Barnham’s Act of Remembrance: Friday 10th November. Please gather at the School at 10:40 am. The wreath will be laid by the Chair of the Parish Council on behalf of the parish. The Poppy collection on behalf of the Royal British Legion will commence in Barnham on the 26th Oct. if you have any of the old £1 coins still hanging around, we can gratefully accept them. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. £150 from the Harvest collection at St Gregory’s, Barnham was sent to the Disaster Emergency Committee.

Barnham Fete: The fete made an excellent profit of £3,600 even though the weather wasn’t very good. A cheque will go to Barnham School, the Church & the Village Hall for £1,100 each. Thetford ATC and the Dad’s Army Museum will receive a cheque for all their help. The Fete has received cheques from Asda & Waitrose from their community funding.

Mobile Phone Reception: Barnham residents are requested to inform Alex Watson (watson_a@hotmail.com) of any experiences of poor mobile phone reception in the village. Detail including mobile network, location and signal strength (or complete lack of) will be used as evidence to inform the Parish Council’s efforts to improve communication infrastructure in the area.

Barnham Sand & Gravel Extraction: A Suffolk County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Preferred Options Consultation will take place in Barnham Village Hall on 6 November 2017 between 2pm – 8pm. The consultation will inform residents of a plan for a new quarry on the outskirts of Barnham village that will see industrial sand and gravel extraction start in 2018 for 30 years. Increased traffic (62 lorries a day), noise pollution and subsequent landfill are likely to impact the village. Questions can be directed to Graham Gunby, Senior Policy Officer: Minerals and Waste Policy, graham.gunby@suffolk.gov.uk or 01473 264807. All village residents are invited to attend.

From Amy Arnold, Headteacher: It has been a super exciting start to the new academic year at Barnham Primary School. The children were truly amazing and sang beautifully at our recent Harvest Festival; bringing a smile to the faces of the audience in the packed church.

So far this term, many of our classes have been taking their learning outside with trips and visits to various places including: Euston farm (you may have seen our learning here in the Eastern Daily Press!), Forest School in the Woods, Cambridge Mosque and Ely Cathedral.

Many of our children have recently taken part in sporting events at other schools where they have shown great enthusiasm, team work and sporting skills. It is always wonderful to hear from others how well our pupils behave and conduct themselves when they are taking part in events out in the community.

The construction of our new secure lobby is progressing very well and is scheduled to be completed by 15th December 2017. Earlier in the year, we were fortunate enough to be awarded a Tesco Bags of Help Grant, following Tesco customers voting in store for our ‘Kitchen Garden Project.’ Work is now underway to construct our raised beds, potting shed, planters, bee hotel and compost bays! Children have carried out a wildlife survey to determine the amount and types of creatures inhabiting the area before our project starts, they will carry out the same survey this time next year to compare results. We are looking forward to getting planting very soon.

From Matthew Hawthorne, Farm Manager, Euston Estate: By the time you read this update the maize harvesting will be finished. Maize yields have been very good with the farm average yield being 46 tons to the hectare (a hectare being the size of a professional football pitch; there are 2.47 acres to a hectare.)

We have currently harvested 150 acres of sugar beet to date, with yields looking reasonable at 28 tons per acre, however early sugar levels were low. The first lorry load that left the farm had the lowest sugar content I have ever known, at just 15.6%. The reason for this is that I have harvested sugar beet early to allow a perfect entry for drilling winter wheat. The constant balance is leaving sugar beet late enough to get a good result versus planting wheat on time to achieve the best yield. The latest sugar levels are up to 17.2% which is in line with predicted levels.

The shooting season is underway, 5 good shoot days have already taken place out of 56 planned days. Ideal weather for shooting is not ideal weather for farming; farming in winter enjoys high air pressure and low rainfall, whilst shooting primarily favours low air pressure. Low air pressure is typically when it rains, but when air pressure is low birds find it easier to fly resulting in a better game bird. See you in November!
Charity Christmas Cards. I will be having samples of cards from over 30 local and national charities the last week in October and first week in November. If you are interested in ordering again this year, please let me know and I will either bring them to you or you can come to my house. Delivery normally within 1 week of order. Many thanks, Olive. 36 St Martins Lane tel. 890586

Fish and Chip Van: In November a Fish and Chip van will be visiting the village of Barnham and Rymer Point on a Thursday. Fliers will be put through doors notifying times etc.

Fundraising for Dementia UK: On Sunday 19th November, I shall be running the Snetterton Race Track half marathon to raise money for Dementia UK, to help find a cure for others with dementia, in memory of my mother Sylvia, who lost her battle with dementia on 5th February this year. If you would like to sponsor me or make a donation to help raise money for Dementia UK it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation online or via text message my JustGiving links are as follows: http://www.justgiving.com/SarahAndrews-Sylvia

However, if you would prefer to pay cash I also have a sponsorship form. Please come and see me if you wish to sponsor me. (11 St. Martins Lane, Barnham.) Thank you so much for helping me to raise money to find a cure for dementia. Sarah Andrews.

Thetford Voices: Thetford Voices is once again inviting young singers from across the region to join them for a Christmas Carolling workshop on Friday 22nd December. Singers aged from 6-16 meet at 11.15 in St Peter’s Church, White Hart Street, Thetford to rehearse carols and Christmas songs before an afternoon singing in residential homes across Thetford. The day ends back in St Peter’s Church with a Christmas tea before guests join us in a concert at 6.30 for families, friends and members of the public. There is no charge for the day and we aim to make Carolling Day a special day for audiences and performers alike; do come and join us. For further information and enrolment forms (also available from schools, Thetford Library and Thetford's Great Information Centre in King's Street) email thetfordvoices@gmail.com or telephone 01842 820060

Christmas visit to Euston Woods: There are plans for two further great visits by tractor to Euston Estate Woods to enjoy mulled wine and Christmas goodies round the bonfire. This will take place on two evenings during the week beginning 11th December (dates to be confirmed) 7pm-9pm £10 towards church costs. Enquiries Sue Nutt 890409/07818670124

Coffee, Scones and Chat: Wednesday 1st November 10.30 to 12 noon hosted by Barnham WI in St Gregory's Church, Barnham. All ages welcome, please do come and join us. If you need transport please give Olive 890586 or Sue 890409 a ring.

Barnham WI: The next W.I.meeting will be on Monday November 13th at 7.15 p.m in the Village Hall. We shall be having a 'hands-on' demonstration of making Christmas Tree decorations in a variety of mediums, all materials supplied at a small charge. If you are interested, you are very welcome, £3.50 including refreshments.

Barnham Over 60's Club: Lunch at the Norfolk Terrier is on 2nd November at 12:00 for 12:30pm. Call Rose Goddard 890565. The next meeting is on 16th November at 2.15pm at the village hall.

Barnham Buzzy Bees Parents and Tots Group: 9:30 - 11:30 every Friday in term time at Barnham Village Hall. For children 0-5 and their parent / carer. £2.50 per family. Art, craft music and singing. Drink and snack included. Contact Katherine on 898518 or buzzybees@barnhamvillage.co.uk for more information.

Vinyasa Flow Yoga: Wednesdays 9.30-10.45 at Barnham Village Hall. For beginners and can be adapted for improvers or those with injuries/disabilities. Cost £7. No class during school holidays and half term. Contact Driekie 07970566282.

Oil Syndicate: Please email heating oil orders to valjohn15@hotmail.com by December 12th for pre-Christmas delivery. New customers should provide address and telephone number. John Law 01842 890592

Barnham Parish Council - please contact the clerk Mrs. Caroline Dowson with any queries. Tel. 01842 890355/ email barnhampc@btinternet.com. There is also www.barnham.onesuffolk.net, Facebook page and the notice board by the village hall.

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