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The Flyer

Spring is round the corner... and the bulbs are pushing up fast. I should think everyone is ready for some cheerier weather, global warming notwithstanding. **Meanwhile...** we lose an hour's sleep on Sunday 29th March, when the clocks go forward and the evenings get suddenly much longer. Take care, keep healthy and keep safe!
(Ed.)

LETTERS

KEEP THE LETTERS COMING!

Dr Michael Keavney's retirement

A local family doctor of nearly 30 years at Doctors Lane Surgery, Aldbrough St John, is retiring at the end of March.

After training at Glasgow University, Dr Michael Keavney became a GP Partner at Doctors Lane on the 1st April 1998. Over the years, Dr Keavney has built up strong links to many hundreds of local families and patients, and will be greatly missed. Dr Keavney plans to spend his retirement travelling, and spending time with his family, including his first Grandchild. Dr Keavney has a strong sense of adventure, and he already has lots of mountain climbing and walking trips planned in far flung locations.

For those that would like to wish Dr Keavney well and thank him for his many years of hard work and dedication, there is a card to sign in the Patient Education Room and any contributions can be passed to any member of staff at the surgery. There will be a presentation of the card and any gifts to Dr Keavney at 1:45pm on 30th March in the waiting room. Anyone wishing to join us is more than welcome.

Anon., Newsham

Hope Moor Windfarm (again)

I do not know what arrangements villages other than Barningham have made for reporting contact with the Hope Moor wind farm developer. As a resident of Barningham I have reported factually, via letters in The Flyer, since Fred. Olsen's 'drop-in' in November and many will have read my questions and the developer's responses (contact me if you wish to receive copies). I have seen no other reports.

The developer now wishes to establish a Community Liaison Group and has contacted local parish officers to set a first meeting on Tuesday 3rd March.

I have been elected as the current Chair of Barningham Parish Meeting and have been put forward by the Parish Meeting officers to be the primary representative on the Liaison Group. I will feed back information on the proposals as they emerge and the opportunities for public representations. In particular we await confirmation of the timing of the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Request. Once this is available it may be appropriate to call a special meeting of the Parish Meeting to review this and decide the next steps. I will continue to report facts fully arising from contact with the developer.

Mike Peach, Barningham

SAVE OUR SWIFTS

It was fantastic to see a capacity audience for Tanya Hoare's excellent talk on swifts on Friday 13th – credit to her and Edmund for their determination to get here from Sedburgh with the A66 closed!

Charlotte Washbourne adds:

"More nest sites are desperately needed for these remarkable birds. Their numbers have fallen by over 60%, putting them on the UK's Red List of Birds of Conservation Concern. If you would like to help and would be interested in having a nest box or boxes please contact Charlotte 07936 136076 or Ian 07813 523083 and we can hopefully combine our efforts and make sure these birds have all the opportunities they need to thrive."

"Please pass on my thanks to Martha [McBarron] for organising the talk, I really hope we can make a difference for Swifts in Holmedale."

Ian Graystone from Barnard Castle adds:

"The price of a box is at materials cost of £20, including site visits, discussion and advice, and installation. I'm also happy to instal any swift boxes people have purchased elsewhere at no cost."

Thanks Charlotte and Ian. Over £200 was donated for Sedburgh Community Swifts and Barningham Village Hall!

Mike Peach, Barningham



THE INSIDE PAGE

SLOW WAYS WALKING ROUTES: <https://beta.slowways.org>. Also try Walking in Durham: www.walkinginengland.co.uk/durham

BARNINGHAM BINS: Mar: Wed^s; Recycling, 4 & 18; Rubbish, 11 & 25: **Garden Waste, Tue 24.**

BARNINGHAM ALLOTMENTS: contact Phil Heys on 01833 621487

BARNINGHAM MOBILE LIBRARY: Thu 12 Feb, 11:20 – 11:35am.

BARNINGHAM PARISH MEETING: contacts: Robin Brooks, Clerk (01833 621203), Mike Peach, Chair (07810 056105), Phil Hunt, Treasurer (01833 621253).

BARNINGHAM VILLAGE HALL: Ann Orton, Secretary & bookings, etc. (01833 621024 or 07980 877760)

BARNINGHAM WEBSITE: The website www.barninghamvillage.co.uk has information about everything from parish meetings to local history. Unfortunately the website is out of date and a volunteer to help would be much appreciated.

Can anyone help by taking the updating of this on?

NEWSHAM, DALTON, etc. BINS: Mar: Fri^s; Rubbish, 6 & 20; Recycling, 13 & 27.

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NEWSHAM LIBRARY in Newsham Village Hall – Open every Monday and Wednesday 10am - 4pm. A selection of books to suit everyone, so please do pop along. Happy reading!

NEWSHAM VILLAGE HALL: Hall hire enquiries contact Rose on 01833 621300.

NEWSHAM VILLAGE HALL FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS: every week – leave donations in the box inside the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 9 and 4 for the Store House in Richmond

NEWSHAM PARISH COUNCIL: Planning Applications and Notices can be found on the Parish Council website: www.newshamparishcouncil.com, village Facebook page and notice-boards.

WHORLTON WEBSITE: www.whorltonvillage.org covering the Whorlton Village Community Association & the Village Hall – also FaceBook page: Whorlton Village.

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<https://www.keepintheknow.co.uk/Alerts/A/399847>

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Thanks to John Hay for our Neighbourhood Alert updates



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 Barningham Village Hall
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- The Parish Meeting accounts
- Update on Hope Moor Windfarm proposal
- BRINEC
- The Village Green
- The Bull Acre
- Election of Officers

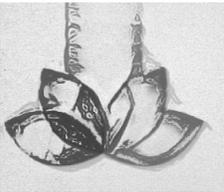
If anyone has items for the agenda, please write or e-mail by 6:00pm on Monday 20th April.
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Village Hall AGM – Tue 10 Mar, 7:00pm. Everyone welcome.

Lockey's Fish & Chips – Wed's 11 & 25 Mar, 6:50-7:20pm

Lunch Club – Thu 12 Mar at noon. For local area residents over 65, £8 per person (PLEASE NOTE INCREASED PRICE FOR 2026). Phone Maria on 07739 661917 or Helen on 07895 864845.

Ceilidh – Sat 21 Mar – see front page ad.

Wine Circle – Tue 24 Mar, 7:30pm – Fortified wines – see ad.

Strawberry Fayre – Sun 28 Jun – looking forward to Summer sun – save the date.

 [daltonandgayles Villagehall](https://www.facebook.com/daltonandgaylesvillagehall)

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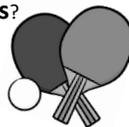
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- The Parish recently celebrated the 90th birthday of Pat Belshaw with a 'surprise party' and many friends and neighbours dropped by to wish him well.
- New pads were recently fitted to the Defibrillator, located in the telephone box. Thanks to Kathryn Guy who looks after this essential equipment.
- Despite the recent dreich weather, we're looking forward to Spring and Sally Zaranko is looking for volunteers to help with daffodil planting and other jobs around the Parish - just call her if you can help.
- A date for your diary The Annual BBQ will take place on the Village Green on Saturday 4th July - more details soon.

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Dates for your diary:

- WVCA, next meeting Wed 11 Mar, 7:00pm
- Whorlton Open Gardens, Sunday 14 Jun
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- Tue 6:30-7:30pm: Yoga
- Wed 6:30-7:30pm: Yoga For Men
- Thu 6:30-7:30pm: Yoga
- Lockey's Fish & Chips now **MONDAYS 6:30pm fortnightly.**

NEWSHAM NEWS

Carpet Bowls – everyone welcome Thu 5 Mar, 7:00pm, £3. Bar will be open. All ages welcome.

Richmondshire Library Van – calling at the Village Hall every 4 weeks, Tue^s 10:00-11:00am. Next: Tue 17 Mar. To celebrate National Village Halls Week, there will be a drop-in coffee shop in the Hall between 10 and 12 (to coincide with the library van) – find out more about local services, including exercise classes and the social prescribing team – see our Facebook page or Instagram.

Craft Group – Thu 19 Mar, 6:30pm. Beginners needle felting. £6 inc. materials. Bar will be open!

Quiz Night – Fri 20 Mar, 7:30pm. £2/person. Teams up to 6 but feel free to come on your own, we can find you a team to join! Licensed bar.

Coffee morning – Fri 27 Mar, 10:30am

Lottery – the lottery winning number for February was 5 and three lucky winners get £20 each. Next draw 4 Mar. To join contact Steve on 01833 621125.

Fashion Show – Fri 17 Apr. Complete Clothing Company – highstreet labels and boutique fashion. Goods for sale at the event. Volunteer models wanted! Further details next month.

For information on any of the above phone
 Rose 01833 621300 or Monica 01833 621125.

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