

# Barby and Onley Newsletter

## March 2021

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### Spring is on its way



### Parish Council News

(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> March 2021** at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held via zoom online and joining instructions will be published on the front of the agenda which will be available on the parish website [www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk) and the noticeboards. Parishioners are welcome to attend the online meeting, and the first 20 minutes of the meeting will be open for public participation. 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.

The Parish Council would like to thank Bridget Little for her time as a councillor. Sadly, she has had to resign as a councillor so the council will continue with 9 of the 11 seats filled until the election on 6<sup>th</sup> May, when hopefully we will have a full complement of Councillors again.

**Parish Council Elections** - All the current Parish Councillors reach the end of their term of office in May and 11 people are needed to form the new Parish Council.



## **It's election time at Barby and Onley Parish Council**

**Expressions of interest are welcome from anyone who is over 18 years old**

**As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.**

**If you are interested in joining the council please contact the clerk, Catherine Camp for more information at [clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk) or 01788 891184.**

**The Parish Council currently meets in the evening on the second Monday of the month. If you care about your community and would like to help make a real difference then why not**

# **Become a Parish Councillor**

If you would like to become a Parish Councillor, then you need to complete a nomination pack, which can be obtained and printed from the Electoral Commission website <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/media/5016>. The pack can also be downloaded from the councillors elections page on the Parish Council website <http://bit.ly/bopcelections2021>

The elections to be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May are for both Barby & Onley Parish Council and also the new West Northamptonshire Council Unitary Authority. A zoom briefing session (covering both elections) will held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March for anyone wishing to find out more about how to stand as a councillor. The

briefing will be held virtually at 5.30pm and, once they receive notification that you wish to attend, they will send you the invitation to join the meeting. The session will be recorded and available on YouTube later for those unable to attend. It would be preferable to attend the zoom session as you can ask questions that you may not find the answers to on the recording. Those wishing to attend should email [electoralservices.ddc@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices.ddc@westnorthants.gov.uk) or call 01327 302326.

Completed nomination papers must be hand-delivered to Daventry District Council Offices by 4.00pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Please note that to fill in the form, you need a proposer and seconder from the parish, and you have to include their name and electoral roll number. Your electoral roll number can be obtained from the DDC's election office 01327 302321.

**Annual Parish Meeting** - This is a meeting of the parish, which is hosted by the Parish Council but is **not** a Parish Council meeting. It should be held between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June but, last year, it was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will try to set up an online Annual Parish Meeting to provide you with a summary of what the Parish Council has done during the past year and provide updates on the change over to the Unitary Authority. The date for the meeting will be arranged at the next Parish Council meeting and will take place in April prior to the local election when we will have a new set of councillors in place.

**Census 2021** - will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Barby & Onley will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every 10 years since 1801, except 1941.

It will be the first one to run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

"A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed," Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

"This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them."

Census day will be on March 21<sup>st</sup>, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity. Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

**Highway Works** - New safety barriers are going to be installed on the roads that cross the M45 at the beginning of February. Due to the recent cold weather the dates for installing the new barriers are now:

**Barby, Hillmorton Lane**      *22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 to 12<sup>th</sup> March*

**Nortoft Lane**                      *15<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April*

Signed diversion routes will be in place and access to businesses will remain available during these times.

Any **potholes** you come across can be reported to Northamptonshire Highways for repair via [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) or telephone 0300 126 1000 8am to 6pm Mon to Friday or 07000 782112 outside those hours.

You will be provided with a reference number for your report so that you can go back and check what is being done to rectify the problem.

**Street Lights** - Please report any faulty street lights to the clerk (01788 891184 or email [clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk)). If the light is at Onley, then please report it to Councillor Dawn Cotton. (01788 815906 or email [dawn.cotton@bopc.org.uk](mailto:dawn.cotton@bopc.org.uk)).

**Defibrillators** - can be found at Onley Park's red phone box, and at Barby Village Hall. If you suspect someone of having a heart attack, phone 999 and the ambulance service will tell you where the nearest defibrillator is situated, and what to do to give the person the best chance of recovery. The defibrillator unit has clear instructions, so anyone can use it if necessary. Don't be frightened to use it, as it cannot do any further harm to anyone but it may just help save their life.

**Japanese Cherry Trees** - Barby & Onley Parish has been chosen as one of the villages in Northamptonshire to receive a gift from the Japanese Embassy of 10 Sakura Cherry Trees. The hope is that there will be pockets of Japanese Cherry blossom in villages across the country that will look wonderful in the spring. Some of the trees will be planted in the orchard area at Onley and some in Barby.

## Clubs and Societies

**Barby Cricket Club** - The winners of the 100 Club in January draw were: A Forinton £80.00, C. Lester. £50.00 and A. Ibbetson £40.00

**Barby Church Trust** (Charity no 277482) - "**Taps & Toilet 100 Club**". The draw this month (February) took place at Barby Shop and was won by Anne Redd with ball number 47 winning £80. Congratulations Anne. The next draw will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Apart from the 100 Club, there was little fund raising during 2020 because of COVID and this situation may continue for a while. It has therefore recently been decided that the 100 Club will run for a further 12 months (from April 2021). Current members will be contacted soon about continuing their membership and new members are always welcome – contact Chris Smith for details on 01788 890963.

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

We have a few spaces at the moment, and we can offer parents the opportunity to look round the pre-school. If you would be interested in having a look round or would like an information pack, please email [info@barbypreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@barbypreschool.co.uk).



On behalf on Barby Pre-School we'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our JustGiving page and who supported our recent fund raising. We've raised just over £1,000 to go towards our new garden.

**St Mary's Church, Barby** - We are still unable to hold church services but the church remains open daily to anyone who wishes to use it for private prayer and a time of reflection and quiet.

**Barby Townlands and Educational Charity** - 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](mailto:catsabine@outlook.com).

**WI** – We have very little to report this month but we feel we are getting closer to having our first meeting of 2021, fingers all crossed. The next delivery to the food bank will be in time for Easter, anyone wishing to donate could they please take it around to Mary Evans 49 Brackendale or ring Chris 01788 890963 and it can be collected.

## Thanks

**Barby CE Primary School** - Everyone at Barby CE Primary School would like to say a huge thank you for all of the very kind donations of laptops, iPads and Kindles. These are very much appreciated and have helped families to access online learning through the latest lockdown.

## Other Notices

**Rugby Dementia Support** - During this year of Covid restrictions many people with dementia, and their carers, have found their usual ways of coping are no longer available, and are finding life difficult. Rugby Dementia Support is the local charity which aims to help people with dementia and those who care for them. We are managing to run versions of our usual range of activities, despite the restrictions. If you are interested to hear more, please phone Jane Muers on 01788 576854 or Bernie Bayliss on 07507 631894.

**Here comes summer...**(Details of courses at the Percival Guildhouse)  
"Necessity is the mother of invention" so the saying goes and, heaven knows, we've needed to be inventive in the past year to make our lives as tolerable as possible.

Many of us have had to embrace technology to maintain contact with friends, family and vital services; many have turned their hands to things creative discovering talents they didn't know they possessed.

Those in the vanguard of keeping things going at Rugby's Percival Guildhouse, the only independent adult education centre in Warwickshire, have had to be adaptable and resourceful.

From a standing start last March, where no classes were run online, they have launched most courses online via Zoom, with only those that physically cannot operate virtually being suspended until the doors at St Matthew's Street can open to students again.

All eyes are now focussed on the Summer Term, which starts in April and runs through to early July. Initially, all existing and several new courses that can be will be run online. But with positive hopes for better times as we move towards summer proper, the popular day schools are being moved to late June (19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>) by which time, hopefully, students can meet in person – safely distanced, of course.

All course details will be posted on [www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk](http://www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk) by early March – just a couple of clicks into a world that might help to restore a little sanity and fun in our lives. You can always call us on 01788 542467 or email us at [contact@percival-guildhouse.co.uk](mailto:contact@percival-guildhouse.co.uk).

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## Dates for your Diary

<b>March</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting – Virtual (Zoom) – 7.30pm
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Submissions for the next Newsletter (April) should be sent to Ian Webb, 6 Daventry Road, [barbyandonleynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:barbyandonleynewsletter@gmail.com) (01788 890800) by **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

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