



Barnham
Parish Council

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Eastergate Parish Council



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE IN THE PARISHES OF BARNHAM & EASTERGATE!

This will be the last joint Parish newsletter prior to the merger of the two Parishes into the new Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council in May 2019. This newsletter looks at the important issues of new housing developments and the infrastructure that will be required to support this; in particular the 3000 new houses to be built largely within the new Parish. We also review the Centenary of the 1914-18 war; the improvements and plans for the two village halls and sports grounds; proposals to revamp Barnham Square; the range of clubs, societies and organisations; and forthcoming events.

We hope these are of interest and use to both our established residents and the new members of our community, and that you will let us know your views on the issues affecting the Parishes.

John Robinson
Chair Barnham PC

Winter 2018

Chris Allington
Chair Eastergate PC

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HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE PARISHES

The local plan was formally adopted by Arun District Council in July 2018. Many of us objected to it, and strongly believe that there are massive sustainability issues. The sad fact is that democracy has delivered us the strategic allocation of a new village, so we now need to plan for it. In summary here are the headline facts on how Barnham and Eastergate will grow over the next 10 to 15 years:

- In the 2011 census we had 2,066 dwellings and a population of 5,016.

- Since 2011 669 houses (32% growth) have got planning permission in Barnham and Eastergate Parishes. Most of these were granted planning on appeal because Arun District Council could not demonstrate a five-year housing land supply. It's over ten times more than the 60 we planned for the Barnham and Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan.

- The Arun Local Plan has made a 'Strategic Allocation' totalling a further 2,750 houses in Barnham and Eastergate. We will see a community consultation on this in early 2019 (possibly February) and planning applications for these developments will follow quickly. When this is all built, say 10 to 15 years, Barnham and Eastergate will become a small town of 5,485 houses. This will create a population of circa 13,300, 265% larger than we were in 2011. The northern section (road and houses) is expected to commence construction in 2020.

- In Aldingbourne and Walberton Parishes a further 818 houses have got planning in three large developments

through appeal and strategic allocation. This will add some 2,000 residents using Barnham village centre and railway station.

We have prepared a map to help you visualise this which will also be on the web-site. The Parish Council now believes that it has to focus on ensuring that both current and future residents get the additional community infrastructure delivered as the houses are built and not as an after-thought. Our current focus areas are:

- To ensure that developer contributions are spent on our villages. The list is long. More detail can be found on our web-site and the list includes green spaces; multi-modal paths; community and village halls; sports-fields; play areas; allotments etc..

- Delivering a road network to ensure that traffic passing through the villages (centres and residential areas) is calmed, controlled yet free flowing for local people. We also want good flow for residents across the new A29.

- Master-planning Barnham village centre to address regeneration, the retail offer and commuter car-parking. The owner of Barnham Square is running a public consultation on their regeneration ideas so please look at the insert in this newsletter. We want to hear your views!

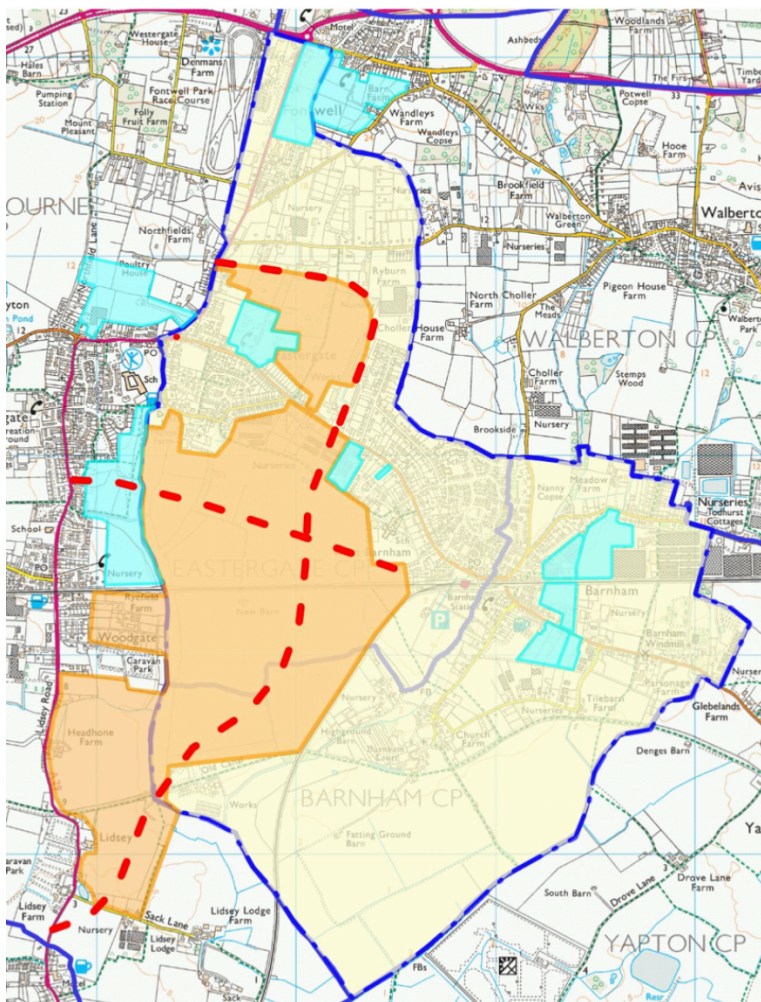
- Holding the District and County authorities to account to ensure that flooding, drainage, pollution, utilities are properly designed and that services including police, emergency services, medical, libraries etc are adequate.

• Lobbying Arun District Council to ensure that other parishes in the District pick up the 1,250 houses they have said will be allocated. We are arguing for zero given what has happened. However, we are also mindful that if Arun District Council cannot continue to demonstrate five-year land supply that we will return to property development by appeal which must not be allowed to happen. Arun District Council needs to publish clear, transparent data on how the housing numbers are made up (planning permissions, construction starts and completions) which currently they do not appear able to do. This is very worrying as we've seen what housing developers deliver without local democracy.

There is no shying away from the fact that we have a massive task in front of us. The merger of Barnham and Eastergate is designed to give us the capacity to cope but we need more councillors. **Please consider standing in April 2019 for the new Parish Council which will have 13 councillors who will receive allowances.**

Map legend:

- Blue areas – Planning permission granted for housing including those completed since 2011 and those under construction
- Orange areas – The Arun Local Plan strategic allocation.
- Red dotted – The realigned A29 and a new east/west road from Westergate to Barnham village centre.



BARNHAM & EASTERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

The old Parish boundaries, set in the 19th century and pre-dating much of the 20th Century house-building, have made little economic or political/community sense to most parishioners, many of whom indeed were doubtful about which Parish they lived in. The two Parish Councils have for many years taken a practical approach, working together on many matters such as the Neighbourhood Plan, resisting housing pressures, seeking funding for flood prevention and infrastructure, the local emergency team, policing, and representation to central and local government as well as more mundane issues (like this newsletter, litter, parking, fund-raising, defibrillators and the WW1 centenary). The recent referendum confirmed that more than 80% of our parishioners agreed with a radical review of the boundaries ; plans are now well advanced to combine the duties and resources of the two Parishes into a new 13-member Council. This will mean a better use of the limited resources, skills and volunteers on key projects and issues important to our community. There will also be an alignment of local taxes to equalise the precepts paid across the new Parish. Monthly Parish meetings will take place alternately in the two Halls, and websites will be combined.

A total of thirteen councillors will be needed, so if you are interested in standing please contact the Barnham Parish Clerk on 0756 5052617, email clerk@barnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk. Both of the present Parish websites have information on the make-up and activities of the Councils. (see contacts in directory).

BARNHAM SQUARE

There is no doubt that the past years have seen a decline in the retail offerings despite the efforts of shop-owners, in competition with out-of-town and on-line retailers. Barnham centre does have three supermarkets, a pharmacy, bakery, a barista coffee shop, a curry house, several varied gift/furniture shops, hair stylists, and several take-away outlets, and others, but long-time residents have seen the disappearance not only of all three banks, a separate post office, butchers, greengrocers, hardware shop, wine merchant, The Barnham Bridge Hotel and even a shoe shop. The owners of a large part of the central shopping centre – Barnham Square – are considering a re-development of the retail facilities that they manage. A Community Consultation will be advertised in the near future, so keep an eye out for further details so that you can have your say.

WW1 CENTENARY

On 11th November 1918, at 11 o'clock, the sound of the artillery on the Western Front faded away like a distant roll of thunder. The Great War was over. All over Britain, communities put up memorials to remember their dead; later wars added names to the monuments, plaques and statues. At the Eastergate crossroads stands the Lion War Memorial, newly cleaned and repaired by Eastergate Parish Council in time for this date, and a hundred years after the Armistice around a thousand people from Barnham, Eastergate and surrounding hamlets gathered together around the Lion for the Remembrance Service. Volunteers from both Parishes (led by Julie Allington) had put up a hundred giant poppies, lining the roads through the villages. After the service, at the nearby Eastergate Memorial Hall, members of the Hundred Choir (led by Emily Barden) performed a range of songs from that time, from Stopford's "Ave Verum" to "It's a long way to Tipperary". Around 300 people listened, and enjoyed tea and cakes under the pre-WW1 murals. The Community spirit started the evening before with the sell out performance of 'Our Local Lads' written and performed by Jean Rogers. This moving display of local talent raised over £1,400 for The Royal British Legion. More information on the names on the Lion Memorial and in the local churches may be found on the Barnham website, thanks to our local historian Sandra Lowton.



TALK TO US

Your Parish Councils would like to hear from you on a number of matters, so that they can assess how these affect you, and can make your concerns and priorities known to local & central government, local services and organisations. Specific issues that have been raised by parishioners include: parking, especially nuisance/commuter parking; policing and local crime/antisocial behaviour; dog-mess; littering; loneliness & isolation within our community; transport; potholes.

Please contact the Parish Councils through the Clerks (see Directory), or speak to a councillor (see websites), to let us have your views.

THE BARNHAM AND EASTERGATE HALLS

Both of our characterful halls have had major investments over the past year, with more facilities and improvements planned for the future.

Barnham Community Hall is a large, modern building which sits beside Murrell's Field on Yapton Road. Opened in 2013, this community building houses a large hall with a stage area, as well as several other rooms of varying sizes, a professional kitchen, two bars and a large enclosed terrace. This year, with the help of West Sussex County Council, Barnham Parish Council, Barnham Community Trust and the Co-op, we were finally able to resurface our large car park with block paving and provide some much-needed drainage. The hall is regularly used by a wide variety of local clubs, groups and societies. It is also available for private weekend hire and offers a very reasonably priced wedding package.

The building is surrounded by Murrell's Field which provides 8 acres of green parkland, a children's playground, a multi-use-games-area (MUGA), picnic tables and a trim trail with a variety of exercise stations.

The Barnham Community Trust Trustees who run the hall, are currently looking at ways to provide additional facilities and more flexible capacity in the future. In addition, the team are working on a Community Garden Project which will be located to the side of the building and will be accessible to all. The idea is to create a shared space which brings the community together and inspires people of all

Eastergate Memorial Hall - sited on the Barnham Road in Eastergate, 100 yds South of the Lion Memorial. Dating from 1908, this impressive brick-built village hall has a large main hall with stage, with beautiful murals on the walls above; a large meeting room; recently refurbished kitchen and new toilets; and the most recent investments – new stage lighting and a multimedia and audio visual sound system supplied by a grant from The Big Lottery Fund. Future improvements will be for a permanent Clerk's office, and talks are under way about a high-tech library. The Hall has gained a new lease of life in the community, with popular new events such as film nights, regular matinee film showings and Nina's Friendly Coffee Morning every Tuesday adding to the range on offer at this lively hall.

Just down the road is the Eastergate Playing Field, which currently hosts cricket, football and stoolball (a traditional Sussex ladies' game). There are a pavilion, cricket nets, and children's playground as well as acres of open space surrounded by trees for a picnic or walk. It is hoped to add further facilities to the Field, such as extending and modernising the pavilion, adding a trim-

A list of all clubs, societies and organisations currently operating in the two halls may be found on the contacts sheet within this newsletter.

Please let us know what you would like from your community buildings by visiting www.eastergate-pc.gov.uk and clicking on the link to complete an online survey.

ages and backgrounds to get involved in the planning, creation and ongoing use of the garden, in the hope that skills and knowledge can be passed between generations and new friendships formed. We have already started a fundraising initiative to support the project, and the Co-op have chosen this as one of three causes to benefit from their Local Community Fund.

Details of what's on and when, and information on how to hire the hall are available on our website www.barnhamcommunityhall.org.

Please also follow us on Facebook for the latest details of our up and coming events.



trail, Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA), and improved playground. There are car parks at both locations.

A huge thank you to the following local businesses who have supported fundraising this year: The Wilkes Head Pub, Co-Op, Tesco, SPR, Bellacapella Choir and Tim Croucher.



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Parish Councils	
Barnham & Eastergate will merge in 2019 with 13 local volunteer councillors. Councillors are elected every four years but can co-opt local residents at any time. Parish councils are funded by levying a “precept” collected with the council tax paid by the residents of the Parish. New members will be welcomed and should email the clerks for more information.	Barnham (clerk) Mrs Alison Crabb 07565 052 617 Email: clerk@barnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk www.barnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk
	Eastergate (clerk) Mr Garry Sleet 01243 586511 Email: parishclerk@eastergate-pc.gov.uk www.eastergate-pc.gov.uk
Councillors	
Cllr. Derek Whittington (West Sussex)	derek.whittington@westsussex.gov.uk
Cllr. Keith Ballard (Arun)	07771 515099 cllr.keith.ballard@arun.gov.uk
Cllr. John Charles (Arun)	07889 988612 cllr.john.charles@arun.gov.uk
Cllr. Christopher Hughes (Arun)	07479 211391 cllr.christopher.hughes@arun.gov.uk
Community Buildings	
Barnham Community Hall www.barnhamcommunityhall.org.uk	Ms Ali Tarbard – 01243 278110 bookings@barnhamcommunityhall.org
Eastergate Village Hall www.eastergatehall.org.uk	Mrs Nina-Maria McMaster – 07849 356097 nina@eastergate-pc.gov.uk
Eastergate Sports Pavilion	Mrs Nina-Maria McMaster – 07849 356097 nina@eastergate-pc.gov.uk
Community Organisations:	
WI Westergate	Mrs.J.Barugh 01243 545910
Village Friends - Good neighbour scheme for the elderly & isolated.	Mrs.E.Folman 07925 217843
Five Villages’ Community Minibus - Providing low cost transport for elderly or infirm across the 5-Villages.	Organiser Mr B.David 01243 553635
Barnham Village Emergency team – Team of local volunteers who can be called in emergencies (flood, snow, civil emergencies etc. ...)	Organiser Mr D.Phillips 0777 570 8595
BEADYS Supporter Group – fundraising for St Wilfrid’s Hospice	01243 552230
Community Coffee Morning at Barnham Community Hall – Wed 10.15am – 12pm	Kate 01243 551162
Nina’s Friendly Coffee Morning at Eastergate Village Hall – Tues 10.30am- 12.00pm	Mrs Nina-Maria McMaster – 07849 356097 nina@eastergate-pc.gov.uk
Neighbourhood Watch	gerry.reeves@googlemail.com
Organisations for young people	
Rangers, Guides, Brownies & Rainbows	See www.girlguiding.org.uk Email: girlguidingarundelwest@outlook.com
Barnham Scout Group Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Nicky Poulter gs@1stbarnhamscouts.org.uk Barnham Cub Leader - cubsbarnham@1stbarnhamscouts.org.uk Barnham Beaver Leader - beaversbarnham@1stbarnhamscouts.org.uk
Peregrine Explorer Scouts	Mr.Thewson 01243 554959
Knightstar Productions – Barnham Community Hall	www.knightstarproductions.com
Premier Education Holiday Camps	Camps.premier-education.com
Clubs & Societies	
Eastergate Players - local dramatic society.	Mr.C.Playford - 01243 542574
U3A History group - Barnham Community Hall	U3A contact - liz_stanton@btinternet.com 01243 555868
Sewing Buddies Thursdays – Barnham Community Hall	Anita Goulding barnhambuddies@gmail.com

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Craft and Chat Tuesday's 2pm-3.30pm – Eastergate Village Hall	Dawn – 07533 727728
Eastergate Parish Lunch - 3 rd Tuesday each month	Parish (Church) Office - 01243 553955
Bellacapella Choir – Eastergate Village Hall	Emily Barden 07793 553876
Short Mat Bowls – Eastergate Village Hall	Sheila Burman - 01243 822966
Bognor Regis Cycle Club –Eastergate Village Hall	Richard Miles - 01243 555202
Badminton – Eastergate Village Hall	Vera Evans – 07505 186222

Yapton & Barnham Spiritualists - Barnham Community Hall	Darren Hart 07749 454281
Westergate Fellowship - Eastergate Village Hall	Dave Gwenlan 01243 263821
Al-Anon - Barnham Community Hall	0207 403 0888
Tai Chi -Barnham Community Hall	Stephen Goulding 01243 553832, 07740 9448505 info@taichiwestsussex.co.uk
Junior Kung Fu – Barnham Community Hall	www.zenarts.co.uk
Yoga – Eastergate Village Hall	Sara – 07501 022164
Fit 4 Fun – Barnham Community Hall	Tina 07855 443909 fit-4-fun@outlook.com
Fitsteps - Barnham Community Hall	07703284244 emma.wynter@hotmail.co.uk
Pilates – Barnham Community Hall	07788 717 246 jo.laurence@btinternet.com
Pilates – Eastergate Village Hall	Sam 07590 316408
Kick boxing - Barnham Community Hall	www.samawestsussex.com 07840 621719
Weight Watchers – Barnham Community Hall	Sarah 07966 036899 sbell@weight-watchers.co.uk
Muscians Workshop – Barnham Community Hall	Roy Clark 01243 551985
Eastergate Cricket – Eastergate Pavilion	Peter - 01243 542723
Yapton Football – Eastergate Pavilion	Beryl Goss 07714 333 065
Stoolball – Eastergate Pavilion	Judy - 01903 730052.

Pre-schools & playgroups

Squirrel's Den - Barnham Community Hall	07925 038352, 01243 551400 squirrelsdaycare@hotmail.com
Hart Beeps – Eastergate Village Hall	Sabrina – 07805 430233 www.hartbeeps.com
Baby Health Clinic/Stay and Play – Barnham Community Hall	01243 642958 thevillages.cfe@westsussex.gov.uk
Superstars Play Café – Eastergate Village Hall	Paulina – 07791 442804
Baby Ballet – Barnham Community Hall	Miss Jessica 07805 086149 www.babyballet.co.uk

MONTHLY BARNHAM VILLAGE LITTER PICK

We would like to say a massive thanks to everyone who has been turning out to support the regular monthly litter picks organised by Sue Groome (Barnham Parish Councillor) and we hope you all agree they have been making a difference to the appearance of the Village.

However, the regular group of volunteers are always looking for additional help so if you can spare a couple of hours once a month or even every other month then please do come along and join the group. The first pick of 2019 will take place on Saturday 2nd February, meeting at Barnham Community Hall at 10:00am where equipment, including gloves and hi-viz jackets will be supplied. There will be the larger Spring Litter Pick taking place on 2nd March, when it is hoped the usual local groups will join in and then regular smaller Picks will take place on the first Saturday of each month.

STOP PRESS! THE EASTERGATE PLAYERS PRESENT: ' SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS ' AT EASTERGATE VILLAGE HALL - WEDNESDAY 23RD TO SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY 2019 WWW.EASTERGATEPLAYERS.ORG.UK