

# Barby and Onley Newsletter

## November 2025

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### Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> The Barby Village Quiz

Raising funds for Barby Village Hall and the Church Trust.  
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All enquiries to Gill 891091.

## ONLEY PARK AUTUMN & WINTER ACTIVITIES ✨



Thursday 16th October  
7–8.30pm  
Rugby and Leam Valley  
First Responders CPR  
awareness course

Saturday 25th October  
3–7pm  
HALLOWEEN FUN FOR ALL £5



Friday 28th November  
6–8pm  
CHRISTMAS ADVENT WREATH  
WORKSHOP £5

Saturday 29th November  
6pm  
ONLEY LIGHT SWITCH ON



Saturday 20th December  
6pm  
FOOD BANK COLLECTION led by Santa

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at Onley 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.

**Booking System for Recycling Centres** West Northamptonshire Council has introduced a booking system for the Household Waste & Recycling Centres which comes into effect from 3rd November. The booking system will be available to make bookings from 20th October. For more details please visit the WNC website: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/hwrc-booking-system>

**Dog Fouling** Thank you to residents who continue to pick up after their dogs. Dog waste can be disposed of in either a dog waste or any litter bin, or take it home and place it, suitably wrapped, in your own waste bin. Please do not dump the bag in a hedge or elsewhere as this is littering which carries the same penalty as dog fouling. If you witness incidences of dog fouling this can be reported to West Northamptonshire Council. For more information please visit: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/cleaner-communities/dog-fouling>

**Parking** The Parish Council has received complaints regarding inconsiderate parking in Barby, particularly around the primary school. Please could drivers be mindful of where they park so as to not cause an obstruction to pedestrians or other vehicles. Thank you.

**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/>

**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.

The Parish Council arranged for the hedges to be cut around Barby playing field and for more wood bark to be delivered & spread onto the 'safety area' at Barby playground.

The Parish Council are still persisting in trying to get West Northants Council to make improvements to Barby Lane. Advisory 20 mph speed signs have been installed in both directions on Cart Hill bend

An arboriculturist has carried out safety checks on Parish Trees that are the responsibility of the Parish Council and required a two-year safety check. The recommended/necessary tree safety work will be instigated. Public safety is of paramount importance to the Parish Council

The refurbishment project to the play area in Onley is progressing and we hope to have three possible lay out options to share with Parishioners in the near future.

Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we have no further timescales for the water pipe replacement scheme at Onley nor a timescale from the MOJ regarding their instigation of a new scheme for charging Onley residents for water.

**Parish Council Vacancies** We do currently have two vacancies for Councillors. You do not need to have any experience, just a desire to improve & support your community. We meet once per month and Councillors are also involved in other projects within the Parish. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor please contact myself or our Clerk, Katrina Jones, [clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk)

Thank you to BTEC (Townlands) for organising & hosting the Apple Day at Barby Orchard & for everyone involved in running and working at the breakfast club

**Parish Council Budget** Over the coming weeks, the Parish Council will be formulating its budget for the next financial year. If there are any projects within the Parish that you or your group/club/association would like us to consider then please let me know by end November.

To be able to represent the Parish we do need your input and feedback; we are here to serve you. Please do contact me or any other member of the Council directly to let us know what we can do to make the Parish a better place for us all.

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

Barby & Onley Parish Council is aware that a St George flag has recently been affixed to a streetlamp within Barby. The Parish Council has also received some email communication from residents regarding this. No permission has been sought or granted by the Parish Council for the installation of this flag.

As the responsibility for Highways rests with West Northants Council the Parish Council is acting in accordance with their guidance. Below is West Northants safety advice & information that they are providing to residents

*We (West Northants Council) are urging people not to attach flags or other items to street furniture, including lampposts, road signs, and traffic infrastructure.*

*These actions pose serious safety risks - not only to those attempting to climb and fix items, but also to other members of the public and motorists. Lampposts are not designed to support the weight of ladders or individuals, and there is a very real danger of falls or electrocution. Such distractions can also impact road safety.*

*Under the Highways Act 1980, it is an offence to fix items to lampposts without the consent of the Highway Authority, and this legal requirement remains in force. Industry experts and agencies continue to issue similar warnings.*

The Council may remove the flag at the time of the routine street light maintenance

### **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.

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# Vacancy on the Parish Council



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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](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/barbycricketclub2)

**Barby Cricket Club – 100 Club draw.** The winners of the September 2025 draw were R. English £80, J. Bubb £60, D. Norton £40.

**Barby Village Hall Community Café** The bookswap café will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm to 4pm. Come and have a chat and a cup of tea and pick up a new book or jigsaw.

**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 November will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**Barby Local History Group** [www.barbylhg.org.uk](http://www.barbylhg.org.uk) - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be John Donovan from Kilsby on "Puritans in West Northamptonshire". The county has a long history of dissent from the Established Church, and Northampton supported Parliament during the English Civil War in the 1640s. Kilsby's own chapel (now sadly up for sale) was built in 1763, and a daughter chapel in Barby in 1849. We look forward to seeing you, visitors are most welcome.

**Barby and Onley Gardening Club** If you are interested in how to make greater use of herbs growing in your garden, or even which ones to grow, then come along to our meeting on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. David and Clare Hinckley from Growmad will be talking about Herbs – their cultivation, culinary and medicinal uses. Our October meeting was all about Orchids by Susie Lickman and an outline of the meeting will be given in the December Newsletter. Refreshments are available from 7.15pm with the talk beginning at 7.40pm.

**WI** – Many thanks to all who came along to our Bingo night, we wish everyone could have been a winner. Our next meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November in Barby Village Hall at 7.30. Mary Corry will be "Making Christmas Decorations". Visitors are always made very welcome. Chris 890963.





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## Other Notices

**Breakfast club** Breakfast Club at Barby Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> November will be supporting the Friends of St. Cross. We are keeping the price at £7-00 for a full English breakfast. Thank you to all for your support.

**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.

**St. Mary's Church, Barby.** Soup & Roll at St. Mary's Church, Barby on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 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.

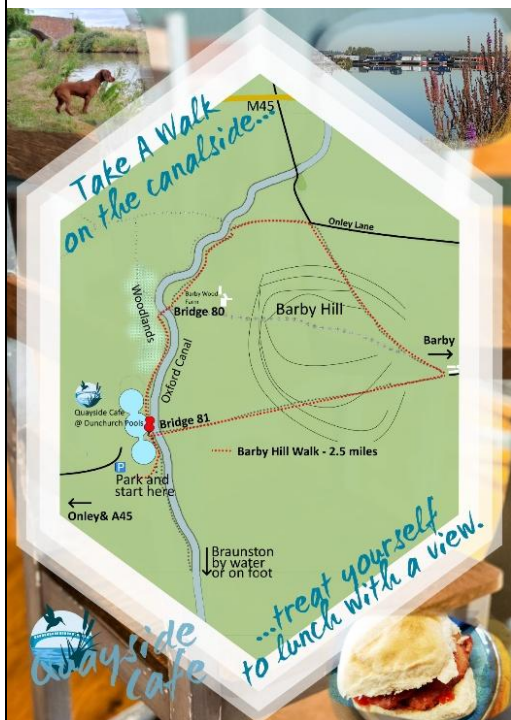
**PJ Dancers** This group of sequence dancers meet in Barby Village Hall on alternate Fridays 14.00 to 16.30 and are looking for new faces both male and female to join them, no partners needed! Cost is £3per Friday to include a drink and cake. Novices are welcome to come and join this sociable group. An ideal way to keep fit.

**2025 Poppy Appeal** The annual Poppy Appeal will start early November in the run up to Remembrance Sunday. We have an amazing group of volunteers who help with the door-to-door collections in Barby but there are a lot of doors to knock on and any extra help would be appreciated. If you are willing to help, please contact me, Mark Taylor on 07765 007008 or email [sheepspeed@me.com](mailto:sheepspeed@me.com) . Many thanks.

**Rugby Dementia Support** is your local charity. Each month we run a varied programme of events aimed at supporting people with dementia and people who care for them. The programme and information leaflet are displayed in Barby Village Hall, or you can get them from our website [rugbydementiasupport.org](http://rugbydementiasupport.org) We are open to all; you do not need to live in Rugby or Warwickshire. Most events are completely free. We are funded entirely by donations, and run by volunteers. Please share this information with anyone who might be interested.

**Barby Woodlands Trust Quiz Night**, 27<sup>th</sup> 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





After the very dry summer, the canals are running short of water. The Canal and River Trust (CRT) is restricting boat movements and restrictions will only be lifted if we get a wet autumn and winter.

However, the canals are still there for us to enjoy, and the public are being encouraged to get out on our canals on foot and enjoy them, perhaps supporting a local business on the way. See the picture left for a local walk.

For more information on current closures and updates, visit the Canal & River Trust's stoppage notice page at <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices>

**Art & Craft**

**Social Group  
for Adults**

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1st and 3rd Thursday evening  
of each month...

For details about this group  
and to book your place...

Phone: **Elizabeth Anne**  
Tel: 01788 461840

There are **LIMITED SPACES** for the A&C Group so...  
You need to book a place via the phone number.

### News from Long Buckby Library and Hub

November's film is "The Ballad of Wallis Island" Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Film starts 7.30pm

Book sale on November 15<sup>th</sup>

28<sup>th</sup> October -4<sup>th</sup> November. Green Libraries Week. **Free Going Green Treasure Hunt** for children and families. Also a book reading on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.30am - West Haddon children's author, **Jon Gilbert**, will be reading his story **Oilly Oak**. **Please book places at the library to help us manage numbers.**

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## GH SERVICES

**Volunteers wanted** A small group of volunteers regularly meet to keep the south side of Barby Churchyard tidy. As some of us are now beginning to feel our age, we would appreciate some extra helpers. We usually meet on Thursday mornings for a couple of hours (mainly in the summer). However anytime anyone can spare to help with the mowing and strimming would be much appreciated. Please contact Ian Webb on 01788 890800 for further information.

## Dates for your Diary

<b>November</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Soup and a Roll – St. Mary's Church 12 noon -2.00pm
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Barby Village Quiz – Barby Village Hall 7.00pm
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting – Onley Village Hall 7.30pm
	11 <sup>th</sup>	WI – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Local History Group– Barby Village Hall 7.45pm
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall 9.30am to 11.30am
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Barby and Onley Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall 7.15pm
<b>December</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Community Café - Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Soup and a Roll – St. Mary's Church 12 noon-2.00pm

## Your Current Parish Councillors

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