

DO WE NEED OUR LIBRARY OR YOUTH CLUB?

Binley Woods Library

There is a strong possibility that we will lose our library as part of the cuts being proposed by Warwickshire County Council. Do we need a library? Would some form of alternative library provision be acceptable? If we lose the library, what should happen to the site and the building?

Binley Woods Youth Club

Warwickshire County Council has announced cuts of £3.6m to their youth service. What does this mean for our Youth Club? Will we need to rely on volunteers to run it? Will the building still be available?

IF YOU CARE ABOUT THE LIBRARY OR THE YOUTH CLUB, YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT...

Come along and make your views known to our local County Councillor and Council officials at the

Earl Craven Community Forum

on

Thursday 10 March 2011

starting at

7pm (drop-in), 7.30pm (forum)

in

Binley Woods Village Hall

As their leaflet states:

THE COMMUNITY FORUM GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN AND KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

If you would like further information on any of the issues covered in this leaflet, please contact the Parish Council Chairman, Paul Salisbury, on 02476 542340, or the Clerk to the Council, John Cook, on 01788 521046, e-mail binwoodspc@aol.com, address 41 Frobisher Road, Bilton, Rugby, CV22 7HU.

BINLEY WOODS PARISH COUNCIL



WE NEED MORE PARISH COUNCILLORS

Parish council elections are due to take place on **Thursday, 5th May**.

WHY NOT BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Binley Woods Parish Council has an overall responsibility for the wellbeing of the local community. Our work falls into three main categories:

- Representing the local community
- Delivering services to meet very local needs
- Working to improve quality of life in the village

The Parish Council has been operating for some time with only 9 councillors (our full quota is 10) and with one of our councillors standing down at the end of the current term, come May we will be 2 councillors short.

UNLESS RESIDENTS PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD, THERE WILL NOT BE AN ELECTION AND THE PARISH COUNCIL MAY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CO-OPT NON ELECTED MEMBERS

As a Parish Councillor you will be involved in:

- **Decision making** - Councillors decide which activities to support, where council tax money should be spent, and what services should be delivered.
- **Getting involved locally** - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards the residents and local organisations.

Anyone can stand as a candidate for the Parish Council, provided:

- You are aged over 18; and
- You are a British, Commonwealth or Euronational Citizen who is a registered elector; and
- You have been a resident of Binley Woods or have occupied land or premises in Binley Woods, or within 3 miles of the boundary, for 12 months; or
- You have had a principal place of work in Binley Woods, or within 3 miles of the boundary.

THE PARISH COUNCIL IS THE BEST CHANCE OF HAVING A LOCAL VOICE AND TO EXPRESS A LOCAL VIEW TO THOSE WHO HAVE INFLUENCE OVER YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

For further details or to receive a nomination paper, please contact the Clerk, John Cook, on 01788 521046 (this is also a fax number).

Completed nomination papers must be sent to the Returning Officer at Rugby Borough Council by no later than noon on **4th April 2011**.

WE NEED A PARISH PLAN

Do you want improved facilities in the village / more social or affordable housing / more or less back-garden development / a greener environment / a better quality of life?

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE THE VILLAGE YOUR VILLAGE?

Under the government's Big Society initiative, local communities will be empowered to determine their own destinies in key areas such as residential planning, commercial planning and local service provision. Many of the surrounding villages in Rugby District already have Parish Plans that shape the way that their villages develop and improve. They are well-placed to take full advantage of the Big Society when it is rolled out.

BINLEY WOODS IS MISSING OUT!

We do not have a Parish Plan to provide a framework for the future. We do not know what we want as a community and so cannot possibly take even the first steps along the road to achieving it.

Do we want better facilities for our children? Better facilities for the less well off? Better facilities for our families? Better facilities for the less able-bodied? Better facilities for our teenagers? Better facilities for the elderly? Do we need the library, recreation ground, allotments or a village green? Exactly what do we want and when do we want it?

WE NEED A PARISH PLAN...

The Parish Council is keen to develop a Parish Plan for Binley Woods. Whilst this initiative will be led by members of the Council, we need **ALL** sections of the community to be involved: voluntary, commercial, groups / clubs / societies and individuals. The more of us that are involved, the better the Parish Plan we will produce.

CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME TO HELP?

Do you belong to a club, group or society in the village and could represent that organisation?

As a first step we need to establish a Steering Group that represents all sections of village life. Why not join?

If you are interested in joining the Steering Group, or getting involved in other aspects of this exciting project for the village, please contact Council Chairman Paul Salisbury on 02476 542340, or Councillor Ken Short on 02476 540422 or the Clerk, John Cook, on 01788 521046.