Colby and Banningham Parish Council

Newsletter - December 2025

1. Christmas event on Wednesday 17th December

This year we will hold our very popular Christmas event which involves the Christmas lights competition and an evening event of carols. This is an invitation to all in the Parish to join us on the Village Green, just across from the Banningham Crown, from 6.00pm on Wednesday 17th December. Mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies will be available next to a Christmas tree which we will set up. Like last year, we have invited Rev. David Chamberlin to lead some carol singing. If there is bad weather, we will move into the church across the road. It will also be an opportunity to meet with other people in the Parish - so please do come along and let's hope for some kind weather!

There is no need to register your interest for the Christmas lights competition – the judges will go around the Parish on one evening between the 13 and 16 December, so make sure your lights are up and on by then! If you live on the edge of the Parish or are at a secluded position but want to be involved then please do let us know.

2. Summer event

Although it was a while ago, we want to thank the many people who supported our summer event at the Community Hall on 2 August. Thank you also for all those who organised the barbeque, the live music, the bar and all the games. The feedback indicates that it was a success and good fun which made a most enjoyable afternoon.

3. Parish Council – get involved!

We do now have a vacancy on the Parish Council. Serena Woolliams has resigned because the fantastic international growth of her business is putting pressure on her time which is quite understandable. We want to thank Serena who has been a very active Councillor – in particular as a driving force in the project to set up the new playground on Eldens Retreat.

The role of a Parish Councillor is to represent the local community by attending meetings, making collective decisions on local services and policy, and communicating with residents about local issues. You must be a British citizen, be at least 18 years old and live or work in the parish area. Ideally, all age groups and a wide demographic should be represented on the Council and we have been lucky to have had this in the past. We encourage anyone who might be interested to please contact our clerk, Colin Studholme – his contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

4. Allotments

The Parish Council is responsible for the allotments on Colby Road in Banningham village. 2 plots have recently become vacant. The annual charge for a plot is only £20 so if you are interested, please do contact our clerk, Colin Studholme – his contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

5. Playground

The new playground in Eldens Retreat continues to be well used. There is a swing which can be used by disabled children under 14 years; it's possible to fix safety straps to it. If anyone wishes to be able to use these, please let us know as we can get the safety straps for free. Again, the point of contact is our clerk, Colin Studholme – his contact details are at the end of this newsletter. The parish council does undertake regular (weekly) inspections of all of the equipment to ensure its continuing safety – but if you notice anything of concern, again, please let us know.

6. Defibrillator training

There is a defibrillator on the back wall of the Banningham Crown pub, facing the car park which is available for anyone to use. However, it is strongly recommended that people attend a short and easy training event so that in the unlikely event of needing to use the machine, people will save valuable seconds if they know how to use it. This is very simple and so we are setting up a free training event on the morning of Saturday 14 February 2026 at the Community Hall.

If you think you can attend then please let us know (again via the clerk – contact details below). You will be very welcome and it might help you to save a life if it is ever needed.

7. Speed Awareness Monitor (SAM)

Following a request from residents, we have set up a new position on Bridge Road for the SAM to be placed – it is regularly moved around the 6 places in the parish. We also are now able to collect data on the speed of traffic at each position and will be sharing this with the police and posting it on the Parish Council website.

We have also heard that the County Council intend to reduce the speed limit on the B1145 between the Bridge Road turning and Mill Road from 40 to 30mph - something we have been campaigning for on behalf of residents. We await to hear the date for this change.

8. Community Hall

Progress with the renovations is now pretty much complete – we plan to put in hot water for hand washing in the bar area.

Plans to put in wheelchair ramps to the 2 doors at the rear of the hall are progressing. Further work - the planting of trees and shrubs to make the outside more attractive - is also in the plans though dependent on acquiring funding.

Please call David Holgate on 07860 498729 for more information about events in the hall or if you are interested in using it.

As a reminder, there is a website to find out about using our Community Hall - **https://www.banninghamcommunityhall.co.uk**

We wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and a good New Year.

If you have any further questions about this newsletter, then please do call the Parish Clerk on 01263 587952 or e-mail clerk@colby-banningham-pc.gov.uk .