

Barby and Onley Newsletter

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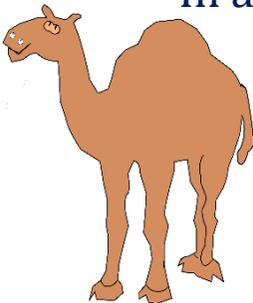
Barby Village Hall

Friday 4th March 7.30pm

In aid of Barby Church Trust (Charity No 277482)

Teams of 4 (inc. Children over 10) compete to complete a 500-piece jigsaw. Refreshments available. Licensed Bar
Tickets £10 per team from Jan Middleton (01788 891968)
or Chris Smith (01788 890963)

Camel Racing returns



In aid of Barby Village Hall (Charity No 304159)

Saturday 2nd April

Children accompanied by an adult Free
Doors open 7.00pm, Racing starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 per adult (inc. Supper) from

Keith Ingram 01788 890835,

Gill Leppard 01788 891091

or Mick Grange 01788 891555

Parish Council News (Parish Clerk 01788 891184)

Parish Council Meetings – The next meeting of Barby & Onley Parish Council will take place on **MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022 at 7.30pm** in **Barby Village Hall**, Kilsby Road, Barby CV23 8TT

Members of the parish are welcome to attend the parish council 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 come along 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. We have a new Parish Councillor, Rachael Kilby, who was co-opted onto the parish council at the February meeting.

Queens Platinum Jubilee - A number of people have come forward saying that they are prepared to help organise a village event over the Queens Platinum Jubilee weekend (2nd to 4th June). To actually try to get something organised, we will be holding a meeting in Barby Village Hall on TUESDAY 1st MARCH at 8pm. If you can't come, but you are part of a village organisation which is already doing something for the Platinum Jubilee, please can you let the parish clerk know, so that we can produce a village timetable of events for the weekend and try not to clash with times. I hope that lots of people will welcome the chance to have a village get together and will help to make it happen.

Litter Picking - The Great British Spring Clean will be held throughout the country from 25th March to 10th April. The parish council would like some volunteers to help carry out a village litter pick. Bags, hi-vis vests, gloves and litter pickers will be provided. If you own a business can you please clear outside your location (e.g. Barby Nursery, Chapel Farm for Daventry Road and Cadman shooting and Manor Works for Barby Lane)

Saturday 5th March – clearance of the lanes leading into the village. Meet at Barby Village Hall at 10.00am.

Saturday 2nd April - clearance of the centre of the village. Meet at Barby Village Hall at 10.00am.

Parking at Onley Village Hall - Please can anyone attending an event in Onley Village Hall be mindful of the fact that the hammerhead at the end of the road is required for people to turn their cars around - it is not a car park. Please do not block the hammerhead or park outside someone's house. Thank you.

Onley Residents -: It is lovely to see houses being developed and building/garden work being completed, however a reminder that the street drainage system is not the most efficient. Please could the contractors be asked not to put waste into the street drains, especially not plaster or cement waste as it can create blockages.

Street Lights – As the nights are still quite short, please let the clerk know if any of the street lights stop working so that we 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

Overhanging branches - If you have shrubs or trees in your garden that overhang the pavement, please check that people can still walk past them without getting wet or dripped on. Can they get a baby buggy past? The parish council received an anonymous letter saying that overgrown hedging makes use of the pavements difficult, so please can everyone check their shrubs and trees especially after the storms we have just had. Thank you.

Highway issues - If you come across a pothole, or other issue on the public highway, or a footpath or pavement, please log the problem with "Fix My Street" <https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/> This system provides a reference number so that you can check on the progress made to rectify the problem, and it also means that all problem areas are logged.

At the last parish council meeting, a group of residents raised issues that are of concern to most people in the parish, namely:-

- a) **Footpaths and Street lighting** - they pointed out that the state of the footpaths is very poor and there is risk of personal injury particularly at night and that some parts of Barby are very dark.

The responsibility for footpaths lies with Northamptonshire Highways, as although the parish council repeatedly campaign to get them improved, we are told that they do not reach the criteria that means they are "dangerous". The Highways department are not able to prioritise their very limited budget to carry out repairs. Please continue to report problem areas via "Fix My Street" so that they are aware of our concerns.

The street lighting is something that the parish council can improve, so if we are given specific details of particularly dark areas, we can cost out installation of additional street lighting. We have heard a lot about rising costs of energy, so we have recently signed a 36-month contract to try and secure a reasonable deal for unmetered electricity supply to the street lights. The costs will be much higher than our current contract, but hopefully not as high as they would have been.

- b) **Main Access Roads** to the village were highlighted as in a poor state. Once again this is the responsibility of Northamptonshire Highways, so all potholes and sunken areas of road need to be continually logged onto "FixMyStreet". As a parish council we keep asking for highway inspections and do not allow Northamptonshire Highways to forget us, but again they have insufficient budget to do anything more than patch roads.
- c) The Parish Council was asked about the current status of the proposed **Gun Club development**. The Parish Council has responded to the planning application and highlighted the views of parishioners that 6 days of gunfire would be unacceptable. We now await a date for the West Northants Daventry Planning Committee meeting where the application will be decided.
- d) Concern was raised that "The Arnold Arms" pub is still closed. The parish council has listed the Arnold Arms as an Asset of Community Value, which puts a legal charge against it should the owners (Red Oak Taverns) decide to sell it. The legal charge gives the community 6 months

to raise funds to purchase the pub as a community asset. We understand that at the moment the owners have no intention of selling and are actively seeking a new tenant.

- e) Concern was raised about the crossroads at the top of the village between **Longdown Lane and the Ridgeway**. There have been a number of recent accidents at the junction. In a bid to try and make it safer the parish council will be requesting a visit from Northamptonshire Highways to ask them to look at better signage and white-lining and to discuss any other ways that the junction can be made safer. In the meantime, please take particular care.

The parish council were also asked if there is a current “Vision” for Barby. This is set out in the **Neighbourhood Development Plan**, which can be found on the website.

Speedwatch - Another issue that is often raised is the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. We have managed to get the police speed van to visit the village at regular intervals and we also take part in Speedwatch. This is an initiative where the police loan a speed gun to the community for a month. Anyone caught speeding on the speed gun manned by volunteers will be sent a warning letter. Barby will have use of the speed gun from SATURDAY 5TH MARCH until SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 2022 and we still need more volunteers. If you can give a couple of hours of your time during this period then please get in touch with Councillor Nigel Gove Tel 01788 891118 or email him at nigel.gove@bopc.org.uk. Online training on how to use the gun takes 19 minutes to complete, and teams of 3 volunteers are required to carry out speed checks during daylight hours. We are restricted on where we can actually use the gun as the siting has to be approved by the police to ensure that users are able to carry out speed tests safely.

New Notice Board - that a new parish notice board will be erected on Barby Green opposite Barby Village Stores very soon

Clubs and Societies

Barby Cricket Club - The winners of the 100 Club in the January 2022 draw were L. Griffiths £80.00, K. Mills £50.00 and C. Fortnum £40.00.

If you would like to come to our Senior nets you are very welcome. They are being held at Bilton School in Rugby each Friday evening for 10 weeks from 21ST January to 25th March. Each session runs from 6.00pm to 7:30 pm.

Junior training will take place over two separate 4 week blocks to offer flexibility. we are offering sessions on Mondays from 6.00pm to 7.00pm which start on 7th February. We then follow this up with our Thursday sessions which start slightly later from 8.00pm to 9.00pm. These commence on March 3rd and run each Thursday during the month.

The AGM of the Barby Cricket Club will be held on Friday 4th March at the Clubhouse starting at 8.00pm.

If you have any questions or just want to find out more about us then email us at barbycc@hotmail.co.uk.

Barby Church Trust (Charity no 277482) - **“Taps & Toilet 100 Club”**. The winner in the February draw was Rachel Grocott who won £80. The next draw will take place on Sunday 20th March at the Breakfast Café.

Barby Village Hall – The Community Café and Book and Jigsaw swap now operates on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month in Barby Village Hall Old School Room. You can swap books or jigsaws items for FREE or simply drop in for tea/coffee and homemade cakes.

The AGM of Barby Village Hall will be held on 22nd March at 7.00 in the Old School Room.

Breakfast Café in Barby Village Hall Old School Room. Thank you to everyone who came to the Barby Breakfast Cafe on 20th February. £100 will go Daventry Area Community Transport who will also share in the charity pot to be divided at the end of the year amongst all the supported charities.

The next Barby Breakfast Cafe will be on Sunday 20th March 9:30am to 11:30am and will be in support of Barby Village Hall.

Barby Short Mat Bowls Club & New Age Kurling – The combined New Age Kurling and Short Mat Bowls session (2.00pm to 4.00pm) every Tuesday at Barby Village Hall has proved to be a success. New members for either will be welcome, just turn up - £2 per session inc. refreshments

The normal weekly Short Mat Bowls sessions at 9:30am every Thursday will continue unchanged.

WI – At our February meeting we welcomed three visitors and hope they enjoyed their evening with us. Our speakers Steve and Andrew the “Cocktail Shaker Boys” told us with much enthusiasm about the history of cocktails, discussed the variety of ingredients and made us the most delicious drinks. Our next meeting, Tuesday 8th March at 7 30 in the Village Hall will be “Surprise” with a Spring/Easter theme. If you would like to know more about our WI come along to a meeting or give Chris Smith a call on 01788 890963.

Evergreen Club – Our next meetings will be on Wednesdays 9th and 23rd March (2.00pm to 4.00pm) in Barby Village Hall. New evergreen members are always welcome.

Barby Gardening Club – This month’s meeting will be on Tuesday 15th March at **7.15pm** in Barby Village Hall. The speaker will be Jane Pearman whose talk will be about the Wildlife Trust. Visitors are always welcome for a £2 contribution Note for your diary, the Barby Annual Produce Show is currently being planned for Sunday 4th September 2022.

Barby Local History Group <http://www.barbylhq.org.uk> -. The next meeting of the group will be our AGM on Wednesday 9th March at 7.45pm. Visitors are very welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Barby Townlands & Educational Charity – We run 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.

St Mary's Church – Soup & Roll at St. Mary's Church, Barby. Saturday 5th March and Saturday 2nd April, 12 noon to 2.00pm. Homemade Soup and a Roll, homemade desserts & cream, tea or coffee will be available for £5.00. Games and activities for children. All proceeds go to St. Mary's Church.

Barby Pre-School – are holding a Chocolate Bingo game in Barby Village Hall on Sunday 3rd April 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Win a delicious chocolate treat for a line, 2 lines and a full house. Tickets £5 per child includes a set of bingo tickets for the event (extra tickets sold separately) are on sale from Barby Shop and Barby Pre-School. We will also be selling Easter milkshakes in the shop as well.

Advance Notice Garage Sale - This year's Garage Sale will take place on Sunday 26th June from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Now is the time to tackle the loft, garage, spare room or wherever you hoard all those things that might one day come in useful, but never do! They might be just what someone's looking for. Contact Karen 01788 891299 for more information.

Other Notices

Buckby Library & Hub - Buckby Library & Hub is a community managed library and registered charity in Long Buckby. We aim to serve all villages in the vicinity and you can explore what we offer on our website: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org>. We're predominantly run by volunteers, however we have also just appointed a part-time manager, Sam Holst. Please do drop in to say hello and find out what we do if you're in Long Buckby and have a few minutes to spare. Sam and the volunteers would love to hear from you. For details of our opening times and all our events, do check our website; you can also email info@buckbylibraryhub.org or phone: 01327-842591.

Thanks

Jim Smith – Gill, Tim and Alison wish to sincerely thank friends and neighbours for their condolences, cards and kind wishes, and all who attended the funeral after the recent death of Jim. It meant a great deal to us for so many of you to get in touch at such a sad time. Thank you all. *Gill and family*

Pilates at Barby Village Hall

Two classes every Tuesday 9.30am and 10.30am.

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Copy for the next issue (April) should be sent to Ian Webb, 6 Daventry Road, barbyandonleynewsletter@gmail.com (01788 890800) by Sunday **27th March**.

Dates for your Diary

March	1 st	Platinum Jubilee meeting - Barby Village Hall 8.00pm
	4 th	Jigsaw Challenge – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	4 th	Barby Cricket Club AGM Clubhouse 8.00pm
	5 th	Soup & Roll – St Mary’s Church 12.00pm
	5 th	Spring Litter Picking – Barby Village Hall 10.00pm
	7 th	Book/Jigsaw Swap/Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm
	8 th	WI – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	9 th	Evergreen Club - Barby Village Hall 2.00pm
	9 th	Local History Group – Barby Village Hall 7.45pm
	14 th	Parish Council Meeting – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	15 th	Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall 7.15pm
	20 th	Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall 9.30am
	21 st	Book/Jigsaw Swap/Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm
	22 nd	Barby Village Hall AGM – Barby Village Hall 7.00pm
23 rd	Evergreen Club - Barby Village Hall 2.00pm	

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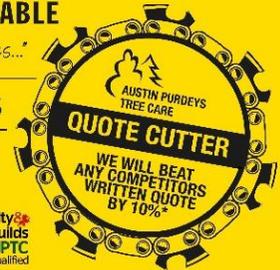
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