



Bournheath Parish Council Newsletter, December 2015

Join us for carol singing on Friday 11th December at Bournheath Village Community Centre, starting at 7pm followed by refreshments.

We shall be outside so wrap up warm and bring a lantern.

This is a great fun way to make a start to the season's festivities – we hope to see you there!

At the back of this newsletter we have included the words of the seasonal songs we shall be singing.



The Parish Council wondered if we could make better use of the old phone box in Dodford Road, which was overgrown with weeds and rarely used. We asked BT and they were happy to allow it be used to house a defibrillator and will continue to pay for the electricity supply needed to keep the battery ticking over.

We have arranged for training in the use of the defibrillator to take place on Sunday **17th January 2016**, at 10am at Bournheath Village Community Centre. You don't have to be trained in order to use the defibrillator, but it may help to be prepared in an emergency. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to attend the training.

Police and Communities Together – 8th January 2016

From time to time the parish council arranges for representatives of the police to meet with residents of the 'Woodvale' area to discuss community issues relating to policing and safety. Open to all, the next meeting will be on Friday **8th January at 7pm** at Bournheath Village Community Centre.

Search for a parish councillor...

There is currently a vacant seat on the parish council. Bournheath Parish Council was established in 1994 with seven members, all of whom volunteer for the role. Elections are held every four years for residents in the parish to appoint members to the council and there was an election earlier this year, in May, to choose the seven members from a pool of eight candidates.

Due to a variety of reasons and changes to work schedule, one of those elected in May has resigned from the role thus creating a vacancy. Public notices were displayed on the notice boards and on the website providing an opportunity for any elector who so wished to call for a by-election. As there has been no such request, the parish council is now free to co-opt a suitable candidate.

Details of what happens next are on the website under the 'documents' tab, the document is titled 'Co-option policy and application form', or for a paper copy please contact the clerk directly.

In brief parish councillors serve their community by providing a variety of services that complement those provided by district and county councils. Here in Bournheath we oversee the Lengthsman scheme, provide dog-waste bags at the playing field, support the village hall committee, plant spring bulbs, respond to planning application consultations, take part in the Parish Footpath scheme, liaise with parish stake holders such as the police, district and county representatives, and take steps to improve the environment where possible.

If you think you would like to give it a go, please get in touch – we look forward to hearing from you.

Direct Contact

From time to time the Parish Council receives information of public interest such as Neighbourhood Watch alerts, road works updates and social events. Please let us know if you would like to be included in emails sharing this public service information. The Parish Council confirms that your email address will not be shared with others, you will be able to opt out at any time and you will be under no obligation.

If you would like to receive these emails then contact the Clerk.

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**These are the carols we shall be singing on
Friday 11th December starting at 7pm at
Bournheath Village Community Centre**

O Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
Oh come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
2. God of God, light of light,
Lo! He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten not created:
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Joy to the World

Joy to The world! the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns, Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove, The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love

Little donkey

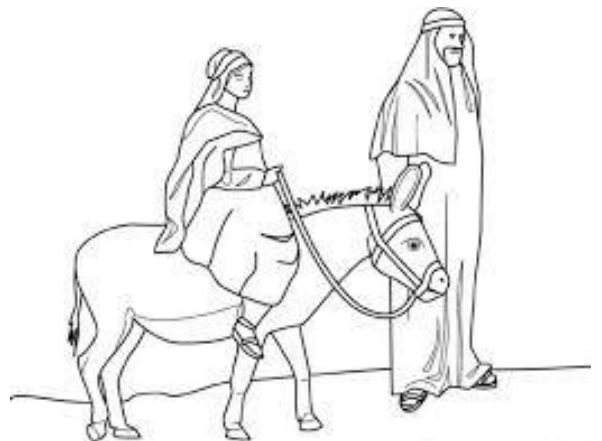
Little donkey, little donkey,
On a dusty road
Got to keep on plodding onwards
With the precious load.
Been a long time little donkey,
Thro' the winter's night.
Don't give up now little donkey,
Bethlehem's in sight.

Ring out those bells tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.
Follow that star tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.

Little donkey, little donkey,
Had a heavy day
Little donkey carry Mary,
Safely on her way.
Little donkey, little donkey,
Journey's end is near
There are wisemen waiting for a
Sign to bring them here.

Do not falter, little donkey,
There's a star ahead
It will guide you, little donkey,
To a cattle shed
Ring out those bells tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.
Follow that star tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.

Little donkey, little donkey,
Had a heavy day
Little donkey carry Mary,
Safely on her way.
Little donkey carry Mary,
Safely on her way.



Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing; Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim 'Christ is born in Bethlehem'
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.
2. Christ by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail, the incarnate deity,
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.
3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

Unto us a boy is born

Unto us is born a son,
King of choirs supernal:
See on earth his life begun, Of lords the Lord eternal.
Christ, from heaven descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their Owner know, He cradled in a manger.
This did Herod sore affray,
And did him bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay, And slew the little childer.
Of his love and mercy mild,
Hear the Christmas story:
O that Mary's gentle Child, Might lead us up to glory!
Of his love and mercy mild, Is the Christmas story:
O that Mary's gentle Child, Might lead us up to glory!
O and A and A and O, Cantemus in choro,
Voice and organ, sing we so, Benedicamus Domino.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask you to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold we bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship God on high.

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

[end with humming]



God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour, Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power, When we were gone astray:
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*
2. From God our heavenly Father, A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds, Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born, The Son of God by name:
O tidings ...
3. The shepherds at those tidings, Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding, In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway, This blessed Babe to find:
O tidings ...
4. But when to Bethlehem they came, Whereat this Infant lay,
They found Him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling, Unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings ...
5. Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood, Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas, All other doth deface.
O tidings ...



We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas, And a happy New Year.

Once in a year, it is not thought amiss,
To visit our neighbours and sing out like this.

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas, And a happy New Year.

We want some figgy pudding, We want some figgy pudding
We want some figgy pudding, And a cup of good cheer.

We won't go until we get some, We won't go until we get some,
We won't go until we get some. So bring it out here.

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas, And a happy New Year.

Once in a year, it is not thought amiss,
To visit our neighbours and sing out like this.

Of friendship and love, good neighbours abound,
And peace and goodwill the whole year around.
(Pace!) (Friede!) (Salud!) (Shalom!),
The words mean the same, whatever your home.

Why can't we have Christmas the whole year around?
Why can't we have Christmas the whole year around?

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas, And a happy New Year.

*The Parish Council wishes all residents in
Bournheath and Wildmoor a very happy
Christmas and prosperous New Year*