

# Barby and Onley Village Newsletter July/August 2020

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**Play Areas at both Barby and Onley will re-open on SATURDAY  
4<sup>th</sup> JULY (subject to a satisfaction and in-depth risk assessment of each site)**



**The ice-cream van should be coming to the Barby Play Area between 12.00 Noon and 1.00pm on SAT 4 JULY.**

During the time the play areas have been closed, as instructed by Government guidelines, the old swings and tower have been replaced in the Barby Play Area. We now have a new slide, two swings and a basket swing. The woodchip surfacing has been replaced with matting, which the grass will grow through, and should be easier to maintain. In a couple of months, it will look just like grass but will provide the required level of protection if children fall off the equipment.

Parents, please ensure you and your child/children maintain the 1m+ social distancing measures, at all times whilst using the play areas. We advise that you sanitise the area before and after you use it, if possible, and also wash your hands with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds as soon as possible following your visit. Please ensure that you bring your own sanitizer with you. If a play area is busy, then please consider coming back at a less crowded time and explain to your children in advance that you might have to do this. If you are not feeling well then please do not use the play areas. Thank you for your co-operation and lets all try to keep each other safe.

# **Parish Council News** (From the Parish Clerk 01788 891184)

**Parish Council Meetings** - Barby & Onley Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm. Due to the current Government restrictions to maintain social distancing to reduce the spread of Coronavirus Covid-19 the meeting will be held via a video conference using Zoom.

The agenda for the meeting will be available on the village website [www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk) and in the parish notice boards, 3 days prior to the meeting. Joining instructions to attend the zoom meeting will be published on the agenda, and members of the parish are welcome to attend.

Following the resignation of Carol Weller, the Parish Council would like to thank her for her time as a Councillor. Also this month we welcome Bridget Booker as a new Parish Councillor, the full list of councillors and their contact details is shown on page 7.

**Would you like to become a Parish Councillor?** – Carol's resignation means that we have a spare seat on the Parish Council. Anyone interested in spending a year as a Councillor, please ask the Clerk for an application form. [clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk)

## **Flags flying from Barby Flag Pole**

The Parish Council are proud of the fact that we have a flag pole and we will continue to fly flags on 19 days as shown in the list produced on an annual basis by the Department of Media, Culture and Sport – the dates and policy are shown at [https://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk/Council\\_Info\\_3996.aspx](https://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk/Council_Info_3996.aspx).

In addition to these dates, there will be a flag flown in the event of death of a member of the Royal family, and official event protocol will be followed and will take precedent over the listed dates.

The Parish Council are happy that other non-party political flags can be flown from the parish flag pole so long as they do not clash with the dates on the list above, and so long as permission has been sought from the Parish Council in advance. The Pride rainbow flag is representative of the LGBT+ community and has been flown for the last 9 days of June as a symbol of inclusivity, peace, love and acceptance. Anyone wishing to fly a flag, please contact the Parish Clerk [clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk) at least 6 weeks before you wish to fly it, so that it can be included on the Parish Council agenda and permission obtained. Perhaps someone would like to design a Barby Village flag?

**The bench on Elkington Lane** has been renovated. Thanks for a great job! There has been a lot of litter, and canisters left at the end of Elkington Lane. This has been reported to the police who have been making visits down the lane to check what is going on. If you see anything suspicious, please ring the Police on 101. Our PCSO Craig Egdell will investigate, especially if he is given car registration numbers.

**Litter Picking** - Anyone wanting some exercise and who fancies a spot of litter-picking, please email the clerk and she will provide bin liners, gloves, hi-vis vests and litter pickers.

**Potholes** - Please continue to report any potholes that you come across. These can be reported on line at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/fixmystreet](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/fixmystreet). If you would rather speak to a person then phone 0300 126 1000 between 8am and 6pm or 07000 782112 if it is an emergency outside these hours.

**Footpaths** - Mr Sandy Tocher has acted as Parish Footpath Warden for many years and has mobilised a team of volunteers to help keep footpaths clear. He has now formally retired from the role and the Parish Council would like to publicly thank him for all his hard work. Mike Leppard has taken over and his team of volunteers undertake to walk all the village footpaths on a regular basis and clear them if they become too overgrown.

**Trimming of foliage overhanging pavements in the village** - This is particularly important this year as it will help the increased number of walkers who exercise in the village to keep to the social distancing rules and the message applies to all householders and land owners.

The weather this spring and early summer has encouraged exceptional growth in the hedgerows adjoining pavements and footpaths in the village. If you cut back any growth which intrudes and overhangs the pavement or footpath please take care not to disturb any nesting sites. Please note – do not cut back private hedges etc without permission from the landowner!

**Please follow the countryside code and be a responsible dog owner** - As the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions continue to ease, there has been an increase in the number of people venturing out into the Northamptonshire countryside for some social-distancing exercise. Although good for the health, Northamptonshire Police is taking the opportunity to encourage visitors to follow the Countryside Code for their own safety, and that of the wildlife and livestock they encounter. Please follow the Countryside Code to help everyone enjoy our great outdoors. Take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints. Tips for safe and responsible dog walking around livestock:

- Keep dogs on a lead and under control when walking through fields of livestock.
- Always stick to public rights of way and leave all gates as you find them.
- If you live beside land where livestock is grazed, ensure you know where your dog is at all times and keep your property secure.
- Cows can be curious and may follow walkers. If this happens, keep facing the animal and move calmly and slowly, don't turn your back on it or run
- Steer well clear of young animals and do not try to pet them. Cows with calves will be protective and may become aggressive.
- If you feel threatened by cattle when with a dog, let go of the lead so you and the dog can get to safety separately.
- Dog owners MUST bag and bin their dog's poo -.
- Incidents of livestock worrying should be reported online to the police or by calling the non-emergency 101 number. If the dog is in the process of worrying livestock and cannot be stopped, please call 999. Anyone who shoots a dog to prevent livestock worrying must notify the police within 48 hours.

**Police clamp down on drivers not wearing seatbelts** - As part of the National Policing Chiefs' Council seatbelt enforcement operation, officers will be out in force from June 22<sup>nd</sup> looking for anyone who isn't belted up.

The campaign aims is to reduce the number of people who are killed or seriously injured on the UK's road. Not wearing a seat belt is one of the main contributors and is one of the main four driving offences.

The first week focused on educating car occupants on the dangers of not wearing a seat belt as well as passenger safety, and, the use of child seats and transporting those under the age of 14.

This was followed by a further two weeks of enforcement. Anyone caught not wearing a seat belt can take an online education course or receive a fixed penalty fine of £100. If they elect to go to court, the fine increases to a maximum £500.

Drivers who are stopped for carrying too many passengers for their vehicle will receive an automatic three points on their driving licence and a fixed penalty fine of £100.

Please also drive within the speed limits and beware that there are more cyclists on the roads.

**Free Fitness Classes for 14 – 19 yr olds** Free Boxing, Calisthenics, Dance, Fitness and Yoga classes are available for teenagers at [www.northamptonshiresport.org/activenorthants](http://www.northamptonshiresport.org/activenorthants)

**Free Psychological First Aid training** – can be found at:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/psychological-first-aid-covid-19/1>

If you are or will be working with people with different needs who need help to cope with the emotional impact of COVID-19, this easy to navigate course should prove extremely helpful. It can be completed in stages to fit in with your timetable. The course is free, and no previous qualifications are required. It takes around 90 minutes to complete and is also available in three sessions for the learner to complete at their own pace. By the end of the course, outcomes will include understanding how emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic can affect us, recognising people who may be at increased risk of distress and understanding how to offer practical and emotional support.

## **Covid-19 and the Village Churches**

Three months have gone by since lockdown commenced. Three months without any services in either church. It hasn't stopped us being church though, in fact it has been a valid test of our faith. Of course, it's lovely to have a steady rhythm to life and to have disciplines, behaviours and good habits ingrained - like going to church, praying and seeking God's guidance in the scriptures. Those habits should be helping us to hold the present crisis before God, give thanks for all key-workers, to ask for protection for them and all the vulnerable and to pray for all those suddenly thrown into unexpected and often tragic circumstances.

Worship, Scripture and Prayer have always gone together for Christians, but also, often, so have unsettled and threatening circumstances. If our faith has only been lukewarm these last few weeks we will have found the time more trying than necessary, and, as we see each day now, for those without faith, fear and anxiety

take over, there is a loss of self-control, with consequences for law and order in our societies.

When lockdown first began, we were allowed to keep churches open for prayer, but not surprisingly, that soon had to change. For a couple of weeks now that ruling has been relaxed. However, our churches have had to be properly set out to help limit the risks as much as possible. And for them to be open supervision is required. So, here, so far, only St Faith's in Kilsby has been able to open, just for an hour morning and evening, but on most days of the week.

We have taken the opportunity to give both churches a jolly good clean, which St Mary's in particular needed after the roof work which, thankfully, was eventually finished just before lockdown.

Guidance for opening is now being further relaxed and in common with the hospitality industry (I like that) churches are allowed to open from next Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July. This, however, seems more like a marketing ploy than being 'based on the science'. But, if we just continue 'following the guidance', we could have church services in church next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July. However, such services would still be very limited: They wouldn't be services of Holy Communion; there would be no sharing of the Peace (I know, I can hear one or two 'whoopies' about that); no refreshments and chat afterwards; no individual greeting or farewelling; no singing; no music. We also need to remember that the most vulnerable age group is the over 70s, easily the majority of those who were attending church. Should such an expectation, pressure, temptation, be even put out there for them to resume attendance yet?

Thankfully we are seeing the figures overall moving in the right direction, though locally, ie Northamptonshire, the R rate seems on the increase. So, perhaps it is just too soon to just go back to church? The next 2-3 weeks will be very telling in terms of there being a second spike and how the return to pubs and shopping - together with all the numpties going to the seaside and on marches - affects things. We should wait.

As virtual services have been made available all the way through lockdown (just email me to be put on the list [enfrys@gmail.com](mailto:enfrys@gmail.com)), and as we now have 'Pocket Congregations' being established in both parishes - meeting in gardens within the 6 person guideline (again, email me for details), my considered opinion is that we hold-off going back to church until September. (assuming everything is OK by then!) Just maybe, by then, we might at least be able to have a good sing and experience something nearer to being church as we knew it. On that basis maybe Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September could be our 'Returning to Church Sunday'. However, as we all know, everything relating to this virus changes on a daily basis, so sooner might well become a real and safe possibility; conversely, we could be thrown into another lockdown. Let us not increase the risk of the latter by taking unnecessary risks here.

Prayerfully, Rev Nigel Fry

## Clubs and Societies

**Barby Twinning Association** - Following official guidelines from both sides of the Channel, it was decided that our annual Twinning weekend has been postponed until May next year. We are now looking forward to a long weekend hosted by our friends in Vulaines in 2021. Once again, we are inviting anyone in Barby or the surrounding area to join us for this. Please contact Bart Springer (0789 427 0243) for more information. For similar reasons, our AGM has been postponed until June 2021 and subscriptions have been suspended until July 2021 which means any new members will have their first year free.

**Barby Church Trust** (charity no 277482) - **“Taps & Toilet 100 Club”**. The winners of the June 100 Club draw were Don Grant (with No 9) who won £80 and the big winner was Sheila Richter (No 97) who won £280. The draw took place outside Barby Stores on Sunday 21st June and the next two draws will take place there on Sunday 19th July and 16th August. If you are interested in taking part in this draw, then please contact Chris Smith on 01788 890963.

**Barby Gardening Club** – Unfortunately due to the limitations of assembly and other factors, it is with regret that it will not be possible to hold the 2020 Barby Produce Show on 6th September.

**WI** – Observing the 2-metre rule we held a WI afternoon tea with 5 members hosting garden parties for up to 6 members on 28th June. A lovely way to catch up and keep in touch. The weather was sunny if a little blustery. Our annual Boules and BBQ in the Millennium orchard will be held on Monday 10th August at 4.00pm. If you own a set of Boules please bring them. Members who are interested should get in touch with Mary Evans. For more details call Chris on 01788 890963.

**Barby Village Hall** - It is the intention of the Village Hall Committee to gradually start reopening the village hall in accordance with government guidelines from Monday 20th July. A full risk assessment has been undertaken by the Trustees and in the first phase the hall will be available for regular hiring groups only and they will be contacted directly with more information. Provisional private hire bookings may be made for September onwards but with no guarantee that they will be able to go ahead or what facilities will be available. Please contact the booking secretary (0751 304 8889) for further details.

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Submissions for the next Newsletter (**September**) should be sent to Ian Webb, 6 Daventry Road, [barbyandonleynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:barbyandonleynewsletter@gmail.com) (01788 890800) by **23<sup>rd</sup> August**.

## **Dates for Your Diary**

July	13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting – Virtual (Zoom) – 7.30pm
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Barby Church Trust 100 Club Draw – Barby Shop
August	10 <sup>th</sup>	Barby WI Boules and BBQ – Millennium Orchard - 4.00pm
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Barby Church Trust 100 Club Draw – Barby Shop

**Advance Notice** - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November will hopefully see the return of our **2-course Lunch and Jazz** event in aid of Barby Village Hall. This year we are going to be entertained by the Fenny Stompers from the Milton Keynes. Doors open at 11.00am. To reserve a ticket please contact Gill Leppard 01788 891091

Reopening Planned for Saturday 4th July  
(subject to completion of redecoration)

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