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# Parish Council News (Parish Clerk 07864 579068)

## **Barby & Onley Parish Council**

The Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of each month except when it falls on a bank holiday. However, next month the meeting will take place on **Wednesday** 15<sup>th</sup> April 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](mailto:clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk) or by telephone on 07864 579068.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates and Locations** The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will both be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at Barby Village Hall at 6.30pm and 7.30pm respectively. The meeting due to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 streetlights 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.

**Life-saving Defibrillators** The Parish Council have secured two Defibrillators from the OurJay Foundation via grants given by Three Shires Hospital in Northampton. OurJay Foundation ([www.ourjay.org.uk](http://www.ourjay.org.uk)) aims to raise awareness of the importance of having 24/7 publicly accessible automated external defibrillators. They also raise funds and obtain sponsorship to purchase and install accessible defibrillators in this area. The inspirational Chair of the Foundation, Naomi, set up the OurJay Foundation after her 18-year-old son, Jamie, tragically died in 2022 following a cardiac arrest.

One of the defibrillators has already been installed on the outside of Onley Village Hall and connected to the 999 Circuit.

The Parish Council would like to express sincere thanks to the wonderful Babu at the Arnold Arms Pub in Barby for agreeing for the second defibrillator to be installed outside the pub. It is heart-warming that a new member of our Parish wishes to help our whole community in such a positive manner. Thank you Babu & the Arnold Arms.

The Parish Council would also like to thank Lewis Marks from Top Marks Electrical ([www.topmarkelectrical.com](http://www.topmarkelectrical.com)) for agreeing to install both devices free of charge.

**Streetlights** The Parish Council are working with Eon, who repair and maintain the streetlights, to develop a scheme where faulty streetlights 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.

**Speeding** The Parish Council has submitted a grant application to replace the two speed vehicle activation signs on Daventry Road with up-to-date and hopefully more effective devices.

**Strategic Plan** The development of the Parish Council's three-year strategic plan continues, led by Cllr Phil Wagg. Please do let him or I know of any improvements you would like to see in the Parish over the next three years or any projects that you would like the Parish Council to consider funding.

**Onley** Thank you to everyone who attended our open event in Onley regarding the new playground and to all those that responded to our online survey – we had an excellent response and can now progress to the next stage of the grant application. The Parish Council have arranged for overhanging shrubbery by the Officer's Mess in Onley to be cut back and are purchasing and installing a sign to direct drivers to Onley Village Hall car parking

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any Parish Council matters or if there is anything the Parish Council can assist with

Faith Gorman, Chair – Barby & Onley Parish Council [faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk](mailto:faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk)

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> April 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](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/barbycricketclub2)

**Barby Cricket Club – 100 Club draw.** The winners of the February 2026 draw were M. Barnes £80, S. Gurny £60, D. Lintern £40.

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**Barby Local History Group** [www.barbylhg.org.uk](http://www.barbylhg.org.uk) - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th April in Barby Village Hall at 7.45pm. Our speaker will be Ruth Thomas on the subject of "Entertainment in Northampton". New members and visitors are most welcome.

**Barby and Onley Gardening Club** Our April meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April when we will be inviting back Simon Smith to give a talk on "Growing Vegetables for Exhibition" So, if you are thinking of exhibiting at our Produce Show this coming September then come along. The meeting starts at 7.45pm with refreshments from 7.15pm. *You don't have to be a member.*

**Tallest Sunflower Competition:** Adults! Have a go at growing a tall sunflower either in your garden, or if you have one, on your allotment. All you need is a pot, compost and a tall stake! 5 seeds for 20p. Please contact Sue Hives on 01788 890682 or 07523169909 for seeds.

**Advance Notice - Our Annual Produce Show takes place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September.** For those classes that need advanced preparation, details of these will be given in the May edition of the Newsletter. The full Schedule will be available soon on the Parish website.

We are very pleased to announce that this year the Townlands Charity is sponsoring 2 classes within the cookery section and The Barby and Onley Parish Council are sponsoring 3 classes within the Photography section.

**Mini Plant Sale** - We will be holding a plant sale on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am – 11.00am on the Village Hall Carpark. We will be selling Tomato, Cucumber and other vegetable plants. Our next Plant Sale will be in June as part of the Garage Sale.

**WI** – We invited Naomi Rees, founder of the charity Our Jamie Foundation, to the community cafe in February. Naomi lost her son Jamie needlessly 4 years ago. Jamie suffered a cardiac arrest; had there been an accessible defibrillator near by the chances are he would have been alive today. Naomi has worked tirelessly to provide accessible defibrillators to hundreds of places. Her aim is to have defibrillators in every police vehicle as one of the first people to arrive at the scene for Jamie was a police car. Naomi brought a defibrillator and manikins with her and gave a through presentation on how to use the equipment. We were all encouraged to have a go, many questions were asked and by the end we felt we would be able to help if called on.

Our March meeting was our AGM which was followed by cheese and wine. We welcomed 3 new members. Our President was voted in for a further year and the committee will be formed at the first committee meeting in April. The 26/27 programme can be seen on the Village Hall notice board; there is something for everyone. The next meeting, Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in Barby Village Hall we have Deborah Jones demonstrating “Willow Weaving”. If you would like to know more come along to a meeting or give Chris a call on 890963.

**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 April will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**Barby Woodland Trust Trees and Bees Lottery** The inaugural draw for the Barby Woodland Trust Trees and Bees Lottery took place at the breakfast club in Barby Village Hall on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The first prize of £190 was won by number 90: Maria Smith and second prize of £47.50 was won by number 40: Caroline Smith. Congratulations to both. Thank you to all players for their support.

**Barby Garage and Plant Sale** Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> June 9am - 1pm. The annual Garage and Plant Sale is an opportunity for you to have a clear out and sell from the comfort of your own drive. Think 'car boot sale' but more convenient. To register your house on the map that is produced for the many people who come to the village for it, there is a £10 donation which is split between the Air Ambulance and Rugby Food Bank. So please do get involved, the more houses the better. Drop in your £10 in an envelope with your house number and street on, to either 45 Brackendale Drive or 4 Castle Mound.

**Breakfast club** Breakfast Club at Barby Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> April will be supporting the Myton Hospice. 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 until 11am.

**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.



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**FREE QUOTATIONS**

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

**St. Mary's Church, Barby** Soup & Roll at St. Mary's Church, Barby on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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.

### **Easter Services at Barby and Kilsby**

Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: JOINT SERVICE at KILSBY 10:30

Maundy Thursday: Last Supper and Vigil at Barby 8pm

Good Friday: Kilsby 10am Walk of witness: Barby 14:30 Devotional service

Easter Sunday: Kilsby Sunrise service at 6:30am: Easter Service Barby 10:30

### **April Sunday Services at St Mary's**

- 12<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am
- 19<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am
- 26<sup>th</sup> April 9.00 am

### **Pilates at Barby Village Hall**

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

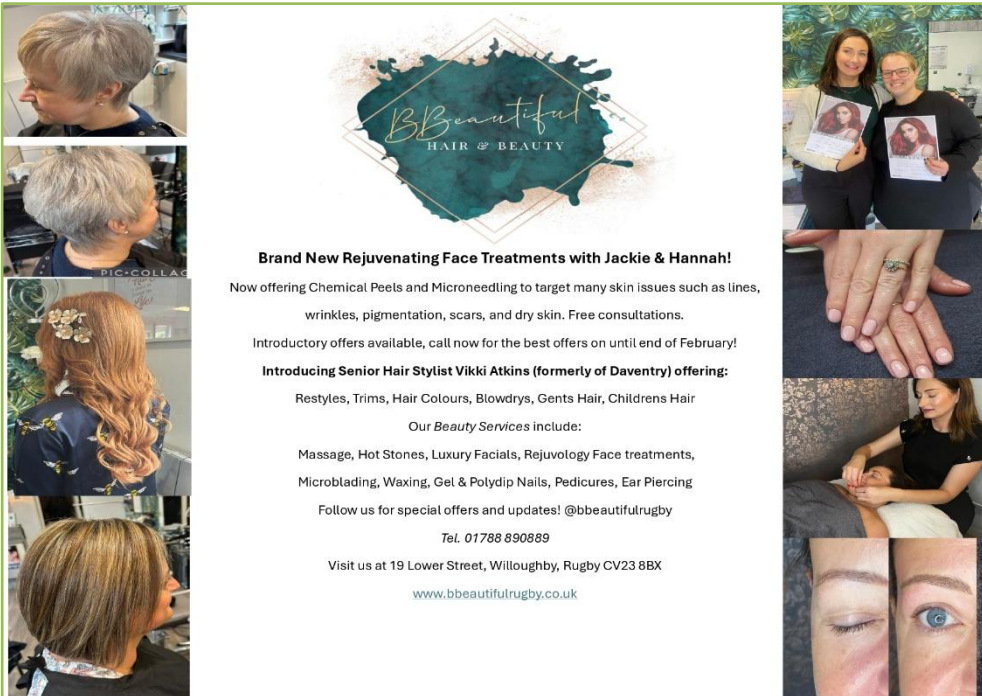
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**Barby Village Hall Committee** Do you have any good ideas for fundraising? Would you like to help support facilities in Barby? There are 2 places available for members on the committee of villagers who look after Barby Village Hall. The duties are 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.





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**Napton Art Group** Napton Art Group are holding their annual Easter Exhibition of members' work at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

# Vacancy on the Parish Council



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## **SAMPLE SOMETHING NEW THIS SUMMER**

Fancy getting to know more about Italian wines or tasting some locally-distilled gin? Both are possible with new courses being offered by Rugby's Percival Guildhouse from April.

A six-week Italian wine appreciation course and the one-day gin workshop are among 12 new courses being run by the lifelong learning centre between April and July as part of a summer term programme packed with nearly 80 courses.

Also new are two additional yoga classes, wellbeing and medication classes, history workshops looking at the 1926 General Strike and the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US Declaration of Independence, plus chess and fantastical art in watercolour courses.

A list of all courses being offered by the Guildhouse from April, with dates, times and number of sessions, can be found at [www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk/courses/](http://www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk/courses/). Or phone 01788 542467 with any queries about courses.



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## Trees and Bees Lottery

As part of its fundraising to support the work we are doing in Barby Meadow Woods, we are pleased to announce that we are setting up a monthly lottery.

The cost of joining will be £5 per month with 50% of the monthly pot being paid in prize money. Draws will take place each month at the Breakfast Club in Barby Village Hall or outside the Barby shop in the summer.

We hope that you are enjoying visiting the woods and that you will feel able to support us in the work we are doing to maintain and develop the site. And who knows,

**It could be You!**

For more information about the lottery and how to join, please contact:

Pippa Reeve (07876 315111)  
Katherine Webster (07768 008482)  
Email [secretary@barbywoodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:secretary@barbywoodlandtrust.org.uk)

### **Buckby Library & Hub**

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email: [sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org); 01327 842591.

As part of our activities for the **National Year of Reading**, we are holding a short story competition. Our Story Theme is “**THE DAY EVERYTHING CHANGED**”. Your story can be funny, mysterious, magical, dramatic, heart-warming - in fact, whatever you wish! There are three categories – under 12, 12-17 and 18+

Submission Deadline: Thursday 23rd April 2026. Full details, terms and conditions are on the website: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/were-delighted-to-announce-our-short-story-competition-for-2026/>.

**Spring Fayre:** We are having a Spring Fayre on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2-4.30pm. Stalls include bric-a-brac, toys, bottle tombola, raffle, crafts, cards, cakes, floristry and plants, accessories, skincare, and products from our local deli. Something for everyone! It's a fundraising event for the library and is free entry. All welcome.

**Our art exhibitions:** in April there will be an exhibition of works by **James (Jim) Hollin** and then local artist, **Ian Dexter**, in May – details on our website soon!

**Film night:** Last Tuesday of the month. 28th April **Hamnet**. Tickets are £7.50 from the library or the Peephole. Films start at 7.30; doors open at 7pm. Refreshments available, including ice creams. <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/film-nights-2/> .

## Dates for your Diary

<b>April</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Soup and a Roll – St. Mary's Church 12 noon -2.00pm
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Local History Group– Barby Village Hall 7.45pm
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Music Bingo – Barby Village Hall 7.00pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	WI – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall 9.00am to 11.00am
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Barby and Onley Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall 7.15pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
<b>May</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Soup and a Roll – St. Mary's Church 12 noon -2.00pm

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