

# Barby and Onley Newsletter

## May 2026

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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. Next month the meeting will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 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 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** Everyone is welcome to attend our annual Parish meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in Barby Village Hall. The meeting will only last for about 1 hour and we are inviting all Parish clubs/charities/organisations to give a short talk about their activities over the past year – so do please come along 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.

**Parish Councillor Vacancies** The Parish Council still has three 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://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/consultations>.

**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>

# Vacancy on the Parish Council



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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?

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for co-option to the Parish Council.

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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

**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.

**Help with Heating Oil Costs** Following the recent government announcement, West Northants Council is offering short-term, emergency heating oil support for residents who are close to running out of fuel and cannot afford to buy more. Please look on the following website where the application form can also be found <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/food-household-and-everyday-essentials/crisis-and-resilience-fund-crf/heating-oil-support>

**Speed Indicator Devices** The Parish Council is delighted to announce it has been awarded a grant from the Northamptonshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner's Road Safety Community Fund to purchase two new and up to date Speed Indicator Devices for Daventry Road, Barby. This funding will strengthen our ongoing efforts to improve road safety and speed awareness in the Parish. The devices also capture speed data of vehicles and it is hoped that this data, along with that collected by the Community Speed Watch group, will help build the case, going forward, for more police enforcement within our Parish

**Defibrillators** As reported last month the Parish Council has obtained two new defibrillators, provided through the Our Jay Foundation. One is installed on Onley Village Hall & the other one outside the Arnold Arms in Barby. The homeowners at 1 Manor Farm Close, Barby, CV23 8FA have also had an Our Jay Foundation public accessible defibrillator installed on the outside of their home. All the defibrillators are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be accessed in an emergency by contacting 999 or 112 whereby the keypad code will be provided.

**Strategic Plan** As you may know, the Council is putting together its three-year strategic plan which is being led by Cllr Phil Wagg. This plan will lay out the aims of the Council for the next three years and outline how we intend to spend the money we obtain through the Parish portion of the Council Tax (as you may recall the Parish Council decided not to increase this amount this year). It is important that Parishioners let us know what they would like to see the Council do to improve the Parish over the next few years & how you would like to see Parish monies being spent; please send your suggestions to Phil, [phil.wagg@bopc.org.uk](mailto:phil.wagg@bopc.org.uk) or to me.

**Surveys** The Council have recently arranged Safety inspections on the play areas and the skate park. The three-year Parish tree survey has also been undertaken and the Council are currently analysing the data. We were informed that, on the whole, the Parish tree stock is in good order but some relatively minor work may need to be carried out in the future.

**Roundabout at Barby Play Area** This piece of apparatus has been taken out of action as it is awaiting a new part. Please do not use the roundabout. Could parents kindly ensure that their children do not use the roundabout; if you have older children, who go to the park on their own, please ensure that they are aware that the roundabout should not be used

**Onley Village Hall** A huge thank you to Cllrs Sarah Withington & Conor Benton and members of OPRA for obtaining donations of paint from local companies and organising for volunteers to paint Onley Village Hall.

Please contact me if there are any issues regarding the Parish.

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

## Speed Watch in Barby – May to September 2026

Speedwatch, run by local community volunteers, supported by the Parish Council and led by Northamptonshire Police, has been run in Barby for the last 8 years. It provides details of vehicles identified as speeding within the Village to Northamptonshire Police. The main focus is to make drivers passing through the Village become aware that Barby is taking action to target speeding.

By continuing with Speedwatch it ensures the village continues to have visits from the Police mobile speed camera van and provides data for assessing speed calming measures. Importantly it also supports the Parish Council in obtaining funding to support vehicle speed calming measures.

Speedwatch works through a team of volunteers using Police speed recording equipment to record the details of vehicles speeding at agreed strategic locations within the village. With the support of the Parish Council data is submitted to Northamptonshire Police where vehicles are recorded by the Speedwatch team exceeding the 30mph limit.

The driver of every vehicle reported as speeding will receive an official warning letter from the Police explaining the importance of adhering to speed limits. If a driver is reported to be significantly exceeding the speed limit or has been reported more than once the driver may have further action taken by Police.

We are now looking for new volunteers to join the Barby Speedwatch team who can give a hour or two a week and help to make a difference. Sessions are flexible, planned around availability usually lasting for 1-2 hours and can be targeted to match busier times in the morning or late afternoon.

**We currently have a small, dedicated core team and would be delighted to welcome new volunteers to help run this year's sessions.**

If you can help or need more information please contact me.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May 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 £15.00 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 March 2026 draw were R. Wilson £80, W. Adams £60, W. Tarrant £40.

## Looking to Sell or Scrap your Car?



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**Barby and Onley Gardening Club** Our May meeting is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May when we will be inviting John Mathews from Vintage Tools. Covering gardening tools through history with a little bit of “guess what this is”. Tools will be available to purchase. The meeting starts at 7.45pm with refreshments from 7.15pm. *You don't have to be a member to attend.*

A mini plant sale will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am – 11.am on the Village Hall carpark for the sale of Tomato, Cucumber and other vegetable plants.

**The Barby and Onley Gardening Club Produce Show** will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at Barby Village Hall.

Detailed below is information on those classes that need advance preparation.

Cookery Classes: 1. A jar of 2 fruit citrus marmalade; 2. A jar of Jam; 3. A jar of Chutney or Pickle (not cabbage or onions). The Chutney or Pickle must have been matured for at least 2 months before the show.

Handicrafts (2 entries allowed): 1. A knitted or Crochet item; 2. A needlework item (using stitches) *Either Freehand or Kit*; 3. A Cushion Cover using any material; 4. Any handcrafted item – metal, wood or pottery; 5. An item of Clothing (any textile); 6. An item of Lacemaking (*new class*)

Photography classes (2 entries allowed):

Adult: 1 The Parish\*; 2. Comedy; 3. 3 photos of your choice

12-16yrs class: The Parish\*

Under 12yrs class: The Parish\*

The classes donated with an \* are sponsored by Barby and Onley Parish Council and will be awarded a special cash prize.

**Barby Local History Group** [www.barbylhg.org.uk](http://www.barbylhg.org.uk) - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May in Barby Village Hall at 7.45pm. Our speaker will be Christine Dover who will talk about Morris Dancing in Northamptonshire. New members and visitors are most welcome.

**WI** – At our next meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 in Barby Village Hall we welcome WI advisor Sue Kendal. Sue will discuss with us the 2 resolutions being taken to the National AGM on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. 1 Accessible public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health and social inclusion. 2 Action on women's homelessness.

Our full programme can be seen on the village hall notice board.

**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 May will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## Other Notices

**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 17<sup>th</sup> May will be supporting Daventry Community Larder. 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.

**Volunteers needed** – The team that mows the churchyard on Thursday mornings is looking for more volunteers. Please help if you can. Contact Ian Webb 01788 890800.



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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)

**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.**

**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.

**Warning** A book, delivered to a house in Kilsby Road but left half out of the letter box, was subsequently stolen. It may be possible to retrieve incriminating images from stored recordings but currently the culprit cannot be identified. Watch out - it may happen to you too!

**St. Mary's Church, Barby** Soup & Roll at St. Mary's Church, Barby on 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.

Thank you for all who helped make the Easter services so special, including all those who came, those who read, those who arranged the flowers, the bellringers, the cleaners and the choir. Thank you also to The Red Lion at Kilsby who provided coffee and hot cross buns after our Good Friday Procession of Faith.

May Services at St Mary's Barby: - 3<sup>rd</sup> May - 10.30 am, 10<sup>th</sup> May - 9 am, 14<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Thursday - 10am at St Faith's Kilsby, 7 pm at St Mary's Barby, 17<sup>th</sup> May - 10.30 am, 24<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost - Joint Service at Kilsby 10.30 am, 31<sup>st</sup> May Trinity Sunday - Joint Service at St Mary's 10.30 am

St Mary's currently has vacant positions for Church Wardens. If you are interested and would like to know more about being a Church Warden, please contact Rev Alastair Wood [revapwood@btinternet.com](mailto:revapwood@btinternet.com)

St Mary's Annual Church Fete will take place this year on **18th July**. If you are willing and able to help in any way your support would be appreciated.

**Community Choir:** a wonderful Spring Concert was held at the end of March and was very well supported. Thank you to the choir, to Simon our accompanist, to Alastair our conductor and to all those that came.

Choir Rehearsals start again each Monday at 7pm in St Mary's Church, from 27<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to come and join us, please do, there is no audition and no need to read music.

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

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

Pilates is a gentle but effective exercise strengthening the core muscles to support the spine and joints. It also improves flexibility, posture and balance.

Suitable for all ages and abilities. Fully qualified PEA/RSA/Pilates Inst. Instructor.

No joining fee. £7.00 per class. New Members welcome.

For more details phone Mary on 07876 502438

**Barby Woodland Trust Trees and Bees Lottery** The April draw was held at the Breakfast Café in Barby Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> April. First prize of £194 was won by number 1, Leifr Ericksson and second price of £48.50 by number 28, Anita Cox. Thank you to all players for their support.



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**2nd May** Scott Martin @ 2:30 | Pizza Blues 12:00-20:00

**6th June** Max Board @ 2:30  
Cape Lekker South African 12:00-20:00

**4th July** DuO2 @ 2:00 then Rolling Stock @ 2:30  
Las Paelleras 12:00-20:00

**1st Aug** DuO2 @ 2:00 then Rolling Stock @ 2:30  
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## Dates for your Diary

<b>May</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Soup and a Roll – St. Mary’s Church 12 noon -2.00pm	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm	
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting – Barby Village Hall 6.30pm	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	WI – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm	
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Local History Group– Barby Village Hall 7.45pm	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall 9.00am to 11.00am	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Barby and Onley Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall 7.15pm	
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm	
	<b>June</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Barby Garage Sale and Plant Sale
		14 <sup>th</sup>	Ukulele Band and lunch – Barby Village Hall

## Your Current Parish Councillors

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