

Barby and Onley Newsletter

September 2025

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Onley Park's Family Fun Day

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Parish Council News (Parish Clerk 07864 579068)

Barby & Onley Parish Council

The Parish Council continue to meet on the second Monday of each month except when it falls on a bank holiday. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 8th September 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. 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 or by telephone on 07864 579068.

Consultations

There are a number of consultations being undertaken by West Northants Council on a variety of issues. 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

The Parish Council is a consultee on planning applications in Barby and Onley and consider new applications at its monthly meetings. Details of the Parish Council's decisions on how they respond to planning applications can be found in the minutes of the meetings on the Parish Council's website: www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk

West Northamptonshire Council is the deciding authority and full details of all planning applications can be found on their website: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application>

Fix My Street

The 'Fix My Street' website can be used to report a range of highways issues to West Northamptonshire Council such as potholes and fly tipping. The website address is: <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

If you wish to report a faulty street light please contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish Council has two vacancies for Parish Councillors to be filled by co-option. If you would like to apply or for further details please contact the Parish Clerk.

At the time of writing the Parish Council has not received any more updates regarding the water pipe replacement at Onley. As soon as there is any further feedback we will update all Onley residents. The Parish Council has also escalated the issues surrounding the current water charging procedures at Onley to our MP, Stuart Andrews, who has made representations on our behalf to the MOJ.

The Parish Council (PC) contracted a Parish tradesman to carry out some work to help reduce potential flooding in Rugby Road, Barby. The work has been carried out using money from a flood grant that the PC obtained.

The PC have also contracted another Parish tradesman to replace the fence and repair the gate at Barby tennis court.

We have been working with West Northants Council (WNC) highways department to try to get them to resolve many of the potholes and road defects in the Parish. WNC now have a new machine & methodology for repairing potholes and this has been used on Cart Hill, Barby. It will be interesting to see if these new procedures are more effective than those used previously. We have also had several meetings with WNC regarding the condition of Barby Lane and the urgent need for the whole road to be refurbished. WNC tell us that due to their budget restraints this is unlikely to happen for some time, hence we will need to continue to report potholes & individual defects in the road. The PC were involved in getting some repairs to the edge of the road near the Rugby border repaired recently.

The Parish Council wants to hear from Parishioners as to how they would like the PC to improve the Parish. As always Parishioners are welcome to raise any problems with the PC at our monthly council meetings. Members of the PC will also be at the Barby Produce Show on Sunday 31st August & The Onley Family Fun Day on 6th September – so please do come to speak to us regarding any issues or improvements you would like to see around the Parish.

Faith Gorman, Chair - Barby & Onley Parish Council faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk

Pilates at Barby Village Hall

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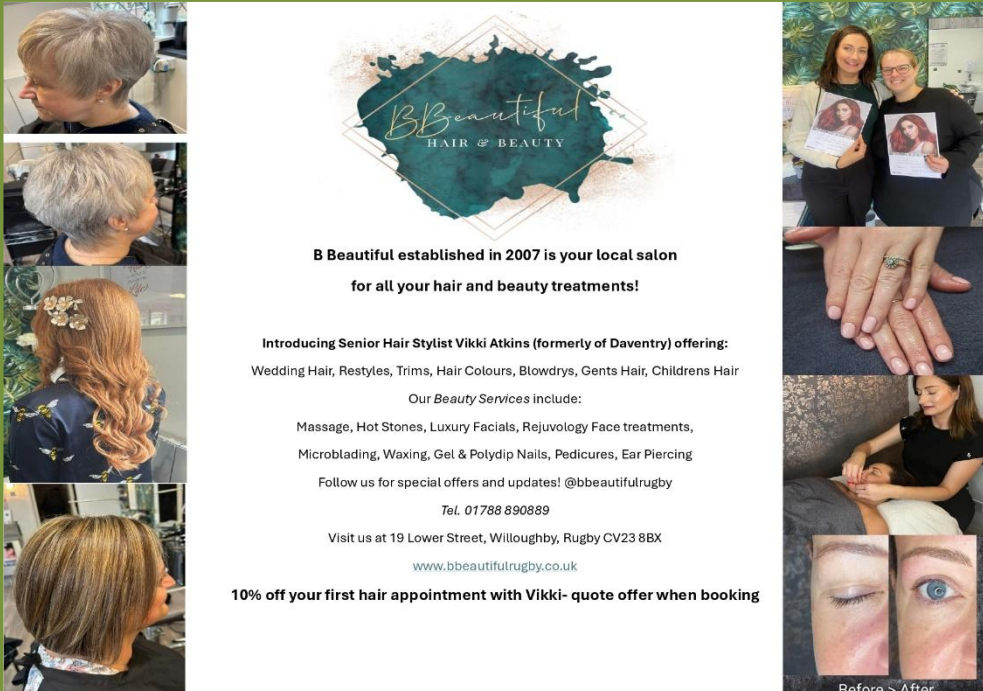
Badminton Barby Village Hall Wednesdays 8pm-10pm. Exercise yes, fun yes, competitive sometimes. As we only have one court, we generally play doubles. No membership, turn up, pay and play. £3 pp. for the night.

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

Barby Cricket Club – 100 Club draw. The winners of the July 2025 draw were D. Norton £150, Darcy £100, Will & Ali Seager £100, P. Fortnum £80, M. Norton £80, S. Lamb £60, M. Lintern £60, P. Thompson £40, L. Gleghorn £40.





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Barby Village Hall Community Café The bookswap café will take place on 1st and 15th September, 2pm to 4pm. Come and have a chat and a cup of tea and pick up a new book or jigsaw.

Barby and Onley Gardening Club Our Produce Show is taking place on Sunday 31st August; residents of Barby and Onley should have received a Schedule and entry form by now. Full results will be in the October Newsletter. Our monthly meetings begin again on Tuesday 21st October when we have Susie Lickman coming to give a talk on Growing Orchids.

WI – We enjoyed our annual Boules and BBQ evening (thank you to Townlands Charity for keeping the orchard a pleasant place to meet); the winning team Helen, Gay, Ros and Hazel. 12 members went along to the Arnold Arms and enjoyed good food and pleasant company. We joined forces with the Evergreens and went down to Runnymede where we boarded one of “Freddys” boats and cruised along the Thames with a hot meal en route. On the way home we stopped in Bicester at a Garden Centre for tea/coffee etc which was enjoyed. Once again the W.I. are providing tea, coffee and cakes at the Village Produce Show. Go along and see the lovely produce and enjoy a cuppa. Friday October 3rd sees Bingo back in Barby. Doors will open at 7.00 for eyes down at 7.30. Tickets from Mary 07751 245412 and Chris 890963.

Our next meeting Tuesday 9th September 7.30 in Barby Village Hall; Barbara Lennon will talk about the work of the “Air Ambulance”. Visitors are always welcome. Want to know more about the WI? Give Chris a call.

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 September will be on Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 24th. New Evergreen members are always welcome.

Barby Local History Group www.barbylhg.org.uk - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th September at 7.45pm in Barby Village Hall. The speaker will be Martin Sirot-Smith, his subject is "Sheep Ear Men: the Washingtons and the Wool Trade". We look forward to seeing you all after our summer break, which I hope you enjoyed. Visitors are most welcome.

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.

Other Notices

Breakfast club Breakfast Club at Barby Village Hall starts on 21st September, supporting the charity Hope4. The next one is for Guide Dogs on 19th October; they will be selling Christmas cards. We are keeping the price at £7-00 for a full English breakfast. Thank you to all for your support hope to see you all in September.

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. The next Soup & Roll at St. Mary's Church, Barby will be on Saturday 4th October 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. We are sorry we are not able to have soup and roll in September.

Do you care about Barby and Onley?

Do you want to do something positive
for your community and work to improve it?

Do you want to be involved with making decisions within
the Parish?

Why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor?

To find out more please contact any Councillor or

Parish Clerk, Katrina Jones

Tel 0786 457 9068

clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk



A new Churchgate has been put up on the footpath from the Church towards Kilsby Road by the old cob wall in memory of Sandy Tocher. Thanks to Billy Dickenson for installing it for us free of charge. (Churchyard Maintenance Team)

Art & Craft



Social Group for Adults

Barby Village Hall

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.

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. 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.

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. Many thanks.

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email: sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org; 01327 842591; NN6 7QB.

Summer Reading Challenge: the Summer Reading Challenge continues until September 20th, so there is still time for your children or grandchildren (4-12 years) to read or listen to 6 books. Just a reminder that the theme is 'Story Garden' which encourages children to explore their connections with nature.

In September, we are hosting a double **art exhibition**. On one wall there will be an exhibition from Northants & Rutland Open Studios featuring the paintings of **Bridget Arregger**. On the other wall, we will have a display of paintings and drawings submitted by **Jessica Adams** for her 2024 A Level Art submission. Jessica has been offered a place at Northampton University to study art.

On Saturday September 20th, 2-4.30pm, we are holding a **Craft Fayre** in the library. Come along for different crafts - wool, wood, felt, sewn materials, ceramics, home baking, crystals, honey, glitter tattoos and more. There will also be a raffle, a tombola (children and adults) and refreshments. Entry free.

Our new film season will start again on Tuesday 30th September. Our first film of the season is **The Thursday Murder Club**: Tickets £7.50 from Buckby Library & Hub and the Peephole in the High Street. Refreshments including ice creams available. The film starts at 7.30; doors open at 7.00.

The Benefice of St Mary's Barby and St Faith's Kilsby
Changes to our usual pattern of services

Sunday 31st August: 10:30 Joint service at BARBY

Sunday 7th September: 9am at BARBY
KILSBY Harvest Festival at 10:30

Sunday 14th September: 9am BARBY & 10:30 KILSBY

Sunday 21st September 10:30am Joint Service BARBY

Sunday 28th September 9am BARBY 10:30 KILSBY

Sunday 5th October: 9am KILSBY
10:30 Harvest Festival BARBY.

Percival Guildhouse News <https://percival-guildhouse.co.uk/>

Heritage and haute couture will combine in a centenary display of fashion and textiles at Rugby's Percival Guildhouse in September as part of National Heritage Weekend.

The major display of 100 years of fashion will include 1920s flapper dresses, wartime clothing, mid-century designs, 1960s' miniskirts, 1970s' psychedelic colours and punk fashion, plus a range of textiles from different decades and how they were used in our living rooms.

Visitors during the weekend of 13th-14th September, will also be able to view precious artefacts from the Guildhouse Archive collection. Such is the significance of this material, charting 100 years of adult education, that it has attracted National Lottery Heritage Funding to enable all material to be preserved and digitised for future generations.

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Dates for your Diary

August	31 st	Barby and Onley Gardening Club Produce Show – Barby Village Hall 2.30pm.-4.00pm
September	1 st	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	6 th	Onley Park family fun day 1.00pm to 4.00pm
	8 th	Parish Council Meeting – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	9 th	WI – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	10 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	10 th	Local History Group– Barby Village Hall 7.45pm
	15 th	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	21 st	Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall 9.30am to 11.30am.
	24 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
October	4 th	Soup and a Roll – St. Mary's Church 12 noon-2.00pm

Your Current Parish Councillors

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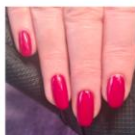


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