## Barby and Onley Newsletter May 2024



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## **Barby and Onley Gardening Club Produce Show**

Advance Notice: Categories for the Produce Show on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. <u>Cookery Classes</u>: 1. A jar of Lemon Curd; 2. A jar of Jam; 3. A jar of Chutney or Pickle. Chutney must have been matured for at least 2 months before the show.

<u>Photographic Classes (2 entries allowed)</u>: <u>Adult</u>: 1. Weather; 2. Trees. 3. 3 Photos of your choice (note this is a new class). <u>12-16yrs</u>: Insects; <u>Under 12's</u>: Vegetables.

<u>Handicrafts (2 entries allowed)</u>: 1. A knitted or Crochet item; 2. Needlework item (using stitches); 3. A Textile item using items eg. Felt, fabric etc; 4. Any handcrafted item – metal, wood or pottery; 4. An item of Clothing (any textile) (note this is a new class)

**The Show Schedule**, along with the Rules, is now on the Parish website under Barby and Onley Gardening Club.



There is still time to enter the **Tallest Sunflower Competition**. Open to all residents living in Barby or Onley. Contact Sue Hives, 33 Ware Road, Barby (01788 890682)

Last month the Club mentioned it was running a Hanging Basket & Wall Basket Competition: Guidance Notes are now on the Barby & Onley Parish website. £1 per basket to enter. Again, contact Sue Hives.

**Barby & Onley Gardening Club regular meeting** We are delighted to have Sally Cunningham come to our next meeting on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** when she will talk about **Pots and Container** planting. Talks start at 7.40pm with refreshments served from 7.15pm. Visitors are always very welcome (£2 donation). This is our last meeting until October.

The Gardening Club is running a **Plant Sale** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June on the Barby Village Hall carpark from 10am – 1.00pm. All proceeds to the Gardening Club.

## Parish Council News (Parish Clerk 07864 579068)

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 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at Onley Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting where the Parish Council elects a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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 <a href="https://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk/">https://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk/</a>

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

## Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you to the members of the public and representatives from village organisations that attended the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April. All of the reports provided will be published on the website. Please email the Parish Clerk if you were unable to attend the meeting but would still like a report included on the website.

**Litter** The Parish Council arranged another litter pick which took place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April to concentrate on areas with a large amount of litter which required additional attention following the March litter pick. Thank you to those that helped.

**Dog fouling** There has been an increase in dog fouling reported around the village. Whilst the majority of dog owners pick up after their dogs there is a minority who do not which and has led to certain areas of the village seeing a persistent problem. Please can all dog owners ensure they pick up after their dogs as this poses a risk to health as well as being unpleasant.

West Northants Council officers can issue Fixed Penalty Notices ranging from £100 to £400 for environmental offences such as dog fouling.

Dog fouling can be reported on their website:

https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/street-cleansing/dog-fouling

It is helpful to include the following information in any report:

- time, date and location of incident
- frequency of the offence, if it happens regularly
- description/breed of the dog

• any other descriptions to help identify the offender, including their name and address if known

## Speed Watch in Barby – Saturday 27th April to 25th May

Speedwatch is a scheme that provides the police details of vehicles speeding in areas where speeding is of a concern to the community. The focus is on education, Speedwatch does not lead directly to prosecution. However, by continuing with Speedwatch it ensures the village continues to have visits from the police mobile speed camera car/van on a periodic basis.

If anyone would like to join the Barby Speedwatch team and help to make a difference (or find out more information) then please contact the Speedwatch Coordinator. 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 dedicated core team and would welcome new volunteers.

Nigel Gove – Speedwatch Coordinator Barby. Email: <u>nigel.gove@bopc.org.uk</u> Mobile: 07719464433

#### **Barby Townlands and Educational Charity**

Barby Townlands and Educational Charity was created when a number of smaller local charities were amalgamated. The charity can trace its roots back to the 19th Century, but some of the covenants go back further. The Charity uses funds raised from the property it manages and investments to provide grants to local organisations that are based in or serve the residents of Barby and Onley. As well as benefiting the Parish the Charity has to protect the assets for future generations.



The charity's assets are spread throughout the village. The Play Area, the Tennis Court, and the Sports Field are leased to the Parish Council. The Allotments are managed by a trustee, and the Millennium Orchard and Petanque Pit are managed by the Charity.

The Charity also holds investments in the Charities Investment Fund, a unit trust. The charity takes a very responsible position in relation to the maintenance of the assets and

money is spent annually to ensure that what we pass on is in the best condition we can manage. The farm land beyond the sports field going down Longdown Lane is leased to a local farmer and Barby Garage, opposite the Arnold Arms, is leased to the proprietor of the garage business. Both the farm land and the garage are managed through our land agent.

Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Cat Sabine Tel. 07909 680508 Allotments Manager: Jo Martin Tel. 01788 890849

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Monday 15th April 2024

#### ANNUAL REPORT FROM BARBY & ONLEY PARISH COUNCIL - April 2023–31 March 2024

We currently have a full complement of 11 councillors with no changes during the year. 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. We are very fortunate to have many volunteers in addition to the Councillors and my thanks on behalf of all the community goes out to them. A particular thank you to Christine Dover as our newsletter editor, I know a lot of the parishioners who are not online value this being delivered to households each month.

Dom Fisher has continued as Highways Liaison and Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator. As residents of Barby will know as you know, the surrounding roads have been in an appalling condition for as long as most people can remember, Dom works hard trying to get urgent repairs made quickly. During Spring 2024, Parish Councillors met with representatives from West Northants Highways and whilst acknowledging their poor condition, they are not considered dangerous (debatable for many I know) and major repairs are unlikely in the short term.

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 the others who volunteer their time who I haven't named specifically.

#### 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 wider 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. This year the Parish Council set a budget and requested a precept of £66,032 for the year which commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. This was a 6% rise over the previous year which is reflective of the inflationary pressures we have all faced which has had an understandable effect on our running costs.

During the year we have been able to take advantage of the currently high interest rates (compared to recent years) and re-invested some of the Onley ring-fenced funds, this will have a notable impact on how quickly they will deplete and hold their future value. Parish Council accounts are scrutinised annually by an independent verifier who checks the figures and 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 <u>www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk</u>

## 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 West Northamptonshire Council Planning Authority. This year the Parish has been consulted on 20 planning applications. The application to extend the shooting hours and facilities at Barby Sporting Club, which is keenly followed by many, has still not gone before the planning committee after a period or more than 2 years and we have no recent updates on it.

## Some of our achievements though the year

Very few members of the public attend the Parish Council meetings and despite the Parish Newsletter being distributed to all households and minutes being available online, it is easy to miss some of the achievements we have made through the year. Therefore, I have summarised some of how we have tried to help and benefit the community here:

• Safety works were undertaken on trees which are the responsibility of the Parish Council.

• Continued Grant support for the Cricket Club at Barby Sports Field, The Barby Woodland Trust and leasing of community land from Barby Townlands and Educational Charity.

• Play Areas in both villages have been repaired and maintained. High priority repairs in Barby have been contracted; however unfavourable weather has meant they have been unable to be completed for some time.

• Purchased additional litter picking kits for volunteer use on village litter picks.

• The trimming of the hedges around the play area and allotments was completed 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.

• We have implemented a new accounting software package which gives us quicker access to financials so that we can better monitor our spend vs the budgets we have set throughout the year.

• Barby Meadow Woods, part supported by the Parish Council, has completed planting of approximately 7000 trees, a portion of which was community planted on a very well-attended day.

## Looking to the future

• In May 2024 volunteers from the Village will take part in Community Speedwatch, 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 with its positive impact clear to see.

• The revision of our Neighbourhood Development Plan is now very close to completion and just awaiting some final external consultation input. This is an incredibly time-consuming project funded by grant money and led by ClIr Gorman and a sub-committee. It will give us every opportunity to protect and shape development in the Parish for the future, in line with what the community has fed back on during public consultation with residents.

## **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.

**Breakfast Café** in Barby Village Hall Old School Room. Have you tried the Full English Breakfast at the Breakfast Café in Barby Village Hall? If not, then join the other villagers there on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am to 11.30am which this month will raise funds for Paw Prints Dog Rescue. A full English Breakfast is £7.00 per head inc. tea/coffee/orange. Vegetarian options available.

**Evergreen Club** – The Evergreen Club is the village over Sixties club which meets once a fortnight at the Village Hall on a Wednesday afternoons 2:00pm to 4:00pm. The annual membership fee is £5 and the Meeting Fee is £1.50 with the purchase of Bingo tickets (£1) an optional extra. Our meetings in May will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Old School Room of Barby Village Hall. New Evergreen members are always welcome.

**Barby Local History Group** - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th May at 7.45 in the Village Hall. It is an open meeting on Parish Maps to which we have invited several Local History Groups, although as at writing this, some have yet to confirm their attendance. We also have our own future projects on which we can discuss progress. Visitors are very welcome.



**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

Junior practice sessions have now started, every Friday from 6.15pm with BBQ. Clubhouse & Bar open till 10pm.

Home Fixtures for May Sat 4th May - North Crawley (2nd XI) - 12pm start Sat 11th May - Stony Stratford (2nd XI) - 12pm start Sat 11th May - Old Northamptonians (3rd XI) - 12pm start Weds - 15th May - A1 Combined XI - 6pm start Sat 18th May - Old Northamptonians (1st XI) - 11am start Sat 25th May - Weldon (1st XI) - 11am start Weds 29th May - Newbold - 6pm start

**Barby Cricket Club** – 100 Club draw. The winners of the March 2024 draw were M. Sabine £80, T. Hill £60 and L. Blundell £40.

**Barby Village Hall** – Community Café. The bookswap café will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**<u>St Mary's Church</u>** - Soup & Roll at St. Mary's Church, Barby on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 12 noon to 2.00pm. Homemade soup and a roll, homemade desserts and cream, and unlimited tea or coffee will be available for £7. All proceeds go to St. Mary's Church. This is the last Soup & a Roll before the summer break. We will be back in September.

<u>WI</u> – An interesting talk on "House plants" was the topic for our last meeting in April. Our next meeting Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 30 in the village hall we shall be welcoming Sue Kendall a WI Advisor. Sue will discuss with us the Resolution being taken to the national AGM later in the year. Barby WI's new 2024/25 programme can be seen on the Village Hall notice board and on the village website. If you would like more WI information give me a call on 890963.



## **Other Notices**

Church services in May 10 AM at St. Mary's, Barby

5 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion with Revd Kit Jarman
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Day service with Revd Kit Jarman
12 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship
19 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion with Revd Kit Jarman

26<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship

Mark your calendar for 7pm June 4th. The new rector of Barby and Kilsby, Revd Alastair Wood, will be collated by the Bishop of Peterborough at St. Faith's Church, Kilsby. All are welcome to attend and meet our new Rector.

#### **Barby Twinning**

Twinning members from our sister village in France, Vulaines-sur-Seine, will visit Barby May 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday evening, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, past and future members of Barby Twinning are invited to a dinner and social evening at Barby

Village Hall. Come and visit with old and new friends. Please contact the Chair, Bart Springer at 07894270243 or email <u>bartspringer@verizon.net</u> for details.

#### Barby Church Fete

St. Mary's Church will hold an old-time church fete June 29th (Noon to 4pm) in Barby playground and village hall. There will be stalls and games for everyone. We need your help. Please plan to attend our next fete meeting at St. Mary's Church on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Coffee and tea will be served.

<u>Used Postage Stamps</u> – Thanks to all those who have dropped off their used stamps. If you have any more just put them in my post box (on the side of my house) at 41 Holme Way. They will be sent to various charities. Janice Jones.

<u>Christian Aid Week 12th - 18th May</u> Envelopes for donations will be delivered to village households during this week. Please give support to help those in need in areas of conflict and deprivation. Christian Aid directs its help to those in greatest need at any given time.

**Dog Owners** Could dog walkers please ensure that their charges do not trample the flowers around the village? Thank you.

#### Events at Percival Guildhouse, Rugby

Independent centre for adult education and arts, St Matthew's Street.

May Dayschools 11<sup>th</sup> May: Digital Photography for Beginners, Needlefelting, Matisse inspired painting workshop, The Queens Pickture: Portraits of Queen Elizabeth 1; Book Making, Ukulele for Beginners, Relief Printmaking.

June Dayschools 8<sup>th</sup> June: From popular academic expert, Gillian White, looking at Henry VIII and the Field of the Cloth of Gold, to a relaxing and fun workshop on silk painting cushion covers, there's something to feed the interests of adult of all ages. Other Dayschools on 8<sup>th</sup> June include life drawing, relief carving in wood, an impasto to floral landscape workshop or an opportunity to create attractive gifts with a class on air dry clay ornaments. For anyone interested in ancient healing traditions, Sue McCrea is running a day class on Healing Traditions from East to West.

All of the Dayschools run from 10am-4pm.

There are also two summer schools starting on  $2^{nd}$  July – one on creative writing – a summer of inspiration (lasting three days), and the other on experimental watercolours being run over two days.

For full details, including information about tutors leading the courses, please visit: <u>www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk</u> or phone 01788 542467.

## **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. £6.50 per class. New Members welcome . For more details phone Mary on 07876 502438

#### News from Long Buckby Library & Hub

May is **Local History and Community Month**. Come along to see a 'Then and Now' display from Long Buckby Local History Society and books of interest in the library. There will be a local history quiz for families, and we will be showing 'Watford Gap the Musical' on our large TV screen on Thursday afternoons, at 2.30 and at 3.30pm.

In May, we also have a new art exhibition: **'My Water Colour Journey Continued'**, featuring paintings by local artist, Bob Billingsby. Come along to view them during our opening hours.

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10.30-11.30am: **West Northants Council** advisers will be present and can help with all manner of queries you might go the county council about.

Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>: our film is "**One Life** is a 2023 biographical drama film directed by James Hawes. It is based on the true story of British humanitarian Sir Nicholas Winton as he looks back on his past efforts to help groups of Jewish children in German-occupied Czechoslovakia to hide and flee in 1938–39, just before the beginning of World War II." Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets £7 from the Library and the Peephole in the High Street. Refreshments, including ice cream, available.

A volunteer opportunity: are you a communications professional or someone with experience of coordinating and delivering corporate communications or similar? Buckby Library & Hub is looking for a volunteer who can help us raise the public profile of our events, activities and services through a variety of media; ensure that we are proactive, co-ordinated, accurate and consistent in our messaging and publicity; and who can help us optimise our internal communications. Please contact <a href="mailto:sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org">sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org</a>. We'd love to hear from you!

Finally, watch this space for how you can become a **Friend of Buckby Library & Hub**. More information coming soon!

## Neighbourhood Plan Review 2023/24

The purpose of Neighbourhood Planning is to give local people greater ownership of the plans and policies that affect their local area. The intention is to empower local people to take a proactive role in shaping the future of the areas in which they live. Once in place, the plans will comprise the framework for change in that area for the next 10 to 15 years.

As you may be aware, Barby and Onley Parish Council is reviewing its neighbourhood plan. Thank you to all of you who attended the open events in the Parish in March '23 & to those that have provided comment and information since.

Throughout 2023 the Neighbourhood Plan Review Team has put together their suggested draft for the review document to be submitted to WNC for their assessment. There are many stages to WNC's assessment process which will take around 3-6 months.

Our recent survey received 111 responses - thank you to everyone who took the time to let us know their opinion on the plan so far. We will be providing further information on the plan's submission route in the near future.

For any further information on the neighbourhood plan review or if you would like to make any other comment, then please email <u>faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk</u>



## Your Current Parish Councillors

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Highway			
Problems	www.nortnamptonsnire.go	w.uk/streetdoctor or call 0300 126 1000	

## Dates for your Diary

May	4 <sup>th</sup>	Soup & A Roll – St. Mary's Church 12.00noon to 2.00pm
-	8 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreen Club - Barby Village Hall – 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Local History Group – Barby Village Hall 7.45pm
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting – Onley Village Hall 7.30pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	WI – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall – 9.30am to 11.30am
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall – 7.15pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm

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