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Parish Council News (Parish Clerk 07864 579068)

Barby & Onley Parish Council

The Parish Council continues to meet on the second Monday of each month except when it falls on a bank holiday. The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm at Barby Village Hall.

Members of the parish are welcome to join the meeting and raise any issues they wish during the period of public participation at the beginning of the meeting. Agendas and minutes are published on the parish notice boards and on the website: <https://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.gov.uk>

You can contact the Parish Council Clerk, Katrina Jones, at clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk or by telephone on 07864 579068.

Change to Upcoming Meeting Dates and Locations Please note that the April meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm at Barby Village Hall instead of the second Monday of the month. The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will both be held on Monday 11th May at Barby Village Hall at 6.30pm and 7.30pm respectively. The meeting due to be held on Monday 8th June will be held at Onley Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting All residents and village organisations are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 11th May at 6.30pm at Barby Village Hall. Village organisations are encouraged to give a report on the evening or send a report to the Clerk if they cannot attend. Reports will be published on the website. It is a good opportunity to hear updates on activities in the village and to meet other residents.

Dog Fouling Thank you to the dog owners who continue to pick up after their dogs. Please remember that any public litter bin can be used to deposit bagged dog waste. Whilst the majority of dog owners behave responsibly and pick up after their dogs, there is a minority who do not. This can be reported to West Northamptonshire Council via their website: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/cleaner-communities/dog-fouling>

Consultations To view current consultations run by West Northants Council please visit the Consultation Hub on the West Northants Council website: <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/>. Residents are particularly encouraged to consider taking part in the consultations on buses and the West Northamptonshire Local Plan which will have an impact of local residents.

Parish Councillor Vacancies The Parish Council has three vacancies. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk.

Planning Applications Planning decisions are made by West Northamptonshire Council although the Parish Council is consulted on most applications. Details appear on the parish council website and in the minutes of meetings whenever the Parish Council has been consulted on an application within the Parish. For full details of all planning applications please visit the planning portal on the West Northamptonshire Council website: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-enforcement/view-and-comment-planning-application>

Street Lighting and Highways Issues Any highways issues, that are not concerning street lights, can be reported to West Northamptonshire Council on the Fix My Street website <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>. If you notice any streetlights which aren't working please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council is working with Eon, who repair and maintain the street lights, to develop a scheme where faulty street lights are replaced more quickly. As part of our strategic plan, we are also looking at sites within Barby that need additional street lighting. Please do let us know if you have any suggestions

Onley Village Hall – Sunday 1st March from 2pm, do please come along and let us have your thoughts on the **new Onley children's play area** that the Parish Council is working to secure grant funding for.

We have been working with HMP Onley to ensure that their contractors drive more carefully along Prison Drive and to eliminate early morning truck noise.

The Council has purchased two new grit bins for Onley and is working to obtain further public access defibrillators for both Barby & Onley.

We have been in communication with Lord Timpson, the Minister for Prisons at the MOJ to obtain clarity on the Onley water pipe replacement scheme, along with information about current water charging but we have received no definitive information. We have involved our MP, Stuart Andrew, who is chasing this with Lord Timpson on our behalf.

West Northants Council have delayed the design phase of our Daventry Road traffic calming scheme due to time being allocated for the design of the Northampton northerly by-pass. They are telling us that our design will start this month with a proposed construction date being this summer. The flood work on Barby Road into Kilsby has been postponed until the end of March once the road is no longer used as a diversion route towards Rugby.

Our new Parish Council Website is well underway and we hope for this to go live in the near future.

.Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any Parish Council matters or if there are any improvements you would like to see around the Parish

Faith Gorman, Chair – Barby & Onley Parish Council faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk

West Northants Council (WNC) LOCAL PLAN

WNC are seeking the views of residents in shaping the Local Plan for West Northamptonshire. The Local Plan is a key document setting out the future of development across West Northamptonshire up to 2043. It sets out how land will be used for housing, employment, green spaces, and infrastructure

Details of the draft plan & how to comment upon it can be found here:

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/local-plan

The draft plan includes a 'Rural Housing Requirement' and for Barby there is an additional requirement for a minimum of 58 houses being provided up to the end of the plan in 2043. If this happens it will inevitably extend the village into the surrounding Countryside. The Parish Council will be objecting to this allocation as it is not clear how this figure has been determined nor does it take our own Neighbourhood Development Plan into account.

Rugby Council are proposing to designate the Warwickshire section of the Rainsbrook Valley as a 'landscape of elevated sensitivity' which will help protect the beauty of the area including from development. Your Parish Council are asking WNC to include, within their new local plan, the same protection to the Northamptonshire section of the Rainsbrook Valley.

The Parish Council encourages all residents to take part in WNC's consultation over its local plan which runs until 27th March 2026. This is everyone's opportunity to have their say on whether or not they would like to see more houses being built around Barby (which will be outside our village boundary, in what is now countryside) and to press for changes regarding protecting the Rainsbrook Valley.

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Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it?

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We need people from all backgrounds and experiences to put themselves forward for co-option to the Parish Council.

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Clubs and Societies

Badminton Barby Village Hall Wednesdays 8pm-10pm. Exercise yes, fun yes, competitive sometimes. As we only have one court, we generally play doubles. No membership, turn up, pay and play. £3 pp. for the night.

Barby Village Hall Community Café The bookswap café meets on 2nd and 16th March 2pm to 4pm. Come and have a chat and a cup of tea and pick up a new book or jigsaw.

Barby Short Mat Bowls Club This is an invitation to all residents of Barby and Onley to join a thriving club. You are welcome whether you are novice or experienced. We meet every Thursday in Barby Village Hall at 09:15 and play from 09:30 to 11:30 with a refreshment break. Please come and join us.

Barby Cricket Club extends a warm invitation to all villagers to pop along and see what the club is all about. Social Membership to the club is available at £10.00 for the season & will allow you to use our Bar Facilities.
For more information go to www.pitchero.com/clubs/barbycricketclub2

Barby and Onley Gardening Club: Our March meeting is on Tuesday 17th March when we will be inviting Darren Rudge along to give a talk “Teabags, Bras and Tights”; if you are intrigued by what it is all about then come along to our session. The meeting starts at 7.45pm with refreshments from 7.15pm. *You don't have to be a member to come along.* Our members at the February meeting asked some very interesting questions to which we all pitched in to give our thoughts. Thank you to those of you who bought seeds along to share – these will be available in March.
Tallest Sunflower Competition: We are running this again for adults. 5 seeds for 20p. Please contact Sue Hives on 01788 890682 or 07523169909 for seeds.

Barby Cricket Club – 100 Club draw. The winners of the January 2026 draw were G. Leppard £80, W. Tarrant £60, M. Barnes £40.



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Barby Local History Group www.barbylhq.org.uk - Our next meeting will be our AGM on Wednesday 11th March at 7.45 in Barby Village Hall.

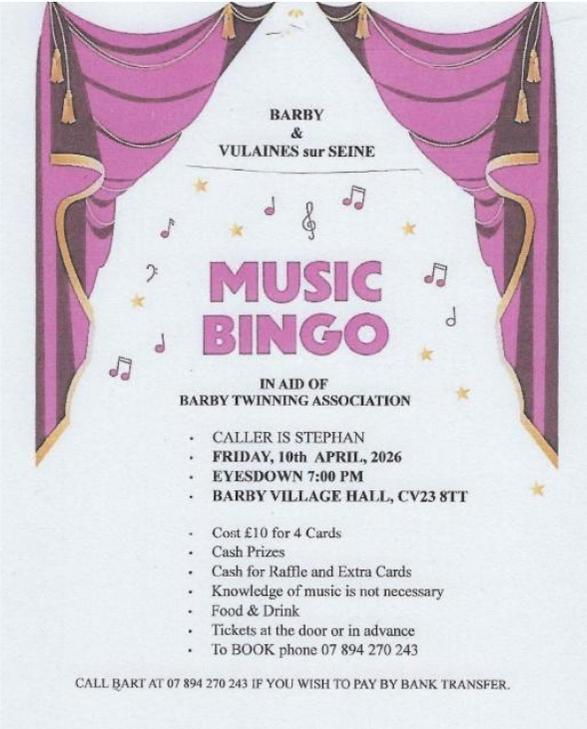
WI – At our February meeting we welcomed our last speaker of the 25/26 programme, Lou Tassell who gave us a very interesting talk on Reflexology. Our March meeting is the AGM, the new 26/27 programme will be on the Barby Village Hall notice board. It is very varied with something for everyone and a local speaker. Do look at the programme and come along and try us out, we are a friendly bunch. If you need to know more give Chris a call 890963.

Barby Village Hall Advance notice of events at the Village Hall. **14th June Ukulele Band and lunch. 26th September ABBA music through the ages.**

Do you have any good ideas for fundraising? Would you like to help support facilities in Barby? There are 2 places available for members on the committee of villagers who look after Barby Village Hall. The duties are not onerous (4 or 5 meetings per year) and you will be helping to keep up an important village facility.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact the chairman, Bryan O'Reilly 07930 607345.

Evergreen Club – The Evergreen Club, Barby over-sixties club, meets once a fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon 2:00pm to 4:00pm in Barby Village Hall. The group meet to enjoy games of bingo, cards and dominoes, with a cuppa and cake all for £2! Our meetings in March will be on Wednesday 11th and Wednesday 25th.



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My name is Misia and I live on Pittoms Lane, Barby. In April, I will be running the London Marathon to raise funds for Leukaemia Care, in memory of my boyfriend's uncle, who sadly passed away from leukaemia. Running the marathon is a huge personal challenge for me, but one I am proud to be taking on in his honour.

I am in the process of organising several local fundraising events, including a bingo and raffle night at the Village Hall, and I am also hoping to organise a bake sale. I will be sharing more details on Barby, Kilsby & Onley Residents Facebook group.

If anyone would like to support my fundraising, donations may be made using the QR code above (or access the page via the link below. I would be very grateful for any contribution. If you'd like to contact me, feel free to reach me on 07879817490

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/misifajgier?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Other Notices

Breakfast club Breakfast Club at Barby Village Hall on 15th March will be supporting the charity Harry's Pals. We are keeping the price at £7-00 for a full English breakfast. Thank you to all for your support. Please note we will now be serving breakfast from 9.00am.

Food Bank Thanks for all the food bank items and money collected just before Christmas by Santa and all of his little helpers at Onley Park.

Used Postage Stamps – Don't just throw away all those stamps – they can be donated to charity. Just put them in my post box (on the side of my house) at 41 Holme Way. They will be sent to various charities. Janice Jones.

Pilates at Barby Village Hall

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Community Choir The Barby and Kilsby Community Choir will be giving a Spring Concert on Friday 27th March in St Marys Church starting at 7 pm. The Choir will sing a range of Springtime music alongside a number of well-known pieces. It is free to come in but if you enjoy the evening, we will gladly accept a donation at the end to help us continue going forward. There will be refreshments and a raffle. All are warmly welcome.

Morris Dancers back in Barby Chinewrde Morris Dancers are performing in Barby on March 22nd They will be at the pub (assuming the new owners agree) from about 12 noon.

Napton Art Group Napton Art Group are holding their annual Easter Exhibition of members' work at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April 2026 10am - 4 pm. Admission is £1, free entry for children; there will be light refreshments in the pop-up cafe. Everybody who comes can vote for "The People's Favourite" painting. There will be a nominated charity and members will be displaying small paintings that will be for sale at a cost of £10 with the proceeds going to the charity. Payments for items for sale can now be made by card/ phone as well as cash/ cheques. The Art Group has a membership that now stands at over 50 and meets every Thursday afternoon at Napton Village Hall and has a programme featuring a wide range of demonstrations and weekend workshops. Visitors who might wish to join the group are welcome on any Thursday afternoon 2 - 4 pm. Further details from Howard Collerson 01926 813181

St. Mary's Church, Barby Soup & Roll at St. Mary's Church, Barby on Saturday 7th March and Saturday 4th April 12 noon to 2pm. Homemade soup and a roll, homemade desserts and cream, tea or coffee will be available for £7. All proceeds go to St. Mary's Church.

Services at St. Mary's Church

1st March - 10.30 am Service at St. Mary's Barby

8th March - 10.30 am Joint Beneficiary at St. Mary's Barby

15th March – 10.30 am **Mothering Sunday**
A Joint Beneficiary Service at St. Mary's Barby

22nd March - 9.00 am Service at St. Mary's Barby

29th March - **Palm Sunday** 9.00 am St Faith's Kilsby
10:30 am St Mary's Barby

2nd April - **Maundy Thursday**: 8.00 pm Last Supper and Vigil at St Mary's
Barby

3rd April - **Good Friday**: Kilsby 10.00 am Walk of Witness:
St Mary's Barby 2.30 pm Devotional service

5th April - **Easter Sunday**: Kilsby Sunrise service at 6:30 am
Easter Service St Mary's Barby 10:30 am

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Dates for your Diary

March	2 nd	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	7 th	Soup and a Roll – St. Mary’s Church 12 noon -2.00pm
	9 th	Parish Council Meeting – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	10 th	WI – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	11 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	11 th	Local History Group– Barby Village Hall 7.45pm
	15 th	Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall 9.00am to 11.30am
	16 th	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	17 th	Barby and Onley Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall 7.15pm
	25 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
27 th	Barby and Kilsby Community Choir concert at St. Mary’s Church 7pm	
April	4 th	Soup and a Roll – St. Mary’s Church 12 noon -2.00pm

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