In our first Newsletter of the New Year, I’d like to set out the Parish Council priorities - 3 simple themes under which we will link our activities. It is 6 years since we published the Brinsworth Parish Plan and as we review progress, these 3 key themes emerge again:

ACTIVITY - developing the range, frequency and availability of activities for all.

It is often heard “there’s not enough to do in Brinsworth” so I am pleased to report about a couple of partnerships we’ve struck up to increase what’s on offer. Firstly with ‘Active Regen’ who bring sport and physical activity to all generations and also with ‘Aughton Early Years’ who provide Brinsworth with events and activities for families with kids aged 0-5.

We will continue to host the Fete, Firework Display, Remembrance Service and the clutch of events in the run up to Christmas like the Children’s Party and Carol Service. We’ll also continue to run classes and activities in the Community Hall.

Speaking of which, this year will hopefully see the new Resource Centre built and this exciting and flexible space will give us much more scope to run a wider variety of activities. It is a big investment - though it will be a fantastic hub for people to meet and get involved in all manner of things.

COMMUNITY - promoting a respectful and considerate approach from all.

We want Brinsworth to be a place where people are considerate of other people’s needs as well as their own. Often we hear about things where that doesn’t happen and that ‘anti-social behaviour’ takes many forms. Sometimes it’s the kids with vandalism, noise, verbal and physical abuse - sometimes it’s the adults revving car engines, ...

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Every year the residents of Brinsworth are invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly and this year is no exception.

Community Hall Committee Room
18th May 2017 - 6.00pm

Members of the Parish Council will be present and it is an opportunity for community issues to be raised and discussed. There is no restriction on who can attend and whilst instant solutions to concerns or problems cannot be promised, any matters can be brought to the attention of the Councillors for consideration and relevant action.

Remember this is your opportunity to air your views on local issues - DON’T MISS IT!

Residents are also welcome to our regular meetings. There is a period of 20 minutes at the start of each meeting when public participation is encouraged, so if you would like to come along here are the dates of the next few starting at 6.30pm:

- 16th March Ordinary Meeting
- 23rd March Finance Meeting
- 20th April Ordinary Meeting
- 27th April Finance Meeting
- 18th May Annual Assembly (6.00pm) / Annual Meeting of the Council (6.30pm) & Ordinary Meeting (7.00pm)
- 25th May Finance Meeting
- 15th June Ordinary Meeting
- 22nd June Finance Meeting

These are held in the Fred Wright Room in the Community Hall on Brinsworth Lane

We hope to see you there, remember this is your community!
In coming weeks we will be taking part in more cook and eat sessions following a collaboration with Fareshare and the local Tesco Express, and also have a planned visit with the Barnardo’s outreach looking at personal safety whilst out and about and online.

If you think your child may be interested in joining please feel free to pop along to a session and have a look around and talk with staff about the activities offered. If you would like to sign your child up please come to the sessions to complete a membership form and your child can start right away. We look forward to meeting you and your child. Why don’t they also bring a friend?

In short, we’ll do all we can to make Brinsworth an ACE place to live that looks good, feels good and where there’s plenty of things to do.

It’s timely to remind you that the Parish Council funding for all we deliver comes mainly from the Precept you pay with your Council Tax. For the year 2017/18, a ‘Band B’ property (by far the most common in Brinsworth) will pay £87.46 a year - a rise of just 22p a week. Whilst any rise is not something we take lightly, we know that with all the above and more on our agenda this year - especially the new Resource Centre - it will be put to good use to make Brinsworth the ACE place we all want it to be. And this is where you have a critical role to play.

‘Doing things right’ and ‘Doing the right things’ can lead to very different places. As a Parish Council, we desperately want to do the right things and I know that you have ideas, requests and suggestions to help us do that. SO PLEASE LET US HAVE THEM. It is critical for us all to grow the level of interaction between the Parish Council and the Community so we can all do the right things more of the time.

So if you have anything you think we can help with, improve, tackle, raise, share, stop, start or continue doing, please get in touch.

Call us, e-mail us, Facebook Message us, pop into the office or even come to a meeting. We’ll also find ways to share good news stories showing how we can all do the right things more of the time.

We can’t promise to do everything about everything. What we can promise though is to do whatever we can about the 3 things that we believe matter most ACTIVITY, CULTURE & ENVIRONMENT in Brinsworth.

Together - let’s ACE it this year…..

Alan Buckley
Chairman

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**BLUEBELL WOOD COLLECTIONS**

The Bluebell Wood Children’s Hospice collection vans call into the Community Hall car park once a month to collect bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, bric-a-brac etc. It’s nice to have a clear out every now and again and we all feel a bit better for giving to charity. But just how much better should we be feeling?

In 2016, the Community Hall collections led to 2029 bags of ‘stuff’ being donated by the kind people of Brinsworth and surrounding area. That sounds like a lot of bags - and indeed it is. But what does that translate to for the Charity and more importantly, what could that do for the children? Here’s an indication of the difference it makes.

Bluebell Wood work on each bag of ‘stuff’ raising on average £15 through their outlet shops. Multiply that by 2029 bags and you arrive at £30,435...CORRECT - THAT’S THIRTY GRAND just from the ‘stuff’ donated last year. It’s up to the charity to use that £30k for things that really make a difference to the children - that £30k would pay for:-

- £45 pays for a session of nursing care for a child at home = over 650 sessions
- £30 pays for a music therapy session for a child, allowing them to express themselves through music = over 1000 sessions
- £500 pays for nursing care for 24 hours = over 1400 hours of nursing care
- £15,000 supports one Bluebell Wood family at home & in the hospice for a full year, including the poorly child, their siblings, parents and carers = 2 families supported.

Next time you’re looking for something to wear and you spot all the stuff you don’t want or need any more, please bag it up and bring it down to the Community Hall on Brinsworth Lane on the dates opposite. It can directly and positively affect the lives of the very poorly children that Bluebell Wood support. Heaven forbid that reading this you will ever need to draw on what Bluebell Wood has to offer - yet inevitably someone reading this will already have had to and none of us know what the future holds. People who have had to use the service of any hospice often say ‘you can never pay them back’ - so instead, let’s look to ‘pay it forward’.

Brinsworth is a community full of children, families and good people. Let’s Bag-It Up for Bluebell Wood !!
Dear Resident

Thank you for taking the time to contact us - I know your letter sums up the feeling of every (well, the vast majority) of Brinsworth residents.

Hopefully the ‘Shizzle’ article shows that we’re as keen to eradicate this disgusting problem and outlines the measures being put in place to help. We’re trying to educate people, remind them about using bins, create positive peer-pressure and ultimately catch the offenders if they continue to break the law - which is exactly what they are doing. Committing an offence.

Rest assured, the Parish Councillors do walk the same streets as you (whether they’re dog owners or not) and one of them has taken this matter on as a project to try and get all dog owners to be responsible for their dog’s ‘shizzle’. You raise a great point about surveillance and this is where the Dog Warden and unmarked patrols come in - we’re even considering the use of CCTV to help. That said, everyone has the power to become part of the surveillance solution and this is the focus of the “We’re Watching You” campaign. The ‘shizzlers’ can be very effective. If you have anything to say or add to this story, want to pass on details of any offenders or indeed report any ‘hot-spots’ to the Parish Council, please call us on 01709 364199 or e-mail us at brinsworthpc@hotmail.co.uk

Darren

SHIZZLE WARS - THE SAGA CONTINUES ...

There are similarities between the challenges we have with dog-shizzle and the struggle between the Light & Dark sides of The Force.

I’m not likening the Parish Council and good citizens to the Jedi in their battle to overcome the Sith. Yet it is clear that some people refuse to join the Light side and pick up their own dog’s shizzle!!

Every week we hear about the thoughtless few who leave others to put their foot in it! And no doubt that some thoughtless few believe they’re getting away with it. Well so far, maybe. But not for much longer.

Let me be clear. This isn’t aimed at the good dog owners or the non-dog owners of Brinsworth. Yet I need their help to get to the people this article IS aimed at - the thoughtless, ignorant, inconsiderate, arrogant minority who refuse to pick up after their dog.

• They are someone’s father, mother, sister, brother, grandad, grandma, son, daughter, neighbour or classmate.
• They literally remain in the Dark, sneaking out early or late to leave the pavements a shizzle-field. Do you know anyone who walks their dog when it’s dark? If so, have a word - it doesn’t mean every one of them is guilty, but some are.
• They pretend not to see. Pretend to be on the phone. Pretend to have forgotten their bags. Pretend to be decent human beings.
• They walk their dog on the Howarth Estate, on Pringle Road, on St George’s Drive, on the grass at the end of Boundary Walk.
• They let their dog run free on the playing field or Phoenix, pretend they can’t find the shizzle and leave it for the kids to play football with.
• They think they’re clever, too good to pick up their own dog’s shizzle or think that someone else should do their dirty work for them.

Harsh? Maybe. But so is tread ing in dog-shizzle. So a few facts to help:-
• Roundworm eggs, Toxocara Canis, are in dog-shizzle. They resist disinfectants and frost. Each female lays 700 eggs per day that can cause infections in the brain, nervous system, lungs, liver and eyes causing tumours, detached retinas and blindness.
• Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 failure to clean up is an offence with a maximum fine of £1,000. Local authorities can give offenders the option of a fixed penalty of up to £50 rather than going to court. Even £50 buys an awful lot of poo-bags.....
• Dog wardens and patrols with the power to issue fines have been and will continue to patrol Brinsworth. If you’re caught, there’ll be no second chance - the above fine, penalty or court appearance will happen.
• We’ve joined forces with Keep Britain Tidy’s “We’re Watching You” campaign to encourage people to bag-it and bin-it and also encourage the public to report it when they see someone not doing so.
• Dog-shizzle can go in ANY BIN - INCLUDING YOUR OWN. So the excuse of not enough dog-bins is irrelevant and won’t help when you get caught. That said, we are carrying out a check of bin numbers, placement and condition but remember - ANY BIN WILL DO. If all else fails, just carry it home. It’s not heavy and it takes 10 seconds effort to pick it up.

Kerry

Dear Sir,

I have had to finally make contact with you as I cannot bear the situation of the dog fouling on our streets and playing areas any longer.

I am a dog owner myself and take absolute pride in being a responsible dog owner who ensures wherever my dog decides to do its business I PICK UP! I have children and would hate to think that any child, or adult for that matter, would stand in my dogs mess -----why do other people not think the same???????

The streets of Brinsworth are getting worse!!! I regularly walk my dog and it seems of late you can’t walk 10 paces without coming across dog poo. I myself live on Godric Drive, and the surrounding streets are full of it - Godric Drive, Hackness Lane and Pringle Road being the worst of all - you can very easily see it’s the same dogs that are littering our streets with this mess.

Enough is Enough BPC, some drastic action needs to be taken!!!!! Signage needs to be placed around, and I have just emailed the council for pick up signs to be sprayed wherever possible. Do the local councillors actually walk the streets to see the problem? I have a feeling they don’t!!!!!!

I think Undercover surveillance is needed - I know this sounds like drastic action but that’s how strongly I feel.

From a very very unhappy and disgruntled long standing resident of Brinsworth!

Your Letters...

P4 Please send editorials, news & advertising via email to: hlh.publishing@googlemail.com or Tel: 07876 352209
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your kind hospitality when Susan and I visited the Remembrance Service on 13th November. I have jotted down some memories (see below). Susan and I have also located some images that might be useful. One is a school photo of me, another our Worzil Gummidge photo and also some of us playing in the Street (Duncan Street) and one of the Narrow Lane Victory Party held in the Church Hall at the top of Duncan Street. Also a Sunday School photo: all circa 1945 to 1952.

Some names I have either forgotten or mispelt (sorry it was a long time ago).

I have many family photos, some with Jean Thomson (nee Williams) who was a friend of my Sister.

John Charlesworth

Life in Brinsworth 1942 to 1954 - A Personal recollection by John Charlesworth

Born at home in 1942 at 52 Duncan Street in the middle of WW2 so home-made job upstairs (morning)!

Earliest recollections go back to 1944, I remember peering out of a window to see snow on the roofs opposite (57, 59). I later found out that Jean Williams (now Thomson) and David Parks lived there (across the road as we say). I remember a Bomb Shelter at the bottom of the back garden and having to be taken in it when the sirens went.

My father, Norman; mother, Edith and sister Jean always had music playing. My father played the violin and sister the piano, so we were never short of people coming round to join in. My father also played for Hadfields Steelworks Band/Orchestra as violinist and gave lessons to others.

I went to Brinsworth School (bottom of Duncan Street) at age 3 and bawled the place down. Headmistress Mrs *** was very patient. I was awkward and didn’t like having to sleep in the afternoon (at school) so had to be given special dispensation.

Lots of kids in my age group. David Parks (best friend), Ernest (Ernie) Graham who lived at 53, Roy Hoult, Eric Wright, Terence (Sticky) Stanley, sister Eunice Stanley, Derek Clarke and many more. Everybody knew one another (or it seemed) and Granny Williams was always worth a visit to be given something to drink and eat she had made herself.

Sunday School was a must (CoE) at the top of Duncan Street in the Church Hall (some went to the Methodists on Canklow Road). Plenty to do and regular Beetle Drives and Parties. After the war it also acted as a community centre.

Life could be rough! Atlas Street, Ellis Street, Duncan Street and Whitehill all had their separate groups (mainly of lads). Occasionally fighting broke out (especially Bonfire time) as the aim was to get the others wrong that they had collected for burning on November 5th. Unfortunately the Headmaster of Brinsworth School (Mr John- son) heard of this and we were all made to stand in front of everyone and be admonished.

After School we often played football on the street and occasionally the ‘Bobby’ would sneak round the back of the houses and try and catch us and confiscate the ball.

When it snowed it really wrenched, if, on a Sunday, I wanted to go sledging rather than Sunday School. However, my mother insisted I went, which was beneficial as it also affected the book prize I received each year for attendance. As well as a Community Centre there were often periods when the ‘Picture’ would run the Pictures (on a Wednesday to my recollection) for the small sum of about 9d (4p in today’s money). There were often big queues and one trick (not me) was for one to get in and then try and let others in through the toilet window. Unfortunately (or fortunately) the guy running it twigged on to this and stopped it. The methods used would probably breach H&S today but that’s how it was.

Works Weeks were always the last week in July and first week in August. Not always the best weeks weather wise. At Christmas we would search high and low through ads to get a Caravan for either or both of those weeks. My sister’s friend (Jean Williams) often came across the road (57, 59). I later found out that Jean Williams lived there (across the road as we say). I remember a Bomb Shelter at the bottom of the back garden and having to be taken in it when the sirens went.

From an early age I belonged to the Cubs. “Akela we’ll do our best, we’ll do our duty (and so on) was the chant at every meeting. The end “to do a good deed every day” also left us wondering if we were living up to this promise. At least I learned how to tie knots in the Cubs. We met in a Nissen Hut (the other side of the Bawtry Road) which was/were still in use for family living after the war until houses (and the prefab) were built to overcome the massive housing shortage. “Bob a Job” week was always special and we did lots of good deeds. In spite of widespread poverty and low wages residents of Duncan and Ellis Streets were always generous. Lots of jobs which today would be seen as dangerous and not for kids but it bred discipline. We also did jobs for the Farmers (Brightmoor’s (Benson), Barber’s (Johnny) and Harry Carr who was a Milkman).

Brinsworth Working Men’s Club (WMC) arranged a yearly trip to the seaside: Skegness, Mablethorpe and Cleethorpes were popular destinations. It was the only night of the year kids my age were allowed into the WMC whilst waiting for the coach that the adults travelled on to return (as they always stopped at a local pub - Caenby Corner). Big thrill at that age.

Once my time was up at Cubs, I joined the Scouts but didn’t last five minutes. My sister was in the Girl Guides and my Aunt Ada was a Commander in the Girl Guides. She lived on Bonet Lane and my cousins Maureen and Christine were also Girl Guides before my sister joined.
The Parish Council has donated £1,500 to the Friends of St George’s Churchyard in order to complete the improvement work round the War Memorial. A path will be laid from the existing paved area and an information board will be installed.

Planning permission has been granted for the use of the old Excel Logistics site as a container depot. Conditions have been attached including a limit on number of journeys (25 in and 25 out per day) and a limit on the hours of operation (6.00 am to 10.00 pm weekdays and 8.00 am to 4.00 pm at weekends and bank holidays).

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GOOD COMPANIONS GROUP

Single, female or male or married couples, in fact anybody, may join.

Held in the Community Hall on Friday mornings 10 am to 12 noon. The group was set up with the help of Age UK Rotherham to help people who are lonely, not confident in talking to other people, or perhaps have lost their partner and now live alone. From about 6 people who started the group we now have approximately 25 people regularly attending weekly.

We have various games that we have purchased. Triominoes (3 sided dominoes), Rumikub a game similar to card Rummy but with tiles instead of cards. If you feel more energetic there is Kurling, Boccia - a game using bowls of different colours aiming for a target, table football, badminton, magnetic darts, and other different games. We sometimes have a quiz or game of bingo. We also have a raffle each week, with a small prize, and charge 50p ticket to help with funds. We also have tea/coffee and biscuits.

The first week is free and then it is £2.00 each session to help with costs of hire of the Community Hall. So if you come along for the first week and meet us all, you will have taken the first step in making new friends and not feeling so lonely.

Please call in, we are all very friendly.

Friends of St. George’s Churchyard

Last year turned out to be a really good year for the group and completion of various projects including work to flowerbeds, pathways, a new bench and the hardstanding in front of the War Memorial saw the Churchyard much improved and better used.

As we begin 2017 more projects are in the pipeline which hopefully will include stepped tiers up to the War Memorial, extension of the pathway and a new bench for the top of the Churchyard.

The group worked tirelessly to raise funds and obtain grants so that improvement work can be carried out. It was therefore lovely to receive a letter from Helen Bradley acknowledging her appreciation of the ladies who open and close the gates at St George’s every day no matter what the weather. The ladies in question are Jean Hague and Andrea Banks and we owe them a big ‘thank you’.

If you are interested in getting involved or would like to make a donation contact joygregory@aol.com. The group also has a facebook page - search for Friends of St George’s Churchyard, Brinsworth.

Enjoy Your Local Bowling Green

April will soon be here and time for the bowling green to be opened ready for the new season of competitions and leisure bowling.

For those wanting to learn something new the Saturday morning training sessions will be starting where you are able to borrow bowls etc and will be given tuition in how the game of bowls is played. Only flat soled shoes are needed. Children accompanied by an adult are also able to play as we use a smaller bowl. So come on grandparents, parents and children get out in the fresh air, learn a new game, and enjoy a Saturday morning as a family.

The bowling green is open to the public from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm Monday to Friday and 9.00 am to 4.30 pm Saturday and Sunday (except when matches are being played which you are welcome to come and watch).

We also have Brinsworth Bowling Club which is always on the look out for new players. You don’t need to be an expert to join as all abilities are very welcome. It is a lovely Club to be part of and you can socialise with others whilst enjoying the warm summer sun on your back.

If you would like more information about the Club just ring Margaret on 01709 370875 or if you want to make a general enquiry about using the bowling green contact the Parish Council office.

Annual Clean Up Day

Saturday 29th April 2017
at 10.00 am - 12 noon

we would welcome any help you can give.

BRINSWORTH TOWNSWOMEN’S GUILD

2017 is our 48th year and in April we’ll have a guest afternoon with fellow guild members from Rotherham and District Federation, and a buffet meal with entertainment from vocalist Brian Dennis.

Our guild AGM is in March where committee and officers are due for re-election. Following the meeting, entertainment will be from Barnsley Photographic Society, providing show with music.

14 Brinsworth members will attend the Rotherham Federation Annual Lunch in April at Carlton Park Hotel, entertainment by musician Simeon Wood.

The National Townswomens Guild AGM is in Sheffield at the City Hall in June, ladies from all over the UK will attend. The venue changes each year and this is the first time in South Yorkshire, luckily many of our local members will be able to attend.

July - Martyn Johnson on the making of the book “Black Diamond”. November - Martyn Johnson “What’s tha been up to”.

Some meetings will include sales tables and sale of plants. Several meeting slots have yet to be filled with activities or speakers. Members afternoons prove very popular for a catch up, bingo or general knowledge quiz.

Brinsworth TG always needs new members. Why not attend as a visitor to try it, we meet the third Thursday of each month - 2pm to 4 pm at the Manor Lodge Centre, Highlow View, Brinsworth. Anyone interested would be made most welcome, further details from 01709 376250 or 01709 370875.
PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

You may be aware that the Parish Council has ventured into the world of Social Media by experimenting with a Facebook Page.

Whilst we still have a website www.brinsworthparishcouncil.gov.uk, a linked e-mail address brinsworthpc@hotmail.co.uk, a quarterly Newsletter and a Parish Office that is open 9.00am - 1.00pm Monday to Friday for people to either ring on 01709 364199 or pop in, it was felt that we needed to add Facebook to our communication tools.

As more and more news and views are shared via Facebook, we saw it as a great opportunity to do 2 main things:-

1. Quickly and efficiently share information with the Community - such as reminders about upcoming events and activities and also any messages we think the Community would benefit from that have been raised with us and potentially affect us all.

2. Give the Community another way to share their thoughts, ideas, comments, questions, requests with us quickly & easily.

In the early days of using the Page we’ve seen it add some real value and here are some examples how:-

• Prompted by a Message from a member of the Community, a post just before Christmas about car-crime in the village reached over 13,000 people within a few days.

• The Parish Council Remembrance Service and Christmas Carol Service saw an increase in attendees as a result of them being advertised in a timely way on Facebook.

• Santa’s progress was shared when he visited Brinsworth in the run up to Christmas and helped the Round Table raise over £7,200.

There’s definitely a benefit to having the Facebook Page though we do have to manage it properly if we want to avoid the issues other Pages have experienced with inappropriate, offensive or derogatory comments being added. After all, we’re using Facebook to help the whole Community tackle issues that the Community raises with us, not provide a forum to have a dig at other people or groups. To do that, our Page rules ask people who want to connect with us on Facebook to do so by PRIVATE MESSAGE and not add comments to the posts we publish - these will continue to be hidden/deleted. We know this isn’t how everyone operates their Facebook Page, yet it is how we’ve chosen to operate ours and believe me when I say that we do see attempted comments that would cause offence or upset to others.

For now at least, we’ll continue to use our Facebook Page as an on-line Noticeboard with the ability for people to connect with us using the Private Message facility. Of course, we’ll retain the other ways of connecting given above using the website, e-mail or phone. Remember also that we usually have three Parish Meetings a month to which members of the public are openly invited and welcomed warmly.

If you do want to find us on Facebook though, just search for ‘Brinsworth Parish Council’ - it’s as simple as that.

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Lately a couple of issues have received regular comment from local residents to do with the roads in Brinsworth - Speeding and Parking.

SPEEDING

Those of us who walk or drive around Brinsworth know we have a serious problem with speeding motorists - on the main roads and in the estates. Sadly, it’s often residents of the village (not those passing through) who see a straight piece of tarmac and treat it as a race track.

Before Christmas, one of the Parish Councillors spent time with our PCSO and a speed-gun to see the extent of the problem first hand. Having stood on Whitehill Lane for 1 hour, 11 motorists (that’s almost one every 5 minutes) were caught travelling above 35mph - with the worst one reaching 50mph!! Remember this is a 30mph road for a reason.

When you think about it, driving like this to get from one part of Brinsworth to another will probably save you less than 1 minute. Yet, it hugely increases your chance of having an accident – and that accident is much more likely to cause severe injury or even death. So please think on - after all it is “much better to arrive late in this life, than early in the next one”.

When you look at SPEEDING and PARKING together, it doesn’t take a genius to work out that this combination multiplies the risk of a serious accident. Add to that the poor condition of some of the roads and as people say, if something isn’t done soon, the inevitable will happen and that’s what we’re trying to prevent.

With the PCSO’s continued support, more research and observation will be undertaken and once all the data is collected, the Police will be notified so they can step in and issue fines. For everyone’s benefit then, please give a little more consideration when you’re in your car - both to how you drive it and to where you park it.

If you have a comment or suggestion to make about what could help us all manage this situation better, please do let us know by contacting the Parish Council on 01709 364199 or by e-mailing us at brinsworthpc@hotmail.co.uk.

In the meantime, we will continue to liaise with the RMBC about improving the state of the roads, the road markings and the parking.

PARKING

This continues to be a challenge and there are a number of hotspots. The ones we hear about most are:-

- Around all schools in Brinsworth
- Brinsworth Lane shops
- Brinsworth Lane - outside Sea Fresh Fish & Chips

In these areas, people ignore the road markings, pull up or park on double-yellow lines, zebra-crossing zig-zags or even the crossings themselves. People block footpaths, drives, junctions and generally cause obstructions that create additional risks for drivers and pedestrians.

We’re raising this matter not to get people into trouble or make life more difficult - but to prevent what people say is the inevitable serious accident happening. Nobody wants anybody getting seriously injured or killed because somebody wouldn’t walk 25 yards to get their chips or 100 yards to drop their kids off at school.

We know that parking in some areas is a challenge. That said, everyone knows there is safe, free and legal parking within a short walk of all the areas above. So if you need to stretch your legs for 30 seconds more than you were planning, is it really worth a ticket or causing an accident? Just imagine how you’d feel if it happened to a member of your family.....
2017 BRIDAL EXPO
The Wedding Show
Sunday 14th May
10.00am - 6.00pm
Catwalk show
Canapés & bubbly on arrival

Easter Sunday
Sunday 16th April
2 courses £12 pp

Mothers Day - Sunday 26th March
Adults: 2 Courses £12 pp / 3 courses £15 pp
Children: 2 Courses £6.95 pp / 3 Courses £8.95 pp
Free Dessert for Mum

Fathers Day - Sunday 18th June
2 courses + free pint for Dad £12.00 pp & £3 dessert
Golf Treat for Dads:
Round of Golf £29 • 30 min Pro Lesson £15 • 2 Ball midweek Golf £20

Angling Season starts in April, memberships available then.

LIVE IN THE REGENCY ROOM
From 9.00pm • Free entry to all
Saturday 1st April
‘Sharleen’ - Diana Ross
and her Motown Show
Saturday 13th May
Elli Jo singing all the classics
Saturday 17th June
The Guv’nor from The Kinks
to Kings of Leon

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Harveys are proud to announce their Make-up Lounge is now open...

- Bookings now available with Chloe
  £20 full face valid until 31st August 2017
- Free make-up consultation
- Weddings - Races - Proms

Make-up artist vacancy, please contact Maria for details

- 50% Off Colours with Dana
  Valid until 22nd April 2017. Excludes Cut & Blow.
- Free Colour Consultation
- Specialists in Colour Correction
  A skin test is required 48hrs before all colour appointments.

Brilliant customer service and care... staff genuinely care about the clients and truly perfect the work they do. 100% would recommend to everyone. Thank you... Jessica

24hr Online Booking System
Book at your convenience anytime

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Table Top Sale •
Saturday 22nd April 2017

Our next Table Top Sale in the Community Hall will be on Saturday 22nd April between 10.00am and 12.30pm.

A great opportunity to sell your unwanted articles and make a few extra pounds from those things that you have had stored in the loft for years.

Tables will be charged a fee of £10 each. Applications should be made in advance to the Parish Council office. Tables are limited so it’s a ‘first come, first served’ basis.

If you want to just come and look at what’s for sale everyone’s very welcome. As they say, what’s surplus to one person has a use for somebody else.

Light refreshments will be available on the day so why not come along, you could bag a bargain!

Keeping Active

Would you like to keep active and socialise? Why not come along to our activity group.

FREE Refreshments!

Over 55’s
Monday’s 10am-12pm
Brinsworth Community Hall

Bocci • New Age Curling • Croquet • Table Tennis
Chair Aerobics • Quizes • Volleyball & Badminton with a balloon & other fun activities to suit everyone’s needs

Brinsworth Multi-Sports
An opportunity for teenagers to get active & meet new friends

Wednesday’s
6.30pm - 7.30pm MUGA
7.30pm - 8.30pm Brinsworth Community Hall

For more information:
01909 510775

Brinsworth Fete 2017
Please come along to support your community!

Sunday 2nd July
12noon - 4.00pm

Fantastic Car Show, sponsored by Europa Cars
Scruffs Dog Show • Craft Stalls • Charity Stalls
Pony Rides • Children’s Activities • Food & Refreshments

Stalls are available for hire, please call the Parish office 01709 364199 for details.

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