

BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL

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Binley Woods Village Map

To celebrate the village's 50th birthday, the Parish Council's 80th birthday and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Parish Council is commissioning a local artist to paint a 'village map' showing key landmarks from past and present Binley Woods' life. It is hoped that the map will be displayed in the Village Hall for all residents to enjoy.

Binley Woods Parish Council

warmly invites you to

THE INDOOR STREET PARTY

to celebrate the

Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

to be held on

Sunday, 3rd June 2012

at

Binley Woods Village Hall

from

4.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Dress code: royal / regal fancy dress (children and adults)

Children's competition for the best dressed royal

Please provide your own picnic & drinks

Jelly, cake, hot drinks & entertainment will be provided

Admission free, but strictly by ticket only

For tickets or further information, please contact **Pat Docker**

on **02476 543786** or **Kath Salisbury** on **02476 542340**

The New Youth Club is Up and Running

Binley Woods Community Youth Club opened its doors this week with over 20 young people attending on Tuesday and Thursday. Both youth workers and volunteers feel that we have made a good start.

The Youth Centre was internally redecorated over the Easter holidays; our sincere thanks to the Dulux Decorator Centre for providing the paint and to B SkyB staff for putting it on as part of their community contributions. This has significantly improved the environment for both the Youth Club and 'Fun for Kids'.

We are still sorting out the details of the lease with the County Council, but the Management Committee has been allowed to get on with things while the lawyers finalise the agreement.

We could do with more volunteers (especially men, but more women too) to make sure we can share the work with the young people. If you are interested please contact Shân Dobinson on 07799 668800 (e-mail shan@trinitytraining.co.uk). You will have the opportunity for training to help in this work.

The Management Committee are also interested in hearing from electricians and plumbers in the village who would like to be the first point of contact for any relevant work in the Youth Centre. We are also looking for someone to clean the Youth Centre on the mornings after the youth club meets. If you are interested, please contact Roger Manning on 02476 544548 (e-mail r.m@iname.com).

Mobile Library Service

The new mobile library service started at the beginning of April. The library van visits the village on Wednesday afternoons, stopping at the former library site on the corner of Monks Road and Birchwood Road between 2.00pm and 3.25pm and near the shops on the corner of Woodlands Road and Craven Avenue between 3.30pm and 5.00pm.

After a slow start, which coincided with the school holidays and the rather cold and very wet weather that we experienced during the early part of April, visitor numbers at the mobile library have now started to pick up. Let's hope that this trend continues and that residents make full use of the new library service.

Former Library Site

The library site on the corner of Monks Road and Birchwood Road has been declared 'surplus to requirements' by Warwickshire County Council and they are looking for a suitable community organisation to either purchase the land and building, or possibly to lease it. Hence the 'for sale' board at the library site.

The Parish Council is seriously considering purchasing the building as a community asset that could be put to a variety of uses for the benefit of residents and to that end have applied for grant funding to help raise the purchase price. If any community groups or organisations are interested in making use of the library building, or are considering putting forward their own bid for the site, please contact the Parish Council Chairman, Paul Salisbury, on 02476 542340. A combined bid is far more likely to achieve grant funding and will be much more beneficial for the community as a whole than a series of disjointed bids from across the village.

Binley Woods Open Gardens, Sunday 24th June

As you are aware from the last Parish Council newsletter, Sunday, 24th June is the fourth Binley Woods Open Gardens event. Plans are well ahead to make sure it is a fabulous day and one which hopefully will have something of interest for everyone.

Although there are plenty of people who are looking forward to opening their gardens on the day, it is still not too late to join in and share yours. The whole experience is very rewarding and enjoyable, with all the proceeds going to the Coventry Myton Hospice, an organisation which will have touched many families in the village. Also, for the first time this year, we are delighted to welcome the pupils of Binley Woods Primary School who will be showing people around their gardens and another firm favourite is the Friends of Brandon Woods' woodland walk. Tickets / maps will be available on the day from the school lay-by, the village hall, the Woodlands Road shops and the former library site, and will cost £3 per person.

There will be a wonderful selection of things to buy; from cream teas, beer & wine, ice creams, plants, hanging baskets and allotment produce to jewellery and handicrafts. We will have live saxophone music, the Earlsdon Morris Men and even vintage cars to transport you around the village. There will be a plant stall in the park and we would welcome any donations of plants on the day.

For those of you not able to open up your garden, Mary Brown is sponsoring a competition for the best Jubilee-themed flower tub or front garden. The winner will be presented with a cup on the day. Please ring Mary on 02476 542110 to enter.

The gardens are open from noon until 6.00pm, so please come along and enjoy this brilliant day. For further information on how you can get involved, please call Lynne on 02476 543481 or Kath on 02476 542340.

Skateboard Park Update

A decision on the £25,000 grant towards the cost of the skateboard park in the back field is due at the end of the month. Hopefully, it will be good news and we will be able to get construction under way.

Binley Woods Parish Plan

The Parish Plan is progressing well and it was great to see so many residents at the Open Day at the end of March. We would also like to thank everyone who completed their housing needs survey questionnaire. The team will be publishing a Parish Plan newsletter once the full results of the housing needs survey have been received.

Beware of Bin Raiders

It has been brought to our attention that some residents have noticed people rifling through refuse bins, especially the recycling bins. No doubt, they are hunting for information on residents that may help them to commit 'identity theft', that is they steal your name and other personal / financial information and use it to commit fraudulent transactions. Always shred any documents that contain personal and financial information, especially items such as bank and credit card statements. And if you see any suspicious activity around your or your neighbour's bins, please contact the police immediately.

Councillor Ken Crawley / Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Unfortunately, Ken Crawley has moved away from the village and has resigned from the Parish Council. We would like to thank Ken for his contribution over the past twelve months and send him our best wishes for the future.

Following Ken's resignation, we have a vacancy for a parish councillor. If you are interested in co-opting onto the Parish Council and would like further information, please contact the Clerk of the Council, John Cook, on 01788 521046 or by e-mail to binwoodspc@aol.com, or the Chairman of the Parish Council, Paul Salisbury, on 02476 542340 or by e-mail to psalisbury_bwpc@btinternet.com.

Vacancy for Parish Handyman

Our current village handyman, Brian Jeffrey, is standing down due to poor health. We would like to thank Brian for many years loyal service to the community and wish him well for the future.

We therefore have a vacancy for a Parish Handyman. Duties include litter picking around the shops in Woodlands Road, the recreation ground, village green, grass verges and other public open spaces, and also light DIY and gardening jobs around the village. There are no set hours per week; the number of hours will depend upon the amount of work to be done. The pay is the adult minimum wage and expenses as incurred. If you are interested, or for further information, please contact the Parish Council Chairman, Paul Salisbury, on 02476 542340.

Faulty Street Lamps

If you notice a street lamp in the village that is not working, or one that has been damaged in some way, please make a note of the number on the lamppost and the name of the road and send the details by e-mail to the Clerk of the Council, John Cook, at binwoodspc@aol.com, or telephone John on 01788 521046.

Binley Woods Parish Council Information

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

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. There is a standing agenda item at the start of each meeting where members of the public can raise concerns and ask questions.

Meetings are advertised on the Parish Council noticeboards around the village. Minutes of previous meetings are available on our website (www.binleywoods.org) and by written request to the Clerk.

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