

Barby and Onley Newsletter

February 2021

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Parish Council News

(Parish Clerk 01788 891184)

Parish Council Meetings – The next meeting of the Barby & Onley Parish Council will take place on **Monday 8th February 2021** at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom online and joining instructions will be published on the front of each agenda which will be available on the parish website

www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk 3 days before the meetings. Parishioners are welcome to attend the online meeting, and the first 20 minutes of the meeting will be open for public participation. If you have a concern which you would like to make the parish councillors aware of, then join the meeting and let them know about it. It may not be possible to provide an answer immediately, but the matter can be put on the agenda for the following meeting.

Parish Council Elections - All members of the current Parish Council will come to the end of their term of office in May 2021. The elections have been postponed due to Coronavirus, but every attempt will be made to ensure that they go ahead on **Thursday 6th May 2021**.

Parish Councils can play a vital role in climate change, reducing loneliness and social isolation, spotting and filling in gaps left by principal councils and taking more responsibility for the development (or conservation) of the built and natural environment. Please consider whether you would like to become a councillor and help make a difference in our community. **Nominations for election are likely to close at the beginning of April 2021**, so all candidates will have to have been recruited by then. Please consider whether you would like to stand for election as a parish councillor in May and look out for further details nearer the time about how to put your name forward.

Please note that the dates for these elections are currently under review and may be postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Elkington Lane 24th Jan by Megan Watson

Covid-19 - Although we have not been ordered to close the village play areas during this current lockdown, can parents please remember, that you need to keep your distance, use hand sanitizer and wash your hands when you get home if you take your children to the park to play. Thanks

Police Liaison Officer - Dominic Fisher has kindly agreed to be the point of contact between the Parish Council and the police. Please phone 999 for urgent police matters, or 101 for non-urgent matters, but if you need any help in who to speak to, then have a word with Dom (07855 821432) who may be able to help.

Census 2021 - Census day is **21st March 2021**. Find out more at www.census.gov.uk. The census is carried out every 10 years. It helps us understand what our society needs now and what it's likely to need in the future. The information it collects helps plan and fund services in your area. This could include transport, education and healthcare. Charities also use census information to help get the funding they need. Businesses use it to decide where to set up, which creates job opportunities. Census 2021 will help give the best picture of the needs of everyone living in England and Wales.

A total of 94% of people took part in the last census, helping each area receive its share of public funding. Without the census, it would be much more difficult to provide the services you and your community need.

You must complete the census by law. If you do not, or if you supply false information, you could be fined up to £1,000.

There will be a lot more information available nearer the time to explain what you are required to do. You will be receiving a letter in the next few weeks about how to complete the census and we will all be encouraged to complete it online this time.

Could you be a 'Walking Befriender?' - An 88yr old lady in Barby village, who recently had a fall, has lost some of her confidence to go out on her own. Is there anyone willing to volunteer as a walking befriender? She would like someone 'to be by her side when she goes to the local shop/post office'. If this something you could help with the please contact the Parish Clerk 01788 891184 or email clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk..

Barby Village Hall Defibrillator Checker – Is there anyone in the village who would be prepared, on a weekly basis, to check the Barby Village Hall defibrillator? It's an easy job and involves checking that the green rescue light is on, that the pads and batteries are in the case and in date, and that the cabinet is not wet inside, and that the key pad and door opens easily. The defibrillator is registered with the Ambulance Service, so that they know where it is, and can guide someone to it in an emergency. They also alert us if it has been used so that the pads can be restocked, and battery checked. If you can help by carrying out these weekly checks then it would be much appreciated. Please contact the clerk on clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk (01788 891184). The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to Debbie Hyde who has carried out this role in the past.

Parking – Please can people be careful not to park on pavements as it makes it difficult for parents with pushchairs and those with walking difficulties to pass.

Dogs – Please remember that dogs are not allowed in the allotments, play areas, Barby Sports Field, or the Millennium Orchard behind Barby Tennis Court.

Please also continue to clean up after your dogs and keep Barby and Onley as clean and tidy as possible.

Highway Works - New safety barriers are going to be installed on the roads that cross the M45 at the beginning of February. The closure dates of the roads affected are:

Onley Lane	25th January to 12th February
Barby, Hillmorton Lane	15th February 2021 to 5th March
Nortoft Lane	8th March to 26th March

Signed diversion routes will be in place and access to businesses will remain available during these times.

Gigaclear are currently installing ultrafast full fibre broadband cables in Barby as part of Northamptonshire County Council's Superfast Northamptonshire project. We have been assured that once the work is finished, they will come back to restore the verges that have been damaged. Thanks to all for your patience whilst this work is being carried out.

Any **potholes** you come across can be reported to Northamptonshire Highways for repair via www.fixmystreet.com

Street Lights - As we are now well into the winter months, please let the clerk know if any of the street lights stop working so that she can arrange repair. Tel 01788 891184 or email clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Please let Dawn Cotton know if any of Onley's lights stop working. dawn.cotton@bopc.org.uk.

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) Draft Budget - The first ever draft budget for West Northamptonshire Council is out for consultation - In a joint statement Cllr Ian McCord, Leader of the West Northants Shadow Authority and Anna Earnshaw, Chief Executive, West Northamptonshire Council said "*The formation of West Northamptonshire Council is a fresh start for this area of our county and the budget consultation offers people the chance to be part of our plans for the future. By uniting the councils in the west of the county we can pool our many strengths and move positively forward so we can deliver quality services efficiently. We want to hear what people have to say to make sure we get it right*" Proposals include a council tax increase of 4.99%, comprising 1.99% core tax and a 3% adult social care precept. Responses can be submitted through the online survey at: <https://futurenorthants.citizenspace.com/west/budget-2021-2022>. The deadline for completing this questionnaire is midnight on 2nd February 2021

Bus Timetables - minor alterations to times have been made by Stagecoach from 23rd January. The new timetable can be found at <https://bit.ly/3c1jlh3>.

Clubs and Societies

Barby Cricket Club - The winners of the 100 Club in recent draws were:

November: - P. Beagley £80.00, D. Gardner £50.00 and D. Dury £40.

December: - M. Lintern £120.00, D. Lester £80.00, D. Dury £60.00, A. Franks £40.00 and I. Randle £30.00

Barby Village Hall – Regular users of the hall will be contacted to let them know when they are able to resume their activities if they wish to. It will depend on government guidance and the advice of ACRE as to which activities may resume and when. No bookings are currently being taken from non-regular users.

Barby Church Trust (Charity no 277482) - “**Taps & Toilet 100 Club**”. The December draw took place at The Two Pheasants (Barby Sporting Club) and was won by Mary Lintern with ball number 89 winning £280. The January draw (at Barby Stores) was won by Margaret and Don Livesey with ball number 74 winning £80. Congratulations to all our winners. The next draw will take place on Sunday 21st February.

Apart from the 100 Club, there was little fund raising during 2020 because of COVID and this situation may continue for a while. It has therefore recently been decided that the 100 Club will run for a further 12 months (from April 2021). Current members will be contacted soon about continuing their membership and new members are always welcome – contact Chris Smith for details on 01788 890963.

Barby Local History Group - We are very much missing our meetings. It is nearly a year since our last one, and we have no idea when we can start again safely. Meanwhile, some of us have projects on the go at home. If any member wants to pursue a topic which interests them, please get in touch with Ann Luntley (01788 890760).

We have kindly been lent a large number of deeds of a property in Daventry Road which have been copied and are being studied, with the promise of those for a couple more when Covid permits. Do you have original deeds you would be willing to lend to us to copy? They can shed real light on the families who lived here in the past and the history of your house.

Barby Pre-School - Has your child recently turned 3?

We have a few spaces at the moment and we can offer parents the opportunity to look round the pre-school. If you would be interested in having a look round or would like an information pack, please email info@barbypreschool.co.uk.



Thanks to everyone who bought chocolate cones and reindeer food from Barby Village Stores, we raised an amazing £201!!

Keep your eyes peeled for some more sweet treats for Valentine's Day. Again, all proceeds go to much needed resources for Barby Pre-School.

Barby Pre-School now have a Just Giving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Barbypreschool>) . We are looking to raise funds to upgrade our garden and to modernise our play equipment as we recently moved premises to Barby CE Primary School and realised that some of our toys are over 30 years old and we wish to replace these with newer more appropriate toys to help all the children reach their potential. Also check out our Facebook page for more info (<https://www.facebook.com/Barbypreschool>) .

St Mary's Church, Barby - As things stand it doesn't look as though we will be able to hold services or meet in Church for some time. Lent and Easter will come and go before that is likely to happen. But Lent isn't far away; Ash Wednesday is on February 17th. (That makes Easter earlyish this year, on April 4th. If you're struggling to keep youngsters occupied, set them the task of working out how the date for Easter is arrived at each year!).

During that first Lockdown we quickly had to improvise; what could we do without meeting in church? Some churches immediately went online, we opted to record services and email them out, figuring that more people would be able to access that; we also started a 'WhatsApp' group. Novelty was everywhere; something different that wasn't threatening, unlike the something different that was. Nearly twelve months on, novelty has worn thin - as novelty does. The prospect of another Lent and Easter without being able to gather in church tends to only add to the misery this pandemic has brought. Are there other ways we might share in worship together or just 'meet up'? Have you become more 'tech savvy' during lockdown? As the long-haul becomes an even longer long-haul, perhaps we should all be better 'kitted up' to better enable community conversation? We would be interested to hear your thoughts.

Though services are off the menu, the Church is being opened every day. (at least for now.) So long as we remember all the rules when we go in it is a safe place for individual prayer; a space to go and be, away from the madding world/home/work - hopefully not crowd - for a while. Please observe the request for masks and hand sanitising and please sign in or use the NHS app. This offers a calm place to be in a time of stress.

For Ash Wednesday (Feb 17th) an interactive service is being planned and for Lent we hope to have some study material. On Sundays, a sound file for Morning Prayer will continue to be sent out, as will a second file with the Gospel and a reflection.

If you would like to be on the Church's email list just email me on enfrys@gmail.com. If you would like to be on the WhatsApp group, download the app and send me your mobile phone number. *Rev Nigel Fry 07854 810588*

Barby Townlands and Educational Charity - In 2018 we started a Young Person's Grant for all children aged between 16 and 19 living in Barby and Onley. The grant is £100 per person. All you need to do is to write a letter to the trustees explaining how you would spend the money - it could be on absolutely anything. Post your letter to 11 Castle Mound, Barby or email catsabine@outlook.com.

WI – Our box was taken to the Daventry Food bank, however they had been inundated with goods and had no storage space left so asked if we could take it to another collection point. Rugby food bank were delighted to receive it. We will be starting another collection in time for an Easter delivery. All members received a small Christmas gift to go under their Christmas tree. Unfortunately, one member had hers eaten by her dog!! Maybe Father Christmas will read the Newsletter and deliver a belated gift!!! We hope members were able to visit the Church to see the beautiful Christmas trees. We look forward to the better weather when we will be able to resume our walks. We still have no date as to when we can resume our meetings but what a meeting it will be when we can all get together.

Thanks

Castle Mound 2020 Christmas Lights - Update on fund-raising for our Christmas lights 2020. You all managed to raise a huge £606.00. We collected £331.00 from the charity boxes in the shop and £275.00 online! That's the best yet. We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all you lovely generous people. This takes our total to £1,368 since we started raising money for Cancer Research in 2017. Well done one and all!! *Thank you all again - Jo Childs.*

St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival - Despite the restrictions over Christmas we hope everyone still enjoyed visiting the church and admiring the beautiful trees. Looking forward to another splendid festival in December 2021. We raised the magnificent sum of £487. Thank you to all who made this possible.

Thank you so much to all those who so generously donated material and thread for the **LINUS** project. I have more than enough now, which will keep me busy for months! I have already made up two quilts, and have several more in the pipeline, especially since we are in lockdown again. *Ann Luntley*

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Dates for your Diary

February 8 th Parish Council Meeting – Virtual (Zoom) – 7.30pm
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Submissions for the next Newsletter (March) should be sent to Ian Webb, 6 Daventry Road, barbyandonleynewsletter@gmail.com (01788 890800) by **21st February 2021**.

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