volunteers soon, please can anyone interested get in touch ASAP.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

There have been a number of burglaries and break ins recently in surrounding villages so we would remind residents to be vigilant. There has also been reports of scam telephone calls coming from supposedly local looking numbers with ‘01653’ or ‘01751’ codes but the numbers starting with 48. These have been from companies claiming people have no registered electricity meter, selling credit card machines and also accident claims. There has also been a spate of telephone calls claiming to be from banks and asking for card details.

Please also be aware of a number of online scams with emails claiming to be from Banks and HMRC for tax rebates and if you know any people who may be vulnerable to such scams please make them aware that they are not real.

Many people are signed up to the Neighbourhood Watch email scheme but if you aren’t and wish to be, contact Peter French our local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for further details. PeterRFrench@aol.com.

**Speeding Issues**

It will soon be time for our Annual Parish Meeting (date to be confirmed) and as speeding is still a real concern we will be organising a talk by a professional on the subject to try and find ways of tackling the problem. There was an article in the Gazette and Herald (30/03/16) regarding Community Speed Watch which has been piloted last year. Further information can be found at [www.northyorkshire.police.uk/reportspeeding](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/reportspeeding). It would be interesting to hear resident’s thoughts on it.

**British Geological Survey**

We have been asked by The British Geological Survey to inform residents of a drop-in event they are holding at Kirby Misperton Village Hall on Tuesday April 19th, between 3pm and 7pm. This is with regards to Environmental Baseline Monitoring across the Vale of Pickering.

**And Finally……………!**

Your views are very important to us, if you have any other comments/issues you would like to raise please feel free to email/write to Karen.

Remember, if you wish to be added to the newsletter email list please email karen@brawbygrange.com with your details. Anyone without email, please can you call Karen who will add you to the leaflet list on 01653 668245.

***Karen Garrett***

***On behalf of Great and Little Barugh PC.***

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