



Barby
Church
Fête



Saturday 1st July
12 Noon 'til 4pm

A Fun Day in the Village!

Many stalls and games, including...
cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, bottle stall,
hook-a-duck, plate smashing,
golf game, BBQ, teas, grand draw.

Parish Council News (Parish Clerk 07864 579068)

Parish Council Meetings. The Parish Council continue 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 12th June 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.

You can contact the Parish Council Clerk, Katrina Jones, at clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk or by telephone on 07864 579068.

Annual Meetings Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Parish Meeting in April and a special thank you to everyone who gave a report on behalf of their village group or organisation.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday 15th May. Paul Reynolds was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council and Steven Gee was re-elected as Vice-Chairman. The Parish Council currently has a full complement of Parish Councillors but there are other voluntary roles available for anyone that is interested in supporting the work of the Parish Council. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more information. The Parish Council decided that it will continue to hold meetings on the second Monday of each month. The meetings for the year will be held at Barby Village Hall, except in November 2023 and May 2024 when meetings will be held at Onley Village Hall.

Website We continually review and update the village website to make sure that information is current. If any village groups or organisations would like to update their information or contact details please email the Parish Clerk.

Footpath Warden The Parish Council would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to take on the voluntary role of footpath warden.

Responsibilities include:

- Be aware of rules and regulations for Public Rights of Way
- Be familiar with the Definitive Map
- Survey all paths in the parish annually
- Carry out path inspections
- Waymark routes
- Carry out minor vegetation clearance and minor repairs
- Encourage parishioners to use paths to keep them walkable
- Act as contact for local enquiries about footpaths
- Maintain contact with the WNC Footpaths Officer
- Liaise with landowners
- Seek advice as appropriate from CPRE and The Ramblers
- Report to Parish Council on Rights of Way issues

In carrying out these duties, the Footpaths Warden is covered by Parish Council public liability insurance as a volunteer working on behalf of the Parish Council.

Litter Picker The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone interested in collecting litter in Barby on a regular basis for the monthly sum of £40. Litter picking equipment is provided by the Parish Council. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

Newsletter Delivery If you would be interested in delivering the Newsletter in Barby, please contact the Parish Clerk. A small payment is made for each delivery.

Chairman's Report for 2022-23

We currently have a full complement of 11 councillors. Thank you to all those who take on the role of Councillor to try and ensure our parish is a great place to live, as we all know it is an entirely voluntary role and each councillor gives up some of their spare time for the community to make decisions that we feel benefits us all. In 2022 I was appointed once more as Chairman at the Parish Council AGM for my 3rd year, with Steve Gee as Vice-Chair. Councillor Nigel Gove has continued his role as Internal Financial Controller for the Council. During the year Sadie Milligan and Rachael Kilby had to step down from the role of Councillor and we have welcomed Councillors Phil Wagg and Jane Pollard who were co-opted into their vacant seats.

Katrina Jones started in 2022 as Locum Clerk following the retirement of Catherine Camp. Late in 2022 following a recruitment drive we were delighted to appoint Katrina to the permanent position. She has settled in well to the council with quite a few complicated projects being undertaken over the past year.

We are very fortunate to have a large number of volunteers in addition to the Councillors and my thanks on behalf of all the community goes out to them. During the year we have had a few changes with Ian Webb having retired as Parish newsletter and website editor. Christine Dover has now taken over as the newsletter editor and Katrina is taking over as website editor. A huge thank you to all of Ian's hard work and help over the many years he's supported the Parish Council.

Dom Fisher has continued as Highways Liaison and Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator. Our Footpath Warden Alan Atkinson has stood down during the year and we are still looking for a volunteer to fill this role.

Gavin Callard has again given a lot of his time at Onley helping with lots of things in the community – thank you from everyone at Onley who I know value his contributions.

A notable thanks once again goes to all the volunteers who help litter pick a few times a year, this is always well supported and makes a big different to the villages and surrounding countryside. Thank you to all the others who give their time to also help out who I haven't named directly.

Whilst nothing to do with the Parish Council, The Arnold arms opened again after a long period of closure and neglect. The village has welcomed Jeremy and Lorraine Baker with great enthusiasm and it's great to see the pub very much back at the heart of the community and thriving.

Finances

The Parish Council Precept is the only part of your Council Tax that you can be assured is being directly spent on you and not procured into a distant area of the West Northamptonshire. It is a tiny percentage of your overall Council Tax bill and you can be assured it will be spent for your benefit and in your Parish. In December the Parish Council set a budget and requested a precept of £62,300 for the year which commenced on the 1st April 2023. This was a 3% rise over the previous year which is way below the inflationary pressures we have all faced. We feel confident in our decision to make this low increase due to very prudent and responsible

management of our finances over many years.

Parish Council accounts are scrutinised annually by an independent verifier who checks the figures and also checks that the council is operating correctly and has the necessary policies, insurance and risk assessments in place. To ensure that we comply with governance and accountability legislation the accounts are also reviewed annually by external auditors

Full analysis of the income and expenditure and spend versus budget can be found on the website www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Since the start of 2022 we have all faced a period of rapid inflation caused by monetary policies over the Covid period and of course the awful war in Ukraine. The parish council has tried to find ways to manage the costs wisely and some of these include:

- We are in the process of investing ring-fenced money from Onley Open Spaces fund into a high interest business account, this will make best use of recent interest rate rises and to help preserve its future value
- We have installed LED street lighting at Onley Park which completed our transition to fully LED street lights within our control. With the sharp rise in energy costs these decisions have been an important factor in us being able to maintain healthy finances in the current climate.

Planning - The Parish Council acts as a consultee in the planning process for any applications within our Parish, we have no direct influence, but we act in the interests of those most directly affected and carefully consider our comments based on this. Ultimately decisions on whether planning consent will be granted or not is made by the Daventry Area Planning Authority and we welcome working closer with them over the coming years with the support of our Unitary Councillors. This year the parish has been consulted on 23 planning applications. An application of great interest to the community to extend the shooting hours and facilities at Barby Sporting Club has still not gone before the planning committee after a period well in excess of 12 months.

Some of our achievements though the year - We have very few members of the public who attend our Parish Council meetings and despite the Parish Newsletter being distributed to all households and each meeting having minutes available online, it is easy to miss some of the achievements we have made through the year and how we have tried to help and benefit the communities, so I have summarised some of these here:

Some of our achievements and notable events include:

- New Jubilee Commemorative benches have been installed in Barby and Onley. These were funded by a grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund. An old bench from Daventry Road was restored and installed as an additional bench in Barby Play Area.

- The Parish Council have taken over looking after the War Memorial in Barby after a village volunteer retired, this was last year re-pointed by Billy Dickenson at no charge.
- The Parish tree survey has been recently updated and work will soon be carried out on trees identified which require safety works.
- Play Areas in both villages have been repaired and maintained. New play bark is imminently due to arrive in time for the summer period at Barby.
- Purchased additional litter picking kits for volunteer use on regular village litter picks in and around the village boundaries
- The broadband connection at Barby Village has been replaced by a new high speed Gigaclear connection. The first 12 months of this has been provided free of charge by Gigaclear for the benefit of the community. We have purchased additional boosters to ensure fast coverage throughout the large building.
- We chose a 'village flag' for Barby from a number of options presented to us from members of the community. A flag has been commissioned and is due to imminently arrive to be flown on the flag pole in Barby
- September as normal saw the trimming of the hedges around the play area and allotments once the birds had finished nesting. This has been done for many years by a local farmer who kindly gives up his time for free.
- The Council has agreed terms on long term lease of land at Onley from the MOJ which has been used and maintained by the community for many years.

Looking to the future

- In July and August of 2023 year volunteers from the Village will take part in Community Speedwatch once again. This is again being organised by Cllr Gove and his team of helpers. It has been a great success for many years and helps highlight the speeding issue we have in Barby.
- We are implementing a new accounting software package which will give us quicker access to financials so that we can better monitor our spend vs the budgets we have set throughout the year.
- The council is still progressing with traffic calming measures on Daventry Road which have been extensively delayed by the bureaucracy and inefficiencies of WNC and their highways contract. The highways department are currently conducting a feasibility and budget report on options available to us so we can make a decision on how to proceed.
- Flooding Pathfinder project – Councillors O'Reilly and James have been working on this and we are currently progressing options to help alleviate some highlighted pinch points on Daventry Road and make use of available grant funding.
- In May we witnessed the Coronation of King Charles III following the death of Queen Elizabeth II aged 96 in September 2022. A village event was organised

by volunteers and a grant application is in process for various things such as planters and picnic benches. A commemorative tree will be planted on The Ware in Barby.

- The exciting new project for a community woodland and wildflower meadow on 23 acres of land adjacent to the sports ground is progressing well. “Barby Woodland Trust” Charity has been formed with the lease set to commence in mid 2023. Additional fundraising for this project will start shortly with more details and publicity imminent. Planting of the new trees is due to commence in November 2023
- We are currently reviewing our Neighbourhood Development Plan which an extensive and time consuming project led by Cllr Gorman. The goal is to give us every opportunity to protect development in the parish for the future in line with what the community wants. As a step in this process we have recently held a well-attended public consultation at Barby and Onley. The ability for us to do this was by way of a full grant which will cover the costs for our consultants and other expenditure.

Neighbourhood Plan Review - 'Call for sites' information

As we hope everyone knows, Barby and Onley Parish Council is in the process of reviewing its Neighbourhood Plan. As part of this process, we are considering taking advantage of new Government powers which ensure that the policies in the neighbourhood plan remain active and will continue to be used by West Northamptonshire Council to determine planning applications in the Parish, even in circumstances where the Local Plan cannot offer any protection.

To utilise these powers, the neighbourhood plan is considering allocating land for small-scale and locally appropriate residential development within the Parish. This may, for example, be for bungalows to meet the needs of older residents, or small family homes for young couples.

If you are a landowner in the Parish & are interested in your land being considered please download our 'call for sites' letter & application form from

https://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk/News_and_Events_3995.aspx

or email faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk

Neighbourhood Plan Review - The Environment

We are looking at adding policies to the Parish Neighbourhood Plan to protect & enhance the environment & environmental well-being of the Parish. As part of this we need to review & identify further important wildlife and habitat sites, sites with special views and any other environmentally important areas within the Parish that may need protection. We hope that these changes will help protect the local environment for its own sake, and help define exactly where new development should not take place due to environmental well-being.

If you would like to share any information on this subject with us please email faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk or let us know if you would like to attend our meeting on the Environment within the Neighbourhood Plan which is being held online at 7pm on 4th July.

Pilates at Barby Village Hall

Two classes every Tuesday 9.30am and 10.30am.

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Clubs and Societies

Breakfast Café in Barby Village Hall Old School Room. There will be no Breakfast Café in June. The next Breakfast Café will be 17th September.

Evergreen Club – Our meetings in June will be on Wednesday 14th and 28th in the Old School Room of Barby Village Hall. New Evergreen members are always welcome, just come along.

Barby Local History Group - The next meeting will be at the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th June at 7.45pm. We will be joined by some members of Kilsby History Group to look at Field Names in both parishes, some of which have been in existence for centuries, so it should be an interesting evening. Visitors most welcome.

Barby Cricket Club – 100 Club draw. The winners in the April 2023 100 Club draw were: E. Corns £80.00. W. & A. Seager £60.00. Dan Dury £40.00.

Barby Church Trust (Charity no 277482) - “**Taps & Toilet 100 Club**”. The winner of May’s draw is Ros Upton Brown with ball number 10 £85. If anyone wishes to join the Taps & Toilets draw for year 2023/4 please contact Christine Smith on 01788 890963 or email barbychristine@gmail.com.

WI – Our next meeting will be on 13th June at 7.30 in the village hall, Michell Haynes is coming along to show us the “Magical Art of Needle Felting”. Everyone will be able to have a go. A group of members went to the Dergate to see a production of the Marigold Hotel. Several members went to the Willows for a lovely lunch. We have our annual Boules/BBQ in July to look forward to. If you would like to know more about the WI you will always be welcomed as a visitor or give Chris a call on 890963.

Barby Village Hall - The Community Café book and jigsaw swap will take place on 5th and 19th June, raising funds for Barby Village Hall.

Barby Gardening Club - Advance notice of **Classes for the Annual Produce Show** on September 3rd :

Photographic Classes: Adult 1. Water; 2 Village Life. 12-16 years old: Sport; Under 12 years old – Flowers

Handicrafts: (2 entries allowed) 1. A knitted or crochet item; 2 A Needlework item using stitches; 3 A Textile item using e.g. felt, fabric etc. 4. Any handcrafted item – metal, wood or pottery.

Cookery Classes: 1. A jar of Jelly; 2 A jar of Jam; 3 A jar of Chutney or Pickle. Chutney must be made at least 3 months before the date of show.

Art: 1. A Drawing; 2. A Painting; 3. A Collage

The full Schedule for the Produce Show, along with rules and tips is now on the Parish Council website under Clubs/Gardening.

Plant Sale: The Gardening Club will be holding a Plant Sale on Saturday 17th June from 10.30am until 1.00pm on the Village Hall car park. A Plant Stall will also be at the Church Fete on 1st July. If you have any surplus plants and wish to donate then please drop them to 33 Ware Road or bring along on the days.

Other Notices

Barby Church Fête - Fun for all the family

Saturday 1st July 12noon - 4pm

A variety of stalls and games. There will be a house-to-house bottle collection for the bottle stall and donations of cakes for the cake stall and teas will be most welcome

St Mary's Churchyard - Additional volunteers are wanted to help keep our Village Churchyard (South side) neat and tidy. We have the machines (Mowers, Strimmers and a brush cutter) and now need additional help for a couple of hours a week in the summer. We are a small group who currently meet up on a Thursday morning (this can be flexible) and anytime you can give would be much appreciated. For further details please contact Ian Webb (01788 890800 or ian@iwwebb.com)

Barby Garage Sale – Steve Bradnam is organising the Barby Garage Sale on Sunday 25th June 9am-1pm. It is like having a car boot sale in the village, in the convenience of your drive. If you want to be a part of it, and included on a map of the village so buyers know where to visit, then you pay £10 cash to Steve at 4 Castle Mound, drop off or put in an envelope through the front door with your address on. Money raised to be split 50/50 between a local good cause (suggestions welcome), and local Food Bank.

BINGO is back in Barby village hall on Saturday June 24th. Doors open at 7 00 for eyes down at 7 30. Tickets £5 to include a light supper and licensed bar. All profits to BBC Children in Need. Give Helen a call on 07796 067 139.

Jeanette Carroll - We are deeply grateful for the love and support that we received following the passing of Mrs. Jeanette Carroll. Your presence at her funeral, along with flowers, heartfelt messages and your thoughts and prayers meant the world to us during this difficult time. We are truly touched by the generosity of those who donated to Macmillan Cancer Support in her memory, and we're pleased to announce that we raised £800 for this worthy cause. Thank you, the Carroll family.

News from Buckby Library & Hub <https://buckbylibraryhub.org> ; info@buckbylibraryhub.org ; 01327 842591

Saturday 17th June 10am to 12noon: there will be a book signing of "The Starved God", recently published by local author, Thomas Norford. Proceeds will go towards Cancer Research and Buckby Library & Hub.

Sunday 18th June 12-4pm: we will have a stall with a book sale, plant sale and tombola at the fête organised by Friends of Long Buckby Infant School and Long Buckby Vintage and Classic Vehicle Meet. The fete will be on Long Buckby Sports Field. All welcome.

Wednesday 21st June 2.00-3.30pm at Long Buckby Community Centre: come along to our stand and see what we have to offer at the Carers and Veterans Tea and Coffee Afternoon.

Friday 30th June 6 pm to 10 pm: a car treasure hunt! Setting off from the car park at Buckby Library & Hub between 6 and 7 pm, returning by 9.30pm. Refreshments available during the debriefing in the library from 9.30-10pm. Participation is at car owner's risk. £20 per car. Contact us for further information and to apply to participate.

Saturday 1st July, 8pm at the Old King's Head in Long Buckby: there will be a disco in aid of Buckby Library & Hub. Tickets: £10. A BBQ will be available from 7pm (additional cost). Please book directly with the OKH: 01327 437574.

We continue to look for someone to help us with our social media. Are you that person? If so, we'd love to hear from you! And do you run a small business? Might you be interested in having a stall at a late summer fayre we are planning (Saturday, September 23rd pm). If so, please do get in touch.

Finally, we're improving our building! From June 1st to mid July (approximately), we will be installing a fully accessible toilet and making improvements to our existing one. This is part of our aim to be an inclusive service for all. We aim to keep any disturbance to a minimum and are planning to remain open as usual during this period to continue delivering our existing services and activities. An alternative toilet facility will be available, however we will not have any dedicated baby-changing facilities during this time. We will enable babies to be changed in the library. Our car park will be closed for health, safety and security reasons. Please check our website and Facebook page for updates, or just give us a call.

Thanks for your forbearance during this time!

Don't forget to check our website for our regular activities; you can find our calendar here: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>

Barby Village Picnic



We all had a great day with lots of sunshine for the Barby village picnic to celebrate the Coronation. Thanks to all who attended and those involved in making it a special day – the BBQ guys, Pete B for the music, all the cake bakers and the team that put the bunting up and took it all down. Special thanks to our King and Queen for the day – Janet and Don Lester – who cut the ceremonial ribbon!



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

Dates for your Diary

June	5 th	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	12 th	Parish Council Meeting – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	13 th	WI – Barby Village Hall - 7.30pm
	14 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall – 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	14 th	Local History Group – Barby Village Hall – 7.45pm
	19 th	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	20 th	Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall – 7.15pm for 7.40pm
	24 th	Bingo – Barby Village Hall – 7pm for 7.30pm
	25 th	Barby Garage Sale 9.00am to 1.00pm
	28 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall – 2.00pm to 4.00pm
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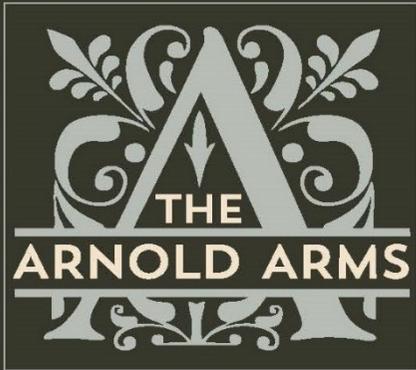
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