THE LINK ... the local community Newsletter

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For more information about church life, please contact Rev'd Sue Nutt who lives in the village: 01842 890409, suenutt@hotmail.co.uk or Rev'd Karen Burton: 07546491388, blackbourneteam@gmail.com.
Information can also be found on the Blackbourne Team website: www.blackbourneteam.btck.co.uk

St. Gregory's, Barnham Church

2nd May

- 8am Holy Communion BCP
- 9.30 Family Service

23rd May - Pentecost

- 10am Parish Communion Barnham
- 10am Holy Communion Euston

Wednesday coffee mornings - do come along every Wednesday from 10am to chat in Barnham churchyard – please bring your own coffee. As soon as we are able to use the church facilities we hope to have a monthly coffee morning and light lunch.

Dates for diaries (further information in the June Link):

- 4th July Afternoon tea at the Belsham's house
- 8th August Afternoon tea at The Parsonage
- 5th September Afternoon tea at the Old Bakery
- 11th December Christmas Farmers Market in the church and churchyard. All the wonderful stalls you have seen before and many more including fresh Christmas wreaths, bread, vegetables, cakes, beer. All ready for Christmas 2021!

Barnham Thursday House Group – every week on Thursdays using zoom 9.30am. Contact Sue for an invite: suenutt@hotmail.co.uk

Services continue on Blackbourne Team Ministry facebook page. Should you not wish to subscribe to Facebook please enter Blackbourne Team Ministry in your browser, then enter Services and the link to the Facebook page is at the bottom of the page. You will not need to subscribe to Facebook in order to view. Any enquires to our Team Rector Revd Karen Burton on 07546491388 or Revd Sue Nutt at Barnham on 07818670124/01842 890409.

<u>Barnham Village Hall</u> – Much work has already been carried out to make the Hall 'Covid-safe' and these procedures will remain in place for the foreseeable future. If you wish to make a provisional booking for your own function when we fully reopen or if you have any enquiries about booking please call (answer machine) or text: 07931 104122. Village hall website: https://www.barnhamvillagehall.org.

As the lockdown situation eases, Barnham Village Hall are taking steps to reopen and are pleased to announce that the Barnham Indoor Bowls Club are planning to restart their regular Thursday evening games on June 10th and the Buzzy Bees Parent and Toddler Group will be restarting their Friday morning meetings on June 11th – both subject to any lockdown changes that may occur in the interim, of course. For more details of these group meetings please contact the relevant organiser whose details can be found on the hall website. More members will be welcome at both groups.

<u>Barnham Parish Council</u> - Details about the parish council (including the latest draft minutes) can be found on the notice board at the village hall and on the parish council website: www.barnham.onesuffolk.net.

The parish council continues to meet bi-monthly using "zoom". The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 4th May 2021 at 7pm and will include the annual meeting and parish meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend – the link for the zoom meeting will be included in the agenda (on the website or notice board by the village hall). Any queries, please contact the clerk, Caroline Dowson: 01842 890355/email: barnhampc@btinternet.com.

<u>Barnham Speed Watch</u> – can you help? We are looking for some more volunteers to help with the group which it is hoped will be up and running again shortly after lockdown. Please contact John Bauer for more details on 01842 890093/john.bauer@btinternet.com.

Fakenham Magna Parish Council meets bi-monthly. Fakenham Magna Parish Council meets bi-monthly. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th May, 2021 via Zoom this will be the AGM (contact Clerk for link to join in) commencing at 7:30pm. Public and Press welcome to attend. For further information on dates and times please see the Notice Board or visit the website at www.fakenhammagna.onesuffolk.net.

Church Field, Fakenham Magna is available to use by prior arrangement with Cllr. Ray Johnston, email him: fakenhammagnapc@live.co.uk

<u>Allotment Plots</u> - Allotment plots are available to rent in Barnham @ £25 p.a. To register initial interest please contact Deborah Baker at dbaker@euston-estate.co.uk or 01842 766366 Opt. 4 Mon/Tues/Fri.

Euston Farm Update from Matthew Hawthorne (Farm Manager) - After a really busy bank holiday we completed sugar beet planting for 2021. The sugar beet are now "on the ringe" which means you can pick out the rows of small plant peeping through. We now of course need some rain to help them get going properly. The vegetables are currently receiving some much needed irrigation on fleeced potatoes and also some onion fields to get them started. The farm looks full of colour and promise at the moment with hedges flowering and the wheat and barley looking a really healthy dark green. Next job that we are working on is maize planting for the AD plant in the farmyard. We have prepared 2/3s of the area and will start to drill on Monday, 19th April. Also the normal work carries on with spraying and fertilising. Spring time is also the time we cultivate all our field margins as well, this allows all our Breckland wild flowers and grasses to grow creating some really high value habitats for the environment.

<u>School News from Mrs. Amy Arnold (Head teacher)</u> - It has simply been wonderful to welcome all of our cherished pupils back to school. Our children have astounded us with how well they have settled back into the routine of school; clearly enjoying being back with their friends and embracing their learning once again. We are busy planning our Summer Term adventures, albeit with some adjustments to our 'normal' Summer activities.

This start of term has seen our Year 6 pupils develop their knowledge and understanding of adaptation, in the context of our local rural environment. Beginning with comparing similarities and differences between old and new tractors then moving on to looking at how deer have adapted their grazing behaviour around the busyness of a modern working farm. Back in the classroom pupils explored how the Suffolk Punch horse adapted to become an agricultural workhorse 300 years ago. From thicker bone density to shorter feathering at the bottom of their legs - to prevent the clay based Suffolk soil from sticking to them, children (and staff!) have been truly immersed in their learning!

We are hopeful for a calm, settled and joyous Summer Term ahead.

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| Sunflower Hearts | £4.00 | n/a | £22.00 | n/a |
| Black Sunflower | £3.00 | £12.00 | n/a | n/a |
| Mixed Seed | £2.00 | n/a | £10.00 | n/a |
| Peanuts | £5.00 | n/a | n/a | £35.00 |
| suet balls-150 @ £20 | | | | |

High quality bird seed is now available to Barnham residents. All proceeds will go towards Barnham Primary School. Here are the prices and quantities, and delivery within the village will be free of charge. Please make your order by the last day of the month by emailing jezblackburn@sky.com. Payment can be made by BACS or contactless payment on delivery.

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3rd age support service - Are you struggling with things that you used to do? Paperwork, household jobs, new technology, getting out and to appointments? Do you need an extra pair of hands? Do you have a loved one with Dementia and need respite? Do you need companionship? I'm a former Sheltered Housing Warden. DBS checked. References available. Contact Liz for a free, no obligation visit on 07956 797455. Barnham based.

<u>Our thanks</u> to Barnham and Fakenham Magna Parish Councils and Euston Parish Meeting for helping with the cost of this Newsletter. Sadly, we can only produce a short version of The Link – as the cost of printing is so high – if you know anyone that would like to advertise, please ask them to get in touch with us: email Barnham.link@gmail.com or phone Caroline on 890355.

<u>Do keep in touch</u> – if you have something for The Link just email us hand write something and we will type it up for you (just leave it with Ken Jordan, Prykes Cottage, Water Lane).