

Barby and Onley Newsletter

December 2025/January 2026

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Carols around the Christmas Tree

**All welcome to join us for carols
around the Christmas Tree opposite
the shop on Thursday 18th December
6.30pm.**

**Mulled wine will be provided. Please
bring mince pies if you can, to share.**

This is hosted by Barby Townlands Trust

Collection in aid of Hope4

Christmas Services at Barby and Kilsby



Sunday 21st December: Carol Service Kilsby 6pm

Monday 22nd December: Carols by Candlelight Barby 6pm

Christmas Eve: Barby Family Christmas 4pm

Midnight Mass: 10.30pm Kilsby

Christmas Day: Christmas Eucharist 9am Kilsby 10:30 Barby

Sunday 28th December: Joint Service 10:30 Barby

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 8th December 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.

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

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/>. In one current consultation residents and developers are being asked to help shape WNC's new Infrastructure and Developer Contributions document. There is another consultation inviting comments on proposals to change school admission arrangements at some primary schools for September 2027.

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 street lights which aren't working please contact the Parish Clerk.

Events and Welcoming Spaces Across West Northamptonshire The West Northamptonshire Council website details events and initiatives for different ages such as baby and toddler sessions at libraries and events aimed at tackling loneliness. Details can be found at: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/events>. Details of welcoming warm spaces this winter can also be found on their website: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/welcoming-spaces/about-welcoming-spaces>

Cllrs Bryan O'Reilly, Phil Wagg & I represented the Parish Council at the Remembrance Sunday service held in Barby Church on 9th November. During the service I had the privilege and honour of laying a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the Parish Council and all Parishioners.

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Taylor for all their work with the Remembrance preparations in the Parish; for organising the door-to-door poppy selling, for placing poppies on lamp posts and for the remembrance displays around the War Memorial itself. Thanks also go to Cllr Wagg for mowing the grass around the Memorial in readiness for the Remembrance services.

The Parish Council organised for the street lights in Onley to be repaired and are most grateful to OPSL for covering the cost of this work as a goodwill gesture to the residents of Onley. We are organising for a new stock of bottled water to be donated by HMP Onley. This will be kept in Onley and used as needed during any future water outages.

The two 'maximum speed' road signs on Cart Hill, Barby have now been installed and byway EC23 that runs parallel to Cart Hill is being made more accessible. We are still pursuing West Northants Council to make permanent improvements to the whole Northamptonshire section of Barby Lane but progress is slow. The work planned on Norman's Bridge (bridge over canal on Barby Lane) was postponed last month and has now been scheduled under a road closure on 4th & 5th December.

The recent tree survey that the Parish Council commissioned unfortunately confirmed the presence of Ash Dieback Disease in some of the magnificent Ash trees at the Sports Field in Barby. Ash Dieback disease is an International problem and is now widespread across all of the UK. Councils in the UK are working hard to manage the situation appropriately with public safety being the prime consideration

The Parish Council is here to represent and serve all Parishioners. Please do let us know of any problems or improvements that you would like made in the Parish. We are looking at putting together our strategic plan for the next 3 years which will enable us to budget more effectively and make improvements to the Parish. We will be providing more information on this early next year and will very much appreciate everybody's input into the development of the plan.

On behalf of the Parish Council, we send our season's greetings to all residents of the Parish, wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Faith Gorman – Chair Barby & Onley Parish Council

faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk

Vacancy on the Parish Council



Are you passionate about your community?

Do you want to help make a long-lasting change?

Do you want to be involved in shaping the future of our Parish?

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

If this is you, then we need you.

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

No experience is necessary, training will be given

The work of a councillor can be extremely rewarding.

If you would like further information or to apply please contact our Clerk at
clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk or by telephone on 07864 579068

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 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 Cricket Club – 100 Club draw. The winners of the October 2025 draw were P. Thompson £80, A. Daniel £60, D. J. Dury £40.

Barby Village Hall Community Café The bookswap café meets on 1st and 15th December and 5th and 19th January 2pm to 4pm. Come and have a chat and a cup of tea and pick up a new book or jigsaw. The meeting on 15th December is a Christmas Special with live entertainment and carols.

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 December will be on Wednesday 3rd and Wednesday 17th. January meetings are 14th and 28th. New Evergreen members are always welcome.

Due to the forthcoming retirement of 2 of our helpers, we are looking for volunteers to help on a Wednesday afternoon. We work in pairs which means at the moment we help once every 6 weeks. We set up 3 tables and chairs, take the entrance fee of £2, sell bingo tickets, call the numbers then make their tea and coffee whilst they play cards, dominoes or just chat. Clear up at the end. The helpers meet about 13.30 and finish about 16.10. One person has already volunteered but we would love more to join us. Please contact Gill 891091, Pat Webb 890800, Helen Johnson or Jan Middleton.

Barby Local History Group www.barbylhg.org.uk - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th December at 7.45pm in Barby Village Hall when we shall hold our Christmas social. Please bring a plate of food to share, and £2 towards the cost of the drinks.

Our first meeting of 2026 will be a Members Meeting on 14th January, same time and place. Please note CHANGE OF DATE from that in your programme. We should like to have updates on any projects you may have on the go, and we hope the latest additions to the archive, photos and documents, will be available to view.

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Barby and Onley Gardening Club: Our December meeting takes place on Tuesday 16th December when we will be holding our AGM and Xmas Social evening, starting at 7.30pm.

Our monthly meetings resume on January 20th 2026, when Fern Seagermills from Rugby Borough Council will talk about the Town Gardens. At our October meeting we learnt a lot about Orchid growing from Sally Lickman when we had a discussion on growing mediums, watering and pruning followed by many questions from the audience. In November we invited Growmad to talk to members about Herbs, especially their cultivation, propagation and medicinal uses. It was interesting to know that a number of herbs could reduce rheumatic pain, and some herbs had recently been used in the research of Alzheimers.

WI – At our last meeting Barby's very own Mary Corry showed us how to make Christmas decorations, she said how easy many of them were but I'm not so sure!!! Our next meeting **FRIDAY 12th December** at 6.15 we have Creaton Caterers coming along to provide us with a Christmas dinner. We have entertainment organised which is under wraps. (Will say more in the February newsletter). Tuesday January 13th 7.30 in Barby Village Hall we have Hayley Charlesworth from the charity Harry's Pals coming along to tell us more about Harry and the Charity. If your New Year resolution is to give the WI a go, please come along. We are all a friendly bunch and none of us bite. We wish everyone a merry Christmas and a very peaceful happy 2026.



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Other Notices

Breakfast club Breakfast Club at Barby Village Hall on 21st December will be supporting the Dementia Support Group. On 18th January we will be supporting the Barby Woodlands Trust. 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.

Barby Village Hall 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.

Barby Woodlands Trust Quiz Night 27th February 2026, Barby Village Hall. BWT will be raising funds for ongoing maintenance costs for the Barby Woodlands. Teams of 4, £10 per team. All enquiries to Katherine 07768 008482 or Graham 07712 044180

St. Mary's Church, Barby Soup & Roll at St. Mary's Church, Barby on Saturday 6th December and 3rd January, 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.

We would like to thank Robin and Sheila for all their hard work at Soup and Roll raising funds for St. Mary's Church for many years. They have now decided to step away from Soup and Roll.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IF SOUP & ROLL IS TO CONTINUE!!

We need new volunteers, either to provide a home-made soup or dessert on the day, or to help in the church serving soup and desserts or taking money as people arrive. We usually have Soup and Roll on the first Saturday of each month between September and May. If we can get enough volunteers then it won't have to be every month, we can work on a rota basis. If you can help please contact me. Douglas Thompson 07941262178

Lest We Forget Thank you for taking time on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day to stop and remember all those that gave their 'Today' so that we may have our 'Tomorrow'. To the School and to the Church for arranging the Services and for the children's beautifully crafted Poppies, thank you. To the amazing group of house-to-house collectors, to the various organisations in the village who collected on behalf of the Poppy Appeal and for all those that gave so generously, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you. All the Poppy boxes have now been sent away for counting and I will let you know the amount raised as soon as I can. Mark and Sally-Anne Taylor

Barby Townlands & Educational Trust

Apple Day – thanks to everyone who came along to the apple day in the orchard on 5th October. It was great to see so many apples and pears being picked! We hope the burgers and cakes were enjoyed. Even though there was no charge for this event we received donations from several people totalling £62.50. This has been passed on to Hope4 charity for the homeless. Thankyou!

Grants – as you know we often give grants to local organisations to help support their activities. However, our financial position has somewhat changed due to a reduction income as we no longer receive rent from grazing for the field that has now become the woodlands, which we are sure you will agree is now a superb village asset. We also no longer receive the rural payment scheme from the government which previously boosted our income considerably. Finally, as you are aware, the fire at the garage has caused significant damage to our property so we need to reserve funds to enable repairs if necessary. We are still happy to consider grant requests, particularly those which fall into the young person's grant category.

Used Postage Stamps – Don't just throw away all those stamps – they can be donated to charity. Thanks to all those who have dropped off their used stamps. If you have any more 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.

Art & Craft



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Barby Village Hall

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Barby Woodlands Trust will be raising funds for the up-keep and continued maintenance of our wonderful community woodland, here in Barby.

**Please come and join us for our first
Village Quiz Night**

**Friday 27th February 2026
Barby Village Hall
07:30pm start**

£10 entry for team of 4

We will be running a licensed bar
& hot dogs will be available to purchase
plus a raffle

To register your team please contact

(team numbers are limited due to space)

Katherine - 07768 008482 or katherinewebster3@gmail.com

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Dates for your Diary

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| December | 1 st | Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm |
| | 3 rd | Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm |
| | 6 th | Soup and a Roll – St. Mary's Church 12 noon -2.00pm |
| | 8 th | Parish Council Meeting – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm |
| | 10 th | Local History Group– Barby Village Hall 7.45pm |
| | 12 th | WI Christmas special – Barby Village Hall 6.15pm |
| | 15 th | Community Café Christmas Special – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm |
| | 16 th | Barby and Onley Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall 7.15pm |
| | 17 th | Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm |
| | 21 st | Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall 9.00am to 11.30am |
| January | 3 rd | Soup and a Roll – St. Mary's Church 12 noon -2.00pm |
| | 5 th | Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm |
| | 12 th | Parish Council Meeting – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm |
| | 13 th | WI – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm |
| | 14 th | Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm |
| | 14 th | Local History Group– Barby Village Hall 7.45pm |
| | 18 th | Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall 9.00am to 11.30am |
| | 19 th | Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm |
| | 20 th | Barby and Onley Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall 7.15pm |
| | 28 th | Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm |

Pilates at Barby Village Hall

Two classes every Tuesday 9.30 to 10.30 and 10.30 to 11.30.

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Your Current Parish Councillors

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