

Barby and Onley Newsletter December 2020 & January 2021

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Barby Advent Window Trail 2020

Every night from the 1st to the 24th of December a new house lights up its advent calendar window.

For more information see over for full details.

Barby Church Christmas Tree Festival

Daily from Dec 5th

10.00am to 4.00pm - Please wear face masks

Free entry but we are very happy to accept donations for the upkeep of our church.

Trees have been decorated by village organisations and others. Please wear a mask during your visit, hand sanitiser will be available.



Barby Pre-School Santa video

In anticipation of the Christmas season, Barby Pre-School would like to offer you all the opportunity to receive your very own personalised video from Santa! If you would like a video, please e-mail info@barbypreschool.co.uk and you will receive your special invitation to provide information to the elves by return of e-mail. As Santa is very busy this time of year, we are working to fit in with his schedule at the North Pole, so we are asking for your returned information and payment of £5 per video by **Wednesday 9th December**. The videos will be e-mailed to you and all information provided will be destroyed immediately after filming.

Any questions speak to Pre-School or call Cat Sabine on 07909 680 508.

Barby Village Advent Calendar Window Trail - Barby will be lighting up one new window a night from December 1st to December 24th. Each window will be lit from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. Do take the time to walk around the village in December and look at all the different windows. Thank you to all our window volunteers

Barby Advent Calendar 2020



2 Kilsby Rd



The Rectory, Rectory L



26 Brackendale D



22 Kilsby Rd



3 Brackendale D



6 Pittoms Lane



4 Castle Mound



3 Castle Mound



52 Daventry Rd



45 Brackendale Dr



11 Castle Mound



41 Brackendale Dr



Asthorn House
Balding Close



8 The Green



23 Brackendale Dr



19 Castle Mound



Old Pinfold Hse East
Almond Close



5 Rectory Lane



47 Brackendale D



18 Almond Close



36 Daventry Rd



53 Daventry Rd



2 Manor Farm Close



The Church

Windows should be lit between 6pm and 9pm from their date until the 24th of December

Parish Council News (From the Parish Clerk 01788 891184)

Parish Council Meetings – The next meeting of the Barby & Onley Parish Council will take place on **Monday 14th December** and the January meeting will be on **Monday 11th January 2021** at 7.30pm. Both meetings will be held via Zoom online and joining instructions will be published on the front of each Agenda which will be available on the parish website at

www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk 3 days before the meetings. Parishioners are welcome to attend the online meeting, and the first 20 minutes of the meeting will be open for public participation, so if you have a concern which you would like to make the parish councillors aware of, then join the meeting and let them know about it. It may not be possible to provide an answer immediately, but the matter can be put on the agenda for the following meeting.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the council delayed its annual meeting from May until November. We are pleased to announce that the Parish Council Chairman is now Paul Reynolds and Councillor Steve Gee is the vice-chairman. We are also very pleased to welcome Edan Edison from Ashleigh Close, Barby as a Councillor. We now have 10 of the 11 seats filled.

Parish Council Elections - All members of the current Parish Council will come to the end of their term of office in May 2021. The elections have been postponed due to Coronavirus, but every attempt will be made to ensure that they go ahead in May 2021. All parish and town councils in Northamptonshire, including Barby & Onley Parish Council, will have **elections on Thursday 6th May 2021**.

Parish Councils can play a vital role in climate change, reducing loneliness and social isolation, spotting and filling in gaps left by principal councils and taking more responsibility for the development (or conservation) of the built and natural environment. Please consider whether you would like to become a councillor and help make a difference in our community. **Nominations for election close at the end of March 2020**, so all candidates will have to have been recruited by then. Please consider whether you would like to stand for election as a parish councillor in May and look out for further details nearer the time about how to put your name forward.

Christmas Waste Collection - Collections will continue to take place as usual over the Christmas and New Year period, **except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day**. During the **week beginning Monday 28th December**, all households will get an extra collection of their recycling bin (blue-lidded) bin on their usual collection day (Wednesday 30th December). Extra recycling will also be collected if it cannot fit into the blue-lidded bin. Please put these items in clear or white bags and place them next to your bin. No garden waste collections will take place in that week. If you have a real Christmas tree you can put it out for collection in the **week beginning Monday 11th January**. It should be placed next to your bins on your normal collection day (Wednesday 13th January). Those subscribed to the garden waste service can cut the tree up and place it in their garden waste bins if they prefer. Note there are no communal collection points for real Christmas trees, but they can be taken to the Daventry Household Waste Recycling centre at Browns Lane, Daventry.

Budget for Year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

The Parish Council has put together a draft budget for the year covering the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

The estimated spend for next year is £59,505. The Parish Council understand that for many people this has been a very difficult year financially, and is likely to continue to be so, and have therefore done their best to keep the council tax as low as possible. The Parish Council propose to raise a precept of £57,900 which represents a year on year increase of £570 to be collected via Council Tax. This represents a 1.0% increase and will mean an additional cost to Band D property households of £1.20 per year. The remainder of the parish budgeted costs will be met from the reserve funds.

Current Yr		Next Year
Budget		Budget
2020-21		2021-22
21,315	Salary, Office & Admin	22,184
1,486	Rents	1,486
5,268	Street Lighting	4,584
8,225	Grass Cutting	7,709
1,746	Insurance	1,887
0	Youth Club	0
2,000	Play Field	1,750
1,000	Tennis Court / Fitness Equip	1,000
5,768	Street Lights Loan Repayment	5,768
2,500	Reserves	0
7,990	Other	13,137
57,298	Total Cash Payments in Year	59,505
	From Reserve funds	1,605
	From Precept Income in Year	57,900

It has been very difficult to second guess how many extra costs and services the parish will have to provide as a result of the abolition of the District and County Councils and the setting up of the new unitary authority. Grants that we did receive in the past towards mowing and litter picking may disappear. We have already had to take over the replenishment and spreading of salt from the grit bins

near the school, pub and bus stop which the county council are not prepared to maintain.

As always, the Parish Council tries its best to secure grant funding for projects. Grant money of £8,000 from Daventry District Council was paid on a 50% match-funding basis, to fund the new play equipment in Barby Play Area. We have also secured some building tax, known as Community Infrastructure Levy, paid on the new homes that have been built in the village. This has been a boost towards future upgrading of parish facilities but may not always be available as central government is once again considering changing planning regulations. One of the outcomes of a change could result in changes in the way that Community Infrastructure Levy is paid.

The Parish Council bank reconciliation to date can be viewed on the website and is displayed on the notice boards. Full budget figures will be available on the website once they have been approved at the December Parish Council meeting.

Power Cuts – Following the recent power interruptions and historical problems in the area, I have received good news from Western Power Distribution.

They are intending to lay a new 11,000-volt cable between their main substation in Crick and Daventry Road Barby, this was already in the planning stage and their team are just finalising what will be delivered to ensure the greatest benefit for the area.

The cable route will be along the A5 and A361 and along the Ridgeway into Daventry Road Barby. This will enable them to split the existing 11,000-volt network in the area to reduce the interruptions to the electricity network.

Once an accepted route has been agreed with Highways England and the local highways authority, and completed the tender process they will let the Parish Council know the timescales for delivery, though they are hopeful of having most of the works complete by June 2021.

Western Power Distribution are also looking at the current substation sites in Kilsby and Barby to see if further improvements and benefits can be made with any of the existing infrastructure to improve the electricity supply within the villages. Additionally there will also be some overhead line works as they look to upgrade the overhead line from Barby to Onley to connect with works carried out in the South Warwickshire area.

Crime Prevention advice for frosty mornings - Protect your frost covered vehicles from opportunist thieves. Northamptonshire Police would like to remind motorists not to leave their vehicles with the keys in the ignition while the vehicles defrost. Thieves are known to target residential areas on cold and frosty mornings looking for cars where the owner has started the engine to defrost the windscreen and then returned inside, leaving the car unattended:

- If you have a garage, always put the car away at night. This not only keeps the car frost-free but also out of sight of would be car thieves.
- Always remove keys from the ignition, even if you are leaving your car, just to open a garage door. It only takes a thief a few seconds to jump in and drive away.
- Cover your windscreen the night before a frost is forecast. This will shorten the amount of time it takes to clear the windscreen

- Ensure you have the required de-icing materials available.
- Stay with your car while it is defrosting.
- Make sure you allow yourself longer in the morning to get ready if frost or snow has been forecast the night before.
- Motorists should also be aware that some motor insurance policies become invalid, or the cover reduced, if a car is stolen as a result of keys being left in the ignition.

Parking – Please can people be careful not to park on pavements as it makes it difficult for parents with pushchairs and those with walking difficulties to pass especially in these dark evenings.

Dogs – Please remember that dogs are not allowed in the allotments, play areas, Barby Sports Field, or the Millennium Orchard behind Barby Tennis Court. Please also continue to clean up after your dogs and keep Barby and Onley as clean and tidy as possible.

Street Lights - As we are now well into the winter months, please let the clerk know if any of the street lights stop working so that she can arrange repair. Tel 01788 891184 or email clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Please let Dawn Cotton know if any of Onley's lights stop working.
dawn.cotton@bopc.org.uk.

Clubs and Societies

Barby Cricket Club - The winners of the 100 Club in the October were: - W. Sinclair £80.00, Alistair c/o T. Gleghorn £50.00 and A. Shay £40.00

Barby Local History Group - Sadly, we are unable to hold our usual Christmas Social this year, best wishes to all our members for the festive season, and we hope that you are able to join family members to celebrate. We are intending to decorate a tree again for the Christmas Tree Festival in the church, so do come along. We will keep you informed about the possibility of meeting again in the New Year.

Evergreen Club –. Due to the restrictions imposed on us as a Level 2 area we unfortunately cannot open at the current time. We will obviously keep you informed when this situation changes. Gill Leppard (01788 891091)

Barby Village Hall – Regular users of the hall will be contacted to let them know when they are able to resume their activities if they wish to. It will depend on government guidance and the advice of ACRE as to which activities may resume and when. No bookings are being taken from non-regular users at the moment

Barby Church Trust (Charity no 277482) - **“Taps & Toilet 100 Club”**. The draw this month (November) was won by Anne Redd with ball number 47, winning £80.00. Well done Anne. The next draws will take place on Sunday 20th December and Sunday 17th January 2021. If you are interested in taking part in this draw, then please contact Chris Smith on 01788 890963

Barby Primary School PTA – look out for Father Christmas's Sleigh Run on Friday 11th December. Organised by Daventry Rotary to raise funds for Barby School PTA as well as other charities supported by the Rotary Club

Barby Pre-School - Has your child recently turned 3?

We have a few spaces for January 2021 intake. We can offer parents the opportunity to look round the pre-school after 2nd December. If you would be interested in having a look round or would like an information pack please email info@barbypreschool.co.uk



We now have a Just Giving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Barbypreschool>) . We are looking to raise funds to upgrade our garden and to modernise our play equipment as we recently moved premises to Barby CE Primary School and realised that some of our toys are over 30 years old and we wish to replace these with newer more appropriate toys to help all the children reach their potential. Also check out our Facebook page for more info (<https://www.facebook.com/Barbypreschool>) .

Barby Townlands and Educational Charity– Due to COVID-19 restrictions Barby Townlands is unable to host Carols Around the Tree this year, but we are already planning next year's event.

In 2018 we started a Young Person's Grant for all children aged between 16 and 19 living in Barby and Onley. The grant is £100 per person. All you need to do is to write a letter to the trustees explaining how you would spend the money - it could be on absolutely anything. Post your letter to 11 Castle Mound, Barby or email catsabine@outlook.com.

WI – Members were delighted to receive a gift of pansies for their garden. Once again, we will be decorating a Christmas tree for the Church tree festival. Another parcel will be going to the Daventry food bank in time for Christmas. Please drop any donations into 49 Brackendale by the 10th December. Members are reminded to make their selection for the Annual Meeting Resolutions found in the December issue of WI Life magazine. Please let Mary have your voting slip by Friday 8th January. Mary and the committee wish everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to being able to meet with all our friends in 2021.

Lady Muck Gardening

For all your garden maintenance

Here to help you all year round and love your garden like ours. Please ring Bev or Nigel for a chat on 07503 828 677 email bevrobbs@icloud.com

St Mary's Church, Barby – We are hoping to resume church services from 6th December and have the following services planned:

Sunday 6th	Advent 2	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th	Advent 3	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	Advent 4	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 24th	Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Nativity Reflection
Friday 25th	Christmas Day	11.00am	Holy Communion

Alternatively, if services in the church are not possible, acts of worship will be available via email and WhatsApp as follows:

Sunday 6th	Advent 2	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		11.00am	Gospel & Sermon
Sunday 13th	Advent 3	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		11.00am	Gospel & Sermon
Sunday 20th	Advent 4	9.00am	Morning Prayer
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If you would like to be added to the email and WhatsApp groups please email me your email address and mobile phone number and then download WhatsApp onto your mobile device.

Rev Nigel Fry enfrys@gmail.com 07854 810 588

Foodbank - With the second wave of Covid upon us, huge job losses, and the prospect of a dire winter, many more folk are likely to become reliant on foodbanks. St Mary's has been a collection point for some time, and we have volunteers willing to ferry items to Daventry, so if you are able to donate some supplies the church can be your drop-off point.

Contactless Payment - Like everywhere else the church is taking a financial hit with the Covid crisis. Even though the church is now open for services, handling cash is best avoided. Thankfully, we now have a contactless card reader, making giving easier for everyone.

Christmas Tree Festival – As St Mary's Church Barby is open daily for private prayer why not pop in to see our annual Christmas Tree Festival **from 10am to 4pm** This promises to be a spectacular display of trees decorated by organisations and individuals from Barby. The trees will all be in place from Saturday 5th. Sadly, there will be no refreshments or raffle this year, but hope you will donate generously if you are able. Please wear a mask during your visit, hand sanitiser will be available.

Other Notices

Appeal for Cotton and Thread. I belong to a group which makes small patchwork quilts for LINUS, a charity which distributes these quilts to children who are ill, bereaved or otherwise in need of a little comfort. If anyone has cotton remnants however small, or part reels of thread they don't want, I should be very glad to take them off your hands. Declutter your sewing drawer and fill mine instead! Thank you. I had a marvellous response with unwanted bedlinen earlier in the year when the group was making washbags for paramedics and care homes, we made over 250, many thanks for that too. *Ann Luntley, 23 Castle Mound Tel 01788 890760*

2020 Poppy Appeal thanks - A massive thank you for your support and generosity for the Barby 2020 Poppy Appeal. Despite lack of house to house poppy sales and only a few collection boxes, the village raised £984.34 - fantastic! Special thanks to Barby Village Stores, Barby School, The Arnold Arms and Barby Shooting Club, and to everyone who donated and encouraged others to do likewise. On behalf of all who benefit from the British Legion, thank you.
Mark Taylor

Castle Mound 2020 Christmas Lights - Don't forget to admire the Castle Mound 2020 Christmas Lights and make a donation towards Cancer Research (in Barby Stores)

Dates for your Diary

Dec	5 th	St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival starts 10.00 – 4.00pm daily
	11 th	Father Christmas Sleigh Run starting at 6.00pm
	14 th	Parish Council Meeting – Virtual (Zoom) – 7.30pm
	18 th	Term 2 ends Barby Primary and Pre-School
	20 th	Barby Church Trust 100 Club Draw
Jan	5 th	Term 3 starts Barby Primary and Pre-School
	11 th	Parish Council Meeting – Virtual (Zoom) – 7.30pm

Need a hand? Rita Humphreys, Home Assistant

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Your Parish Councillors

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Highway Problems	www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor or call 0300 126 1000 or contact Dom Fisher (0785 582 1432)	

Submissions for the next Newsletter (February) should be sent to Ian Webb, 6 Daventry Road, barbyandonleynewsletter@gmail.com (01788 890800) by **24th January 2021**. **Please note there is no January issue due to lack of activities and the printer's timetable**

Pilates at Barby

Happy Xmas and New Year to all our members
Thank you for your loyal support in a difficult 2020

No classes in December but we hope to resume in early January 2021

Come along to make a great start to the New Year.

Contact Mary on 01788 890614 for information.

Barby Post Office & Stores

We would like to thank all our customers for their support over the last year. We look forward to serving you again in 2021.

We are open from 7.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Saturday, 8.00am to 3.00pm on Sunday. During the Festive period, we are open on Christmas Eve 7.00am to 6.00pm, closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day open 8.00am to 4.00pm, New Year's Eve open 7.00am to 6.00pm and closed on New Year's Day.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Support a local small business this Xmas!

Pamper yourself with some 'me time' in all the chaos with these seasonal offers!

December

Mini manicure and mini pedicure with gel polish, X1 areas of waxing, plus an eye brow tint and shape - £48!

January

Relax and revive massage - Release unwanted tension in your back, neck, shoulders, scalp and feet with this soothing massage combination. £28 - 45 minutes

Detoxifying Body Treatment - Refresh and renew with skin brushing, marine salt buff, hot towels, aromatics blends and an active seaweed body wrap to purge toxins and remineralise the skin whilst you relax with a scalp massage! £30 - 60 minutes

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