

Barby and Onley Newsletter

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Parish Council News (Parish Clerk 01788 891184)

Parish Council Meetings – The next meeting of Barby & Onley Parish Council will take place on **MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.30pm** in **Onley Park Village Hall**, Onley Park, Willoughby, Rugby, CV23 8AW

Members of the parish are welcome to attend the parish council 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 come along 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.

Meetings are generally held on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm and usually finish by 9.30pm.

Agendas and minutes are published on the parish website

www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk/Meetings_and_Minutes_4039.aspx

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - Councillor Andy Sabine has resigned as a councillor as he is moving away from the area. The Parish Council would like to thank him very much for his work on behalf of the parish.

This leaves a vacant seat on the council. Anyone wishing to become a councillor, or to find out more about the role, please contact the parish clerk on clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk who can provide more information and an application form. Alternatively have a chat with one of the current councillors (see page 7 for their contact details) about the commitment involved. Training for the role is provided and is usually delivered online.

Queens Platinum Jubilee-- As most people will already know, the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to mark 70 years of the Queens reign will take place on 2nd and 3rd June, with two extra bank holidays. If anyone would be prepared to join a group of like-minded villagers to arrange some village festivities to mark the Jubilee, then please make yourself know to the parish clerk who can co-ordinate a meeting to get things off the ground. Please email clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk if you feel you are prepared to help arrange some village events.

Covid Support Fund - Every West Northamptonshire councillor has been allocated £2,500 to support their local community and voluntary groups recover from the impact of Covid. The minimum grant is £200 and cannot be given to individuals, but School PTAs may apply. If your group/organisation could benefit from some financial help please get in contact with one of the West Northamptonshire councillors rosie.humphreys@westnorthants.gov.uk; Malcolm.longley@westnorthants.gov.uk; or alan.chantler@westnorthants.gov.uk

Street Lights - As the nights get shorter, please let the clerk know if any of the street lights stop working so that we can arrange repair. Tel 01788 891184 or email her. Please let Dawn Cotton know if any of Onley's lights stop working. dawn.cotton@bopc.org.uk

Overhanging branches - If you have shrubs or trees in your garden that overhang the pavement, take a look and check that people can still walk past them without getting wet or dripped on. Can a baby's buggy get past? If not, then it would be really appreciated if you can arrange for them to get a pruning.

Highway issues - If you come across a pothole, or other issue on the public highway, or a footpath or pavement, please log the problem with "Fix My Street" <https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/> This system provides a reference number so that you can check on the progress made to rectify the problem, and it also means that all problem areas are logged.

Wildflower beds - The parish council is going to increase the size of the wildflower bed around the bench on Ware Road this year and has topped up the seed on the other beds. Hopefully it will provide another lovely display in the summer. We have also been lucky enough to have been given three further cherry trees by the Japanese Embassy, two of which have been planted on Barby Green opposite the village shop, and one has been planted at Onley Park.

Litter Picking - Thanks to those who helped pick up litter from around the village in early January. It would be even better if it wasn't dropped in the first place, so if you see anyone throwing litter out of a car window then take a note of their registration number and report them to the Council on 01327 871100. They can prosecute litterbugs.

The Great British Spring Clean will be held throughout the country from 25th March to 10th April, and the parish council intend to arrange another village litter pick to help clear up the verges on the roads leading into the village. Keep a watch out for the date on social media and if you can spare a couple of hours to help, it would be really appreciated.

The clerk has bags, hi-vis vests, gloves and litter pickers which she is happy to lend to anyone who fancies doing some litter collecting at any time. Please contact her on clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Road Safety - If you go for a walk or out on a bike, please make sure that you can be clearly seen by other road users. Wear reflective clothing. The Police and Crime Commissioner has a grant fund available to make the highway network safer. Please contact Cllr Steve Gee steve.gee@bopc.org.uk for details.

Owners of Keyless Cars - Northamptonshire Police Rural Crime Team are reminding the owners of vehicles manufactured with keyless entry and ignition systems, to ensure that the car key fob is kept somewhere safe when at home or work. Please keep them away from window sills. Ideally if you can keep them in a safe secure faraday pouch to prevent devices being used to scan remotely for your vehicle keys. Please report any suspicious activity to us. If happening at the time, ring 999 or otherwise call 101 or report online.

Clubs and Societies

Barby Cricket Club - The winners of the 100 Club in the December 2021 draw were E. Corns £110.00, S. Gleghorn £80.00, D. Norton £60.00, L. Griffiths £40.00 and C. Lester £30.00.

We start our 50th anniversary year with the commencement of pre-season nets on 21st January. Nets will be overseen by ex-Northamptonshire, Lancashire and England batsman Mal Loye. He currently coaches Derbyshire but has agreed to also work with us at Barby this year. Having Mal involved is a fantastic boost for us all. We look forward to benefiting from his knowledge and experience throughout the club.

If you would like to come to our Senior nets you are very welcome. They are being held at Bilton School in Rugby each Friday evening for 10 weeks starting on 21st January from 6.00pm to 7:30 pm.

Junior training will take place over two separate 4 week blocks to offer flexibility. Our Juniors are very busy people and multi-talented so based on parent feedback, we are offering sessions on Mondays from 6.00pm to 7.00pm which start on 7th February. We then follow this up with our Thursday sessions which start slightly later from 8.00pm to 9.00pm. These commence on March 3rd and run each Thursday during the month.

Weather permitting, we aim to get outside as soon as we can on Fridays evenings so fingers crossed for a dry April! The Junior sessions are aimed predominantly at boys and girls wishing to play hard ball at U11 and U13 level. Our U15's are invited to come along to Senior sessions where we will have a dedicated lane for them. For our youngest members (All Stars & Dynamos) the start dates will be confirmed at a later date.

If you have any questions or just want to find out more about us then email us at barbycc@hotmail.co.uk.

Barby Church Trust (Charity no 277482) - “**Taps & Toilet 100 Club**”. The winners in the December draw were Mr and Mrs Vigars (No 11) who won £80 and Andrew Tocher (No 12) who won £275. The January draw was won by Mary Evans (No 88) who won £80. The next draw will take place on Sunday 20th February at the Breakfast Café.

Date for your diary – Friday 4th March 2022 we are holding our 3rd **Jigsaw Challenge**. Teams of 4 (cost £10) are invited to see who can complete a 500-piece jigsaw first. Full details next month, but if you want to book your team now then contact either Jan Middleton (01788 891968) or Chris Smith (01788 890963)

Barby Village Hall – The Community Café and Book and Jigsaw swap is now up and running on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month in Barby Village Hall Old School Room. You can swap books or jigsaws items for FREE or simply drop in for tea/coffee and homemade cakes.

Breakfast Café in Barby Village Hall Old School Room. Thank you to everyone who came to the Barby Breakfast Cafe on 16th January. It was a very busy morning, 51 breakfasts were served, which raised £215 in profit. £100 will go to the local Evergreens Club. The balance goes back into the charity pot to be shared at the end of the year amongst all the supported charities, so all get an equal share. A big thank you again to all for your continued support and not to mention a big thank you to the ladies that volunteer their services every month, cooking, serving and washing up to raise money for local charities. The next Barby Breakfast Cafe will be on Sunday 20th February 9:30am to 11:30am and will be in support of DACT, Daventry Area Community Transport. For more information on how this service may be able to help you or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please go to www.dact.uk.com for more information,.

Barby Short Mat Bowls Club & New Age Kurling – The combined New Age Kurling and Short Mat Bowls session (2.00pm to 4.00pm) every Tuesday at Barby Village Hall has proved to be a success. New members for either will be welcome, just turn up - £2 per session inc. refreshments. The normal weekly Short Mat Bowls sessions at 9:30am every Thursday will continue unchanged.

WI – At our Christmas party we were entertained by the “Shireen Belly Dancers”. A group of 4 ladies, dressed in the most amazing costumes, danced and told us the history of belly dancing. We were encouraged to join in the dancing and more than one got those bells jingling. All this was followed by a lovely supper. We had an evening of music and humour with Ken Nokes at our January meeting, when we were pleased to welcome 2 visitors and hope they enjoyed their evening. We have the “Cocktail Shaker Boys” at our meeting on Tuesday February 8th 7 30 in Barby Village Hall. If you have made a New Year’s resolution to come to a WI meeting either give Chris a call on 01788 890963 or just turn up. You will be very welcome.

Evergreen Club – Our next meetings will be on Wednesday 9th (2.00pm to 4.00pm) and 23rd February (1.00pm to 4.00pm) in Barby Village Hall. Please note our earlier start on 23rd February for our meal. New evergreen members are always welcome.

Barby Gardening Club – This month’s meeting will be on Tuesday 15th February at 7.15pm in Barby Village Hall. The speaker will be Michael Brown whose talk is entitled “Bouquet of Weeds”. Visitors are always welcome for a £2 contribution

Barby Local History Group <http://www.barbylhg.org.uk> -. The next meeting of the Group will be on Wednesday 9th February at 7.45pm. Our member Daphne Rourke will be talking to us about "Black Sheep in my Family", I'm sure we all have a few of those. Visitors are very welcome. Advance notice of our AGM which is on 9th March. We look forward to seeing you.

Barby Townlands & Educational Charity – The next Trustees meeting will be held on 28th February. Full information on applying for grants can be found at https://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk/Barby_Townlands_Charity_4008.aspx. Grant applications should be sent to catsabine@outlook.com as soon as possible to be considered at that meeting

We run 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.

Carols around the Tree - - thanks to all who joined us for the carols, mince pies and mulled wine around the village Christmas tree on Monday 20th December. Despite reduced attendance due to COVID concerns we still managed to collect £64.64 for Shelter charity. Thank you!

Allotments - the renewal forms for April 2022 to March 2023 have been delivered. Please return as soon as you are able, or if you no longer wish to cultivate your plot please let me know as soon as possible so it can be offered to someone else as we do have a waiting list. Many thanks. *Jo Martin Tel: 01788 890849*

St Mary's Church – Soup & Roll at St. Mary's Church, Barby. Saturday 5th February and Saturday 5th March, 12 noon to 2.00pm. Homemade Soup and a Roll, homemade desserts & cream, tea or coffee will be available for £5.00. Games and activities for children. All proceeds go to St. Mary's Church.

Notes from St Mary's - Being able to meet, being able to sing, being able to chat over a coffee; things have been getting back to how we now but vaguely remember them. Christmas was celebrated in our churches and the singing of carols, albeit behind masks, generated the feeling of 'goodwill to all' that that season promises. As we look to spring, Lent and Easter there is reason to hope that conditions will allow further freedoms. Things are beginning to look optimistic. Sunday services have been running at 10am for a while now. That is set to continue, though rather than just alternating week on week will now assume 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month as Communion at Barby and 2nd and 4th at Kilsby; with 5th Sundays being a joint service in one of the churches. 10am seems to be the optimum time for most people, so we're trying that in both churches. So, Holy Communion services are on alternate weeks. On the other Sundays there are services of Morning Worship, which are mainly Lay led; one or more folk from the congregation lead a service of readings and prayers. This presents an opportunity for others to get involved. Perhaps that could be you? Have a word with Gill Mason at Kilsby or Bart Springer at Barby, or myself of course. 'Many hands make light work', as the saying goes. In this case the light of Christ, the light in the darkness, which is an overarching theme through Advent to Candlemas (which will be celebrated on the last Sunday of this month in a joint service at St Faith's Kilsby). Light celebrated in all the Christmas trees in our homes and in St Mary's. A big thank you to those who helped organise that. Light is a theme that runs through the Gospels, particularly the Gospel of Luke, which is the Gospel being focused on in this Church Year. Even the name Luke references light. Perhaps that is why the writer focuses on it? The glory to the

shepherds, 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' as Simeon sings. It is certainly a theme we need to run with. Not just to get us through this dark and dreary time of the year, but to help us through the abiding darkness of the pandemic. Light engenders hope. And hope does not disappoint (Romans 5:5). It is needful for our journey through life (Palms 119: 105).

St Mary's is open during the day every day, so anyone can enter this house of prayer. I have had more than one conversation, and I have heard of others, with people who have just gone in for a few minutes and there found some peace and tranquility that has calmed their anxieties and lifted their spirits. What a wonderful asset to have on our doorstep. *Rev Nigel Fry* enfrys@gmail.com 07854 810 588
Christmas Tree Festival - – thanks once again to all participants and visitors. We had many compliments on the excellent display, and the addition of decorated window sills alongside free-standing trees made a great impact. The church looked spectacular. Despite being once again restricted about raffles/number of visitors etc. we raised around £300. Thankyou!

Other Notices

Castle Mound 2021 Christmas Lights - You all managed to raise a huge £500.00. We collected £295 from the charity box in the shop and £205.00 online! We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all you lovely generous people. This takes our total to £1,907 since we started raising money for Cancer Research in 2017. Well done one and all!! *Thank you all again - Jo Childs..*

Used Postage Stamps? – Don't know what to do with used postage stamps? Just put them in my post box (on the side of my house) at 41 Holme Way. I will then send them to various charities I support. Thank you. *Janice Jones*

Warning Fly tipping - Please be cautious of business flyers put through the door for repairs to roofs, driveways, soffits & facias. Please check they have a landline number not just a mobile, check that the address on the flyer is not just an accountant's office where the company is registered. Do not only rely on recommendations from the likes of Check-a-trade as proof that they are 100% genuine. Tell them you want to see the Waste Transfer Note to prove where the waste from your job will go, especially any asbestos sheets. A lot of fly tipped asbestos comes from unscrupulous so called builders if you do not want your asbestos roof tipped in a country lane please be sceptical until you know they are legitimate. *Richard Clews (Richard Clews Recycling)*

Pilates at Barby Village Hall

Two classes every Tuesday 9.30am and 10.30am.

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Highway Problems	www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor or call 0300 126 1000	

Copy for the next Newsletter (March) should be sent to Ian Webb, 6 Daventry Road, barbyandonleynewsletter@gmail.com (01788 890800) by Sunday **20th** February.

Dates for your Diary

February	5 th	Soup & Roll – St Mary's Church 12.00pm
	7 th	Book/Jigsaw Swap/Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm
	8 th	WI – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	9 th	Evergreen Club - Barby Village Hall 2.00pm
	9 th	Local History Group – Barby Village Hall 7.45pm
	11 th	Term 3 ends – Barby School and Pre School
	14 th	Parish Council Meeting – Onley Village Hall 7.30pm
	15 th	Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall 7.15pm
	20 th	Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall 9.30am
	21 st	Book/Jigsaw Swap/Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm
	22 nd	Term 4 Starts - Barby School and Pre School
	23 rd	Evergreen Club - Barby Village Hall 1.00pm



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