

# Barby and Onley Village Newsletter June 2020

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Thank you to all the key workers at this time, especially those in the front line. These include everyone who is part of our wonderful NHS as well as all other emergency workers, supermarket workers and those who work in the transport industries.

*Rainbow pictured over Onley on 1st May. (Image courtesy of Barrie Lambert, Rugby).*



## **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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.30pm. Due to the current government restrictions to maintain social distancing to reduce the spread of Covid-19, the meeting will be held via a video conference using Zoom, rather than in the village hall. The agenda for the meeting will be available on the village website [www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk) and on the parish notice boards, 3 days prior to the meeting. Joining instructions to attend the zoom meeting will be published on the agenda or can be access from the link below. Members of the parish are welcome to attend:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82560229441?pwd=YzB0QTc5RDJLUXU5TkZrcXRzT0lTdz09>. Meeting ID: 825 6022 9441. Password: 671137

**Become a Parish Councillor** - We currently have spare seats on the Parish Council. Anyone interested in spending a year as a councillor, please ask the clerk for an application form.

**Local Government review** -The County Council and District Councils are going to be replaced by two Unitary Authorities for Northamptonshire which will become operational on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

Due to the outbreak of Covid-19, the elections have been postponed for one year until May 2021. This means that the shadow council, appointed to set up the new Unitary Authority, will consist of the current County and District Councillors. West Northamptonshire Council will have 93 members following elections in May 2021, but the shadow council will consist of 134 members.

**Shadow Councils** - The shadow West Northamptonshire Council will hold its first meeting on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**. The papers for the meeting are at <https://bit.ly/3cVLjbE>.

The meeting will agree a constitution and code of conduct and appoint interim statutory officers. George Candler, CEO of Northampton Borough Council, is recommended as the interim CEO for shadow authority. The meeting will held virtually and anyone can view the proceedings via a live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOtMXypYYhvEHxYkCiUdtgw>. The shadow council will appoint executive committees to take work forward, and they are expected to meet later in June. Updates on the progress of the Unitary Authority can be found at <https://futurenorthantswest.org>

The Parish Council is still operating to ensure that the basics in the village can carry on. We are paying the street lighting bills and making sure that, if our contractors are able to operate within government guidelines, the grass is being mown and repairs are carried out.

The latest guidance can be found at the following website

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-ukgovernment-response>

**Litter Picking** - Anyone wanting some exercise 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.

**ANNUAL REPORT FROM BARBY & ONLEY PARISH COUNCIL** - In normal times, the Parish holds an annual meeting between March and the end of June where the Parish Council gives a report on their activities over the past year. Since we have been unable to hold a face to face Parish Meeting, please find the Parish Council Annual Report below showing what has been done in the parish over the last year.

**APRIL 2019 – MARCH 2020** -Councillor Dawn Cotton who lives at Onley Park has chaired the council during the last financial year, with Paul Reynolds as vice-chair. We have said goodbye to Councillors Simi Pandhal, Cliff Jones and Jane Bubb and welcomed Andy Sabine and Steve Gee onto the council. Thank you to everyone who is prepared to take on the role of councillor to try and ensure our parish is a great place to live.

**LITTER PICKING** took place in March 2019, July 2019 and January 2020 and litter pickers and hoops have been provided by Daventry District Council, and Barby Village Stores. We have some kits available for use, by anyone willing to help keep the verges litter free.

A **CLIMATE CHANGE** public meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> October to consider ways to combat climate change within our community. 38 people attended and heard presentations on what Daventry District Council was doing to reduce climate change and from “Rugby Unwrapped”. Following on from this meeting, Barby Village Stores are participating in a “Borrow a Bag Scheme” to try and reduce the number of plastic bags handed out. Please try to use a reusable bag if you can.

An environmental page has been added to the village website, with lots of information and advice on how to save energy and do things in a “greener” way. Trees have been planted at Onley Park; plus remedial work carried out on trees following storm damage. We had also planned to plant some areas of wildflowers on the village verges, but unfortunately this has not been possible due to Covid-19 virus restrictions and will be tried next year instead.

**HIGHWAYS** and potholes are a recurring problem on the roads into and out of Barby. Northamptonshire County Council Highways department have very limited funds and it is difficult to get them to agree to any substantial improvements. They did arrange for white lines to be re-marked on Rectory Lane/Kilsby Road junction in March 2020. A warning sign alerting cars using Elkington Lane, to the fact that pedestrians and horses also use the lane, has been put up.

The parish took part in Speedwatch, during June and July 2019 and the police speed van now makes regular visits to Rugby Road, Barby as a direct result. 18 people are trained in the village to use the speed camera. 25 sessions were held, and 156 speeding events were recorded resulting in the police issuing letters to 136 people. As a result of carrying out Speedwatch the police camera van has visited the village 11 times and issued 44 prosecution letters.

**HOUSING** - In September Daventry District Council carried out a housing needs survey of the residents of the parish, to ascertain whether there is a need for more affordable housing. Thank you to those who completed the survey as this will determine what will be built in the future.

The Parish Council has been able to reduce the cost of electricity for the street lighting as all street lights in Barby are now LED lamps. The Christmas tree on the Green opposite Barby Village Stores looked particularly good this year now that it has a dedicated electricity supply, and is not reliant on solar power any more. The Townlands Charity arranged a lovely carol singing and mulled wine event around the tree to get us all in the Christmas spirit. We are slowly growing a Christmas tree that is doing really well and will save the expense of buying a cut tree in the future.

**FITNESS EQUIPMENT** has been installed in Barby Play Area, and at Onley Park thanks to a grant from Tesco, and a top up grant from the District Council. The annual safety inspection of the play equipment in Barby Play Area found that the swings and slide had rotted at ground level and were deemed unsafe. New equipment has been ordered and will be installed once lockdown restrictions are lifted. The Parish Council has replaced the litter bin outside Barby Village Stores which had rotted through at its base and installed a bigger 110 litre bin. The gate into the paved area in front of Barby Tennis Court has been replaced.

A **DEFIBRILLATOR** has been installed in the old red phone box at Onley Park. This has been registered with the ambulance service and is up and running. If anyone needs to use it, clear instructions are provided. Once we are able, a training session will be arranged for residents at Onley on CPR and how to use the defibrillator. The defibrillator at Barby Village Hall was used during the year, so new batteries and pads have been purchased and fitted.

### **PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS**

Barby & Onley Parish Council financial year ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Barby & Onley accounts are particularly complicated as when the village of Onley Park was transferred to the Parish by the Ministry of Justice in 2005, a lump sum of £165,185 was provided to cover maintenance of the open space land. This money is ring-fenced for that purpose. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 £102,592 of the ring-fenced money was left.

#### **For year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020**

**INCOME** - The precept amount collected through the Council Tax by Daventry District Council on behalf of the parish was £53,330; Other income received included £794 towards the cost of mowing from Northamptonshire County Council, bank interest £297; newsletter advertising £734; grants towards fitness equipment of £3,219; Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) of £6,501 and VAT refund of £6,918.

**EXPENDITURE** - Precept expenditure of £57,469 was made; and £5,970 was spent on maintenance of Onley Park open space which was paid for from the ring-fenced funds. All other expenditure is paid for from money raised through the Council Tax, or from grants. Parish Council accounts are scrutinised annually by an independent verifier who checks the figures, and also ensure that the Council is operating correctly and has the necessary policies, insurance and risk assessments in place. To ensure that we comply with governance and accountability legislation the accounts are also reviewed annually by external auditors PKF-Littlejohn LLP.



# Clubs and Societies

## Barby Pre-School Association

As parents will know we have been closed since 23<sup>rd</sup> March as a consequence of the Covid 19 pandemic. In line with Government policy we are working on reopening in June. This is quite a complex process as we have to work out how we can use our rooms in Barby Village Hall effectively and safely in compliance with social distancing guidelines. We have recently written to all parent members of the association setting out the current overall situation with pre-school and seeking their requirements for reopening. Once we know the likely numbers, we will be able to finalise our plans and contact parents with more detail about reopening.

We are also inviting expressions of interest from parents whose children will be eligible to join Barby Pre-School at the beginning of the new academic year in September. We cannot currently offer personal meetings with prospective parents and children but you can visit our website <http://www.barbypreschool.co.uk>

Please address any inquiries to our Acting Supervisor, Catrina Pounds on 07789428463 or [info@barbypreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@barbypreschool.co.uk)

*Martin House, Treasurer and Acting Chair, Barby Preschool Association*

**Barby Church Trust** (charity no 277482) - “**Taps & Toilet 100 Club**”. The winners of the May 100 Club draw were Emma Harvey and Tim Smith with ball no 33. The draw took place outside Barby Stores on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The next draw will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. If you are interested in taking part in this draw, then please contact Chris Smith on 01788 890963.

**Barby Gardening Club** – *Advance notice of classes for the Annual Produce Show on September 6<sup>th</sup> (Assuming that it will be possible to hold the show).*

**Photographic classes:** - Adult 1. Shadows, 2. Landscape:

12-16 years old – Weather; Under 12yrs – Pets.

**Handicrafts:** - Adults – 1. A knitted or crochet item; 2. A needlework item (using stitches), 3. A textile item (using fabric/felt etc.)

Children 12-16 years old A bug hotel; 6 to 11years. An animal made from vegetables/fruit; Under 6 years Colour the picture (see the show schedule

**Cookery classes** – 1. Jar of Fruit Jelly; 2. Jar of Jam, 3. A Jar of Chutney or Pickle. Chutney must be made at least 3 months before the date of the show.

**Garage Sale** - For obvious reasons we are unable to hold the annual Garage Sale this year. Hopefully, we will be able to hold it next year.

**St Mary’s Church Barby** – The annual church fete, which was due to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, will not now take place.

**WI** – Thanks to everyone who donated items of food / toiletries etc to Daventry food bank. They were very grateful for our contribution. Sadly, our monthly meetings for the foreseeable future will not be taking place but hopefully we shall be able to meet in December for our Christmas party.

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Submissions for the next Newsletter (**July/August**) should be sent to Ian Webb, 6 Daventry Road, [barbyandonleynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:barbyandonleynewsletter@gmail.com) (01788 890800) by **28<sup>th</sup> June**.

## Dates for Your Diary

June 8<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting – Virtual (Zoom) – 7.30pm  
21<sup>st</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

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