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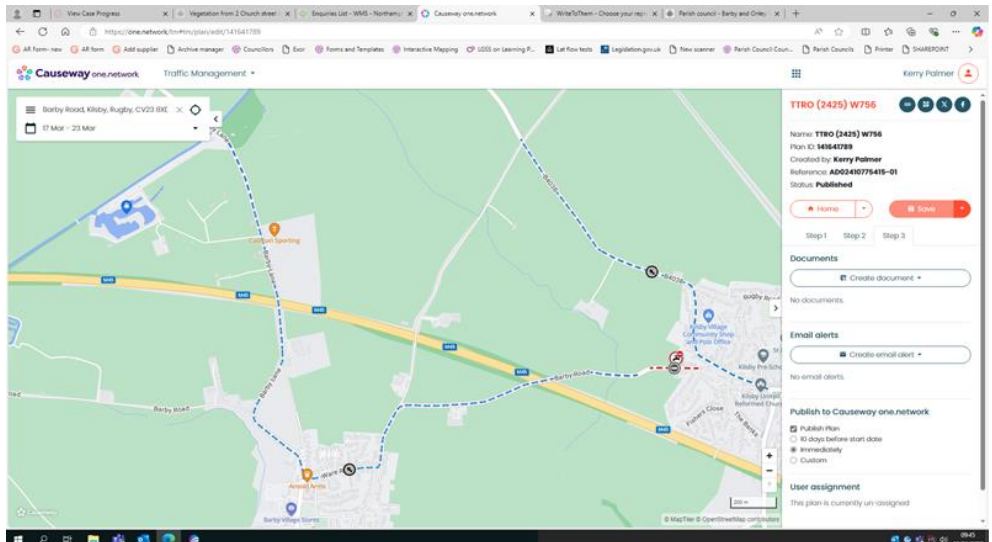
Parish Council News (Parish Clerk 07864 579068)

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 10th March 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@barbyandonley-parishcouncil.co.uk or by telephone on 07864 579068.

Elections All Parish, Town and Community Councils across West and North Northamptonshire, as well as Unitary Authorities North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire will have elections on Thursday 1st May 2025 whether they be contested or uncontested. This includes Barby and Onley Parish Council. For information on how to stand as a candidate please contact either the Parish Clerk for more details or visit the West Northamptonshire Council website: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/electoral-services/local-elections-2025>

Road closure The Parish Council has been notified that Part of Barby Road will be closed between 17th-28th March to allow Anglian Water to divert a mains.



Annual Parish Meeting The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 14th April at Barby Village Hall. Any organisations in the Parish are welcome to attend and give a report on their activities over the past year. Please contact the clerk if you would like to provide a report but cannot attend. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Neighbourhood Plan Review On 3rd February 2025 our Neighbourhood Plan Review passed examination. The examiner recommended a few modifications but also said 'The Plan is an excellent example of a neighbourhood plan review'. The review will go to referendum in the Parish on 1st May 2025 and, if passed, will help guide any future developments or growth within the Parish, to ensure that the wishes of local people are taken into consideration.

Thanks A big thank you to the History Society for putting on a very interesting exhibition about the allotments and the houses around the Green in Barby. Thank you to all the volunteers who organise and run the Breakfast Club every month, the event is always very well attended and appreciated by all.

The Parish Council works to improve the Parish for us all. Sometimes it is just small changes that can make a big difference for our community. We arranged for the footpath beside the Derry to be cleared of leaves & vegetation; Cllr Sarah Withington arranged for a water leak in Onley that was causing ice to form over roads & footpaths to be resolved and Cllr Dawn Cotton is working with the prison to reinstate the streetlights on the road into Onley from the A45. A huge thank you to Cllr Phil Wagg who has worked extremely hard to significantly improve the small park area in School Close. With regard to larger improvement projects, as I have mentioned previously, the Parish Council along with West Northants Council are looking to install speed calming measures on Daventry Road in the new financial year. There will be Parish consultations on the proposals in due course.

Please do let me know of any other issues around the Parish that we can work to improve.

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

Clubs and Societies

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.

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 March will be on Wednesday 12th and Wednesday 26th. New Evergreen members are always 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

Barby Cricket Club – 100 Club draw. The winners of the January 2025 draw were Leo c/o C. Sabine £80.00 Charlie c/o D. Ibbetson £60.00 Darcy c/o T. Gleghorn £40.00.

Barby & Onley Gardening Club - Our March meeting takes place on Tuesday 18th at 7.40pm when John Dover, a local resident, will talk about "Greening our home". Refreshments are available from 7.15pm and visitors are always welcome.

Barby Village Hall Community Café -The bookswap café will take place on 3rd and 17th March, 2pm to 4pm. Come and have a chat and a cup of tea and pick up a new book or jigsaw.

WI – Our March meeting Tuesday March 11th, 7.30 in Barby Village Hall. It is the AGM when the 2025/26 committee will be formed. The new programme will be put on the W.I. page of the Village web site, a copy will be displayed on the Village Hall notice board. All members are encouraged to come along, new ideas and suggestions are always very welcome. The meeting will finish with Cheese and Wine.

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 Local History Group - Thank you to all those who came to our exhibition about The Green in February (see photograph below). It was lovely to see such a lot of people over the weekend, and to read your kind comments in our book and on Facebook. We have continued to add to our store of knowledge with information given by our visitors, and promises of copies of old photos and documents, thank you to those kind people.



Our next meeting on 12th March will be the AGM, at 7.45pm in Barby Village Hall. Do please come so we have your views about our Group and what perhaps our next project might be.

Pilates at Barby Village Hall

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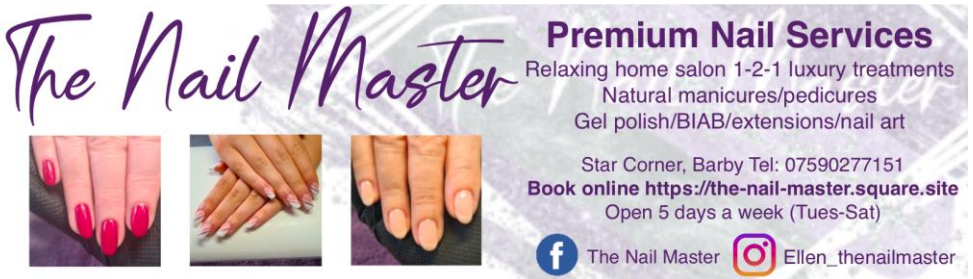
. For more details phone Mary on 07876 502438

Other Notices

Sandy Tocher The family of Sandy would like to thank everyone who attended Dad's memorial, it was a wonderful celebration of Dad's life, and despite Dad not living in the village for two and a half years he'd not been forgotten. £500 was donated in Dad's memory and this has been sent to Alzheimer's Society and a substantial amount was donated to church funds. Thank you to Reverend Wood for the wonderful service. Karen, Rachel, Sarah and Andrew



Margaret Livesey Our thanks to everyone for their kind messages and sympathy cards received following Margaret's passing; to the Rev'd Liz Cowley and all those who joined us at Rainsbrook for the Service of Thanksgiving; for your generosity in raising £260 for Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. Your kindness and support have been of great help and comfort. Sincere thanks, Don, Danny and Family XxX

Fund-raising for Barby Village Hall Don't miss the ABBA tribute band on Saturday 15th March. 7.00 until 10.30pm. Tickets £10.00 from Gill Leppard 07752 980834. Only a few tickets left!



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Barby Village Hall Committee 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.

Breakfast Café in Barby Village Hall Old School Room 9.30 to 11.30. £7 for a full English breakfast with limitless beverages. Vegetarian options available. Please note both March and April are the second Sunday of the month. The March Breakfast Café will be Sunday March 9th. The chosen charity is Daventry Food Bank. There will be box for any donations. The April Breakfast Café is Sunday April 13th. The chosen charity is Friends of St Cross. There will also be a Chocolate raffle. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Barby Allotments Many of you will have noticed there is repair/tidying up work being done on the allotments. This is costing Barby Townlands Charity quite a lot of money, so we would very much appreciate your help in keeping the allotments in good order. So, as per rental agreement, that includes weeding any paths that adjoin your plot, and trimming the hedges as best you can. If everyone does their bit it means it doesn't get out of control. Also – if you no longer want your plot please advise asap and cut back all growth and cover immediately with black plastic/weed suppressant sheeting to prevent the plot getting overgrown. We are currently having to **pay** for 5 plots to be cleared and covered because people have abandoned them. Please also can everyone make a supreme effort to pin down anything that can blow around by the wind to avoid damage to other people's planting. That includes watering cans, netting, bean poles, plastic chairs and empty compost bins.

We have now designated the south west corner plot as a “meeting” area – so hopefully allotment holders can bring their chairs and take time to chat and relax. This will also be used for the school children while they are working on the school allotments.

There are a few allotments available. Councillor Phil Wagg has been appointed one of the Trustees the Townlands Charity and I am very pleased to inform you that he will now take over the management of the allotments; please direct all queries to Phil. Phil.wagg@bopc.org.uk 07886 855832



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St. Mary's Church, Barby Soup and a Roll in the Church on Saturday 1st March and Saturday 5th April 12 noon to 2pm. Homemade soup and a roll, homemade desserts and cream, together with tea or coffee will be available for £7. All proceeds go to St. Mary's Church.

Used Postage Stamps – Don't just throw away all those stamps – they can be donated to charity. 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.

Percival Guildhouse news Whether your interests tend towards art, family history or exercise there will be something for you among the April Saturday workshops at The Percival Guildhouse in Rugby.

Courses in Life Drawing, Watercolour Painting, Air Dry Clay Ornaments, Family History or Tai Chi are being run on 5th April. Go to www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk for full details and times. Or call 01788 542467.

Easter Art Exhibition. Napton Art Group are holding their annual Easter Exhibition of members' work at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th April 2025 between 10am and 4pm. There will be about 200 paintings in all media including oils, watercolour, acrylics and pastels; greetings cards of some of these will be available. Admission £1 with free entry for children; there will be light refreshments in the pop-up cafe. Everybody who comes can vote for "The People's Favourite" painting. The nominated charity this year is the Air Ambulance; small paintings will be for sale at a cost of £10 with the proceeds going to the charity. Payments can now be made by card/ phone as well as cash/ cheques. The Art Group has a membership that now stands at over 50 and meets every Thursday afternoon at Napton Village Hall and has a programme featuring a wide range of demonstrations and weekend workshops. Visitors who might wish to join the group are welcome on any Thursday afternoon 2 - 4 pm. Further details from Howard Collerson 01926 813181

Long Buckby Library and Hub <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/>

Saturday 22nd March, 10am-2pm: **Spring Fayre** organised jointly by Buckby Library & Hub and Long Buckby Community Centre, with takings divided equally between the two organisations. There will be lots of stalls from local organisations and individuals plus activities for children, raffle, tombolas, refreshments and much more. Doors open at the Community Centre (Station Road, NN6 7QB) at 10am. Entry £1/adult; children free.

Tuesday 25th March, 7.30pm: Film night. **POMS**. 'Martha is an introverted woman who moves to a retirement community. Hoping to be left alone, she meets Sheryl, a fun-loving neighbour who insists that they become best pals. After coming out of her shell, Martha and her new friend decide to form a cheerleading squad with their fellow residents.' Doors open at 7pm. Tickets £7 from the library, and the Peephole in the High Street, Long Buckby. Refreshments including ice creams available.

Thursday 3rd April, 7.30-9pm (doors open at 7.00): **Cut-a-Caper**, the acclaimed band, which gave us the wonderful evening on Thomas Hardy last year, is back to provide more entertainment – this time about the Northamptonshire poet, John Clare. With musical accompaniment, members of the band will talk about his life and work. You'll have an opportunity to learn a dance – if you wish. Tickets are £7 from the library and the Peephole in the High Street in Long Buckby. Refreshments will be available.

Our March exhibition in the refreshment area is **Happy Houses & Other Happy Places** with paintings from local artist, Anna Langton.

From February 27th, we will be hosting outreach sessions from **Citizens Advice**. More information about frequency and timing will be on our website, or please ask at the library.

You can also now obtain **caddy bags** from the library (a roll of 30 for £1). This is a West Northamptonshire scheme to encourage food waste recycling.

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Dates for your Diary

March	1 st	Soup and a Roll – St. Mary’s Church 12 noon-2.00pm
	3 rd	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	9 th	Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall 9.30am-11.30am
	10 th	Parish Council Meeting – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	11 th	WI – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	12 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	12 th	Local History Group– Barby Village Hall 7.45pm
	15 th	ABBA tribute band at Barby Village Hall 7.00pm to 10.30p.m.
	17 th	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	18 th	Barby and Onley Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall 7.15pm for 7.40pm start.
April	26 th	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	5 th	Soup and a Roll – St. Mary’s Church 12noon-2pm

Your Current Parish Councillors

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