

BACK & 4th DIAL-A-RIDE

Back & 4th Dial-a-Ride is a minibus service for people of any age living in the rural areas of Rugby Borough. It is available to you if you:

- Have a genuine need for local transport
- Cannot access public transport due to mobility or other issues
- Live in an isolated rural area with infrequent or no public transport

Where does it go:

Back & 4th Dial-a-Ride can be used to access all sorts of activities in Rugby town area such as visiting friends, attending social groups, leisure activities or shopping.

- The service will operate between 10am and 2-30pm on Tuesdays
- All travel must be pre-booked in advance
- It is a door to door service and reasonable assistance will be given by the driver with the total cost being £5-00 per person.

Interested !!! Phone **01789 842182** for more details

PARISH COUNCILLORS WANTED

We are still one Parish Councillor down, with a further Councillor stating they would step back if we received an interested party. Should you wish to join the Council and be co-opted as a Parish Councillor, please contact any of our Councillors or our Clerk, John Cook, and we will definitely respond to the request. It can be as involved as you want it to be and tailored to your availability. It is your chance to make a difference in your living environment. Thank you.

Binley Woods Parish Council Information

The Parish Council meets in the **Morrison Room, Binley Woods Village Hall** at **7.30pm**. Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, but this may vary.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. There is an item at the start of each meeting for members of the public to raise concerns and ask questions.

Meetings are advertised on the Parish Council noticeboards around the village. Previous Minutes are available at www.binleywoods.org or by written request to the Clerk.

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BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL

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OPENING

Half way through the first year and we are making small steps in our discussions with parties involved in the major changes we could see around Binley Woods. It was nice this month to see a large number of residents at the 'Earl Craven' meeting and putting their views about the proposed flyover at TGI Island. We have been locked in discussions with Highways England (whenever we are allowed) and it is great that residents consolidated what we had been requesting. There is still a long way to go, but please remember that we are acting on your behalf, and your extra support goes a long way in giving us the upper hand. Thank you for your support when it was needed.

CARERS CAFE

This is now up and running every last Friday in each month, from 10am until 12 noon. We have had fabulous support and people who have attended have made quite a few contacts, and more importantly, good friends. Although this was aimed at people living with dementia, we have found it to be of great benefit to anybody who feels the need to come along. It is what it says, a café, which people can drop in as they please. Even if you miss the bus, we can provide warmth and a nice cuppa until the next one comes along. Everybody will be made welcome.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Again in this newsletter I would like to draw your attention to the Binley Woods School Lottery which was launched in September of this year. It won't make you a millionaire if you win, but the benefits to the school and more importantly the children are invaluable.

Entering is easy and you could stand a chance of winning the £25,000 prize. Also, every week somebody supporting our school will win one of the smaller prizes.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/binley-woods-primary-school> is the website although if you google 'Binley Woods School Lottery' it will take you straight to the web page.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

The main reason of this newsletter is to keep you informed of the Good Neighbour Scheme which we are having talks about. We have had a great response to the survey with 28 people volunteering to help and assist across the 10 tasks we identified. The next stage is now an informal meeting with these people (and any new volunteers if you would like to just turn up) to tell them how we see the scheme working. This meeting will be a 'drop-in' from 5-30pm until 8-00pm and is on Tuesday 12th November 2019 in the Morrison Room at the Village Hall. Members of Warwickshire County Council will be in attendance to give advice and guidance, but as the Scheme develops it will be our residents and volunteers who will run it and be making all the decisions.

In addition to volunteers who have offered to help with tasks we would like to find some people who would be willing to act as coordinators, i.e. take requests for help and find someone who has volunteered for that task. As the Scheme will be run by a separate Steering Group, with support from the Parish Council, we would also like to hear from anyone who would be interested in being on this. More information on what both of these additional roles would involve will be available at the drop in. Our aim at present is to give out as much information as we can in order to get things off the ground and running. Once started, we will be working with authorities in order to put all the statutory regulations in place. Although the Scheme will be run as informally as possible there are some things that we have to be aware of, for example GDPR, and more information on this will be available on the 12 November. Although it sounds simple, we are bound to have a few hiccups along the way. We are however, the first Village in Warwickshire to take up the option, and are the Guinea-Pigs for further roll outs. There are schemes up and running in Northamptonshire and we are hoping to visit them at a later date to get some first hand advice. We just need now to get started, and ensure we are up and running. Finally, there will be more volunteer forms at the meeting, but if you would like to put your name forward before, please ring or come and see me and I will definitely enrol you in what will turn out to be an excellent scheme for all our residents.

TGI ISLAND / FLYOVER

After we put in our objections to the proposals from the upgrade of TGI junction, The Highways England have been pushing for meetings with the Parish Council. At the first meeting we listened intensely to what they were saying, and we were very relieved that the scheme now incorporates some barriers along the raised section. At least now they have agreed that increased noise should be addressed. At present we have still raised objections as these barriers are approx. 1,2 metres tall and are made of thick gauge aluminium. Although this will deflect some of the increased noise under and close to the flyover, we think it will act as an echo chamber, which will create increased noise for residents further away. Highways England did reluctantly agree that residents in the centre and far end of Binley Woods would experience an increase but said this would be within the accepted levels. We have requested that there should be some sort of noise absorbent material incorporated within the panels to ensure that there is no higher increase to what we experience today. Even this on a summers afternoon with windows open, is unacceptable at times. Watch this space.

SHERWOOD FARM

The update we can provide for Sherwood Farm is that the development has been rejected on both the environmental and layout grounds. This we think, has made the architects go back to the drawing board to see what changes they can make to ensure the site is acceptable. The environmental problems are due to the site having a 'soak away' pond on the rear of the site. This takes any surface water from within the area and stops the site flooding. Part of the scheme was to build either very close or over this area which would negate the effectiveness of the pond. The layout was also snagged up by Warwickshire County Council Highways. It seems that residential drives were too close to each other making access dangerous. There were also too many straight stretches of road which would lead to increase speed within the site. These were the main points, although there were a few minor details which also require redress by the developers. It has now gone very quiet and we can only suspect that there will be a revamp of the planned area at some stage.

DOG FOUL

Once again the Parish Council has received numerous complaints about dog foul, both in the Recreation Ground and all around the village. The ironic thing is that most of the complainants are from dog walkers. This shows that even they are disgusted in the attitude of their colleagues. Walk around the streets and there are not just 'little messages' but in some instances, great big parcels. In the Recreation Ground it is even worse. We were called to attend the children's play equipment where there were 5 large deposits around the play equipment and two within the gated area. This is a disgrace. If these children were smashing bottles and leaving the glass about to cut the dog's paws, there would be an outcry. Please, please either PICK UP, or report anybody who is not picking up. A photo of the dog and owner on your mobile phone would be brilliant. For safety reasons, we need to get this stopped rather than have a child suffer extreme illness. We do not want to ban dogs from the park, but it could come to it if we get a serious incident of illness to a child.

SCHOOL FENCE

Binley Woods Primary School has finally had the old wooden fence replaced with a 6 foot metal fencing. Although we were not part of the process, we agreed that something needed doing. The fence now opens up the view of the school grounds whilst being completely safe for our children. I know there were some people who thought it was OTT, but everybody has now got used to it. I think we would all like to see more teachers and books within the school, but we shouldn't forget that the safety of children is paramount. It was an investment for the future of the school by Warwickshire County Council and we thank them for it.

COMMUNITY ALERTS

We have within the village a scheme which keeps residents informed about anything that is going on, If you wish to receive these notices by e-mail, please contact Councillor Steve Roberts at stever2000@sky.com who will include you in the circulation list.