

Barby and Onley Newsletter

July/August 2025

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Barby and Onley Gardening Club Produce Show

PRODUCE SHOW

Barby Village Hall

Exhibitors 9.15-11.30

Public Viewing 14.30-16.00

AUGUST 31st
2025



BARBY AND ONLEY GARDENING CLUB

It's nearly time for the Produce Show which takes place on Sunday 31st August. The Schedule, Rules and Entry Form are now on the Barby and Onley Parish Council website

https://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/Gardening_Club_4029.aspx and copies will be distributed in the villages in early August.

All villagers are welcome to enter and please come and visit on the day.

Barby Church Fête

Barby Church Fête will take place on Sunday 29th June. Apologies for the late notice. See page 10 for further details.

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.

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 Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 14th July 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.

Grand Union Canal Consultation

West Northamptonshire Council will be running a public consultation on the draft Grand Union and Oxford Canal Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, starting on Monday 16th June 2025.

The consultation will run for six weeks from **Monday 16th June to midnight on Sunday 27th July 2025**, during which time representations must be made **in writing** to West Northamptonshire Council, either by

- post (Conservation Officer, Planning and Building Control, Specialist Services, West Northamptonshire Council, The Guildhall, St. Giles' Square, Northampton NN1 1DE),
- email (heritage@westnorthants.gov.uk)
- online survey <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/conservation-area/grand-union-and-oxford-canal>.

Overgrown Hedges

Thank you to all the residents who have taken the time to trim back their overgrown hedges where they have been impinging on footpaths. The Parish Council writes to householders from time to time where an issue has been identified and are grateful for the prompt action taken in these instances. The Parish Council also continues to report matters for which West Northamptonshire Council is responsible to them.

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.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 2nd July, 6-8pm in Onley Village Hall for the Companies involved in the installation of the new freshwater pipes in Onley to provide information to Onley residents about their plans. We do hope that as many Onley residents as possible will be able to come to the meeting and/or submit questions in advance.

The Parish Council have replaced the bench & the bin on The Ware in Barby. We have contracted local tradespeople to cut the hedge in front of the tennis court and to repair the fence and gate around the court. After much persistence, we finally got West Northants Council (WNC) to repair the pipe that was believed to be causing the water leak in Church Walk. The water was flowing over the pavement and creating a sheet of ice in cold weather. Our thanks go to Cllr Phil Wagg for repairing and revarnishing some of the benches in Barby and for cutting back hedges for easier access to dog poo bins.

The Parish Council have formed a working party to update our Parish website - further information will be provided on this over the forthcoming months.

The Parish Council have met with West Northants Council to start the planning of a traffic calming scheme in Daventry Road, Barby. As mentioned previously, WNC do not install 'road humps/sleeping policeman' or speed cameras so their proposal will likely be for a chicane and maybe an additional 'pinch point' junction. Once WNC have finalised their proposals there will be a public consultation process as this is a very big project for our Parish. However, I wanted to let you know that the Daventry Road traffic calming project proposal is at least now underway.

Parishioners are always welcome to come to our Parish Council meetings; our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 14th July at Barby Village Hall. Members of the Parish Council will also be attending the Barby Church fete on 29th June. Please do come to speak to us about any issues in the Parish or let us know what you would like to see the Parish Council working on going forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me about any issues, Faith Gorman, Chair Barby & Onley Parish Council faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk

Pilates at Barby Village Hall

Two classes every Tuesday 9.30 to 10.30 and 10.30 to 11.30.

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No joining fee. £6.50 per class. New Members welcome.

For more details phone Mary on 07876 502438

Speed Watch in Barby – Saturday 26th July to 30th August

Speedwatch is a scheme run by local community volunteers supported by the Parish Council and organised by Northamptonshire Police; it provides the Police details of vehicles identified as speeding within the village. 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.

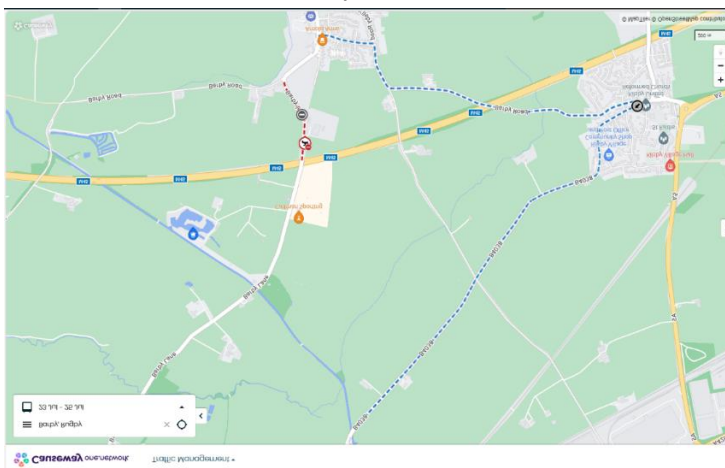
Speedwatch works through a team of volunteers using Police speed recording equipment to record the details of vehicles speeding at agreed strategic locations within the village. With the support of the Parish Council data is submitted to Northamptonshire Police where vehicles are recorded by the Speedwatch team exceeding the 30mph limit. The driver of every vehicle reported as speeding will receive an official warning letter from the Police explaining the importance of adhering to speed limits. If a driver is reported to be significantly exceeding the speed limit or has been reported more than once the driver may have further action taken by Police.

If anyone would like to join the Barby Speedwatch team and help to make a difference (or find out more information) then please contact me. 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 a small dedicated core team and would be delighted to welcome new volunteers to help run this year's sessions.

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

Road Closure Part of Barby Lane will be closed on 23rd-25th July for the installation of new water mains, see map below for details.



Clubs and Societies

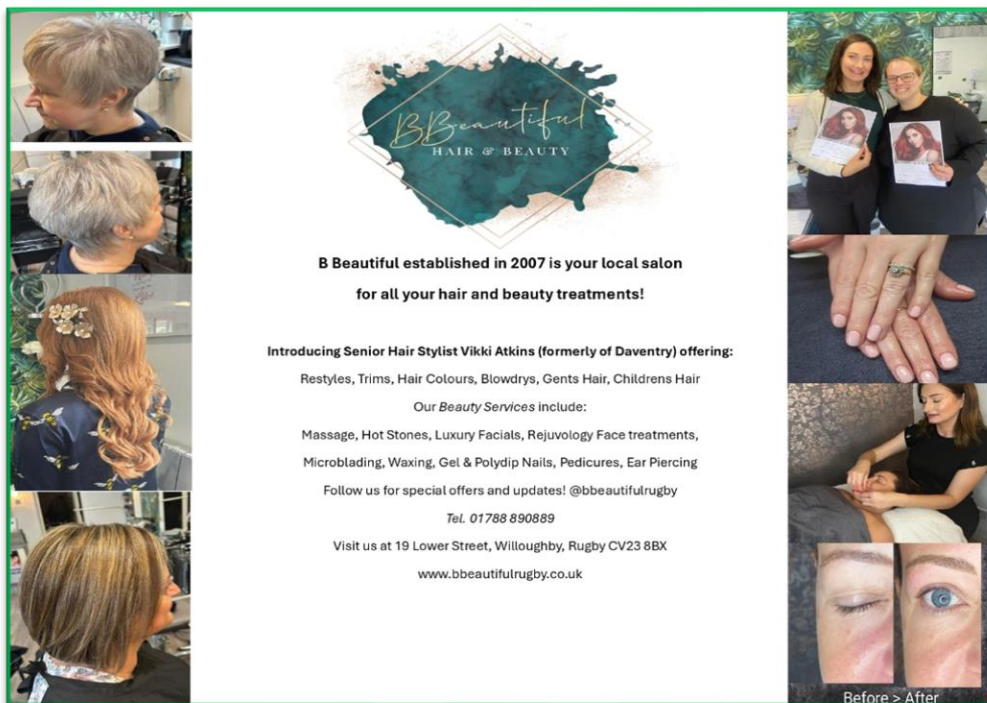
Badminton Barby Village Hall Wednesdays 8pm-10pm. Exercise yes, fun yes, competitive sometimes. As we only have one court, we generally play doubles. No membership, turn up, pay and play. £3 pp. for the night.

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 May 2025 draw were C. Fortnum £80.00 S. Lamb £60.00 L. Gleghorn £40.00.



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Barby Village Hall Community Café The bookswap café will take place on 7th and 21st July and 4th and 18th August, 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

The 2025 Produce Show will take place on Sunday 31st August. Everyone is welcome to enter – you don't need to be an expert! Please phone 01788 890682 for an entry form.

The following categories are listed should you want to bake, knit, make preserves or take photos to enter.

Cookery Classes: 1. A jar of Orange Curd; 2. A jar of Jelly; 3. A jar of Chutney or Pickle (not cabbage or onions). The Chutney must have been matured for at least 2 months before the show.

Handicrafts (2 entries allowed): 1. A Knitted or Crochet item; 2 Needlework item using stitches; 3. A Textile item using felt, fabric etc; 4. Any handcrafted item – metal, wood or pottery; 5. An item of clothing (any textile).

Photography classes (2 entries allowed):

Adult: 1. Sky; 2. Animals; 3. 3 photos of your choice.

12-16yrs class: Vehicles

Under 12yrs class: Anything in the Garden

The Show is open to everyone within the Parish, so please have a go. We don't take ourselves too seriously – promise!

There is still time to enter the Container Garden competition that is separate to the Produce Show. Anyone from Barby and Onley can enter. Just contact Sue on 01788 890682.

WI – At our last meeting we welcomed Philip York a much-published author. We heard about the very brave “Female Spies” without these ladies the Civil wars may have turned out very differently. Thank you to all those who came along to our Mary Quant afternoon and many thanks to those who came along to our tabletop at the “Garage Sale” and to those who bought refreshments from the Village Hall. Thanks to Stephen for organising the event. For our next meeting Tuesday 8th July at 7.00pm (please note change of time) in Barby Village Hall we are welcoming Sonia Turner and 2 of her stunt dogs. Sonia trained 1 of the dogs seen in “Doc Martin”. We are opening this meeting to anyone who may be interested entry is £4 and this will include light refreshments. Once again the W.I. will be serving light refreshments at the Produce Show, so come along and see the wonderful produce grown /made in Barby and have a nice “cuppa and cake”. If you want any more information please give Chris a call on 890963.

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 July will be on Wednesday 2nd, Wednesday 16th and Wednesday 30th. Meetings in August will be Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 27th. New Evergreen members are always welcome.

Barby Local History Group www.barbylhq.org.uk - Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th July at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be John Frearson on "Rugby Cement and the Walker Family". Visitors are most welcome. There will be no meeting in August, we shall start again on 10th September with a talk by Martin Sirot Smith on the Washington Family of Sulgrave and the wool trade.

GRAND UNION AND OXFORD CANAL
CONSERVATION AREA CONSULTATION
16 JUNE TO 27 JULY 2025

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO
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1 July 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

**FOR DETAILS OF HOW TAKE PART IN THE CONSULTATION OR
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THE ADDRESS BELOW**

Email: heritage@westnorthants.gov.uk

<https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/conservation-area/grand-union-and-oxford-canal>



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Other Notices

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.

The Camel Racing evening made a profit of £857! A great result even if a bit less than last year. Everybody said how much they enjoyed the evening.

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.

St. Mary's Church, Barby. The next Soup and Roll will now be on Saturday 4th October. We are unable to do it in September.

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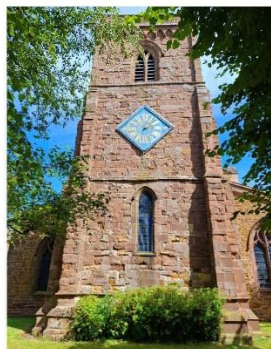
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To find out more please contact any Councillor or Parish Clerk – contact details on page 11.

Dates for your Diary

June	29 th	St. Mary's Church Fete – Barby Village Hall 12 noon - 4pm
	July 1 st	Online Public Meeting re. Conservation Area Consultation
	2 nd	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	7 th	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	8 th	WI – Barby Village Hall 7.00pm (please note change from usual time)
August	9 th	Local History Group– Barby Village Hall 7.45pm
	14 th	Parish Council Meeting – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	16 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	18 th	The Revolvers at Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	21 st	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	30 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	4 th	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	13 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	18 th	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	27 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	31 st	Barby Produce Show – Barby Village Hall

Your Current Parish Councillors

<u>Chair</u> Faith Gorman	25 Almond Close, Barby	0771 0349 733 faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk
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vacancy		
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