

# Barby and Onley Newsletter

## May 2025

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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 Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at Onley 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](mailto:clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk) or by telephone on 07864 579068.

### **Annual Parish Meeting and Litter Pick**

Thank you to all those who attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Copies of the written reports which were provided are now available to read on the Parish Council website. If you are part of an organisation that didn't send a report but would like to do so then please email it to the Parish Clerk.

A big thank you also goes to all those that gave their time to take part in the litter pick held in Barby on 5<sup>th</sup> April. The litter pick was very successful with lots of litter collected.

### **Elections**

The Statements of Persons Nominated for the elections to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 have been published by West Northamptonshire Council at <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/electoral-services/local-elections-2025>

Barby & Onley Parish Council has 9 nominations for 11 seats. That means that a contested election will not take place and the council has two vacancies for fill by co-option at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact the Parish Clerk for details if you're interested in standing.

Don't forget to also vote in the Neighbourhood Plan referendum.

### **Pilates at Barby Village Hall**

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**Thank you** to every organisation, club & charity that either submitted or gave a report at our Annual Parish Meeting – it was most interesting to hear about so many activities that are happening within the Parish.

**The referendum for our Parish Neighbourhood Plan** is taking place along with the Local Council elections on 1<sup>st</sup> May. You will be able to vote for both at the same time. If you are registered for a postal vote you should have received your referendum voting paper along with your Local Council election form already. If more Parishioners vote YES at the referendum than vote NO, then our neighbourhood plan (which was drafted from the Parishioners' views as to how they want to see the Parish develop) will be used by West Northants Council in planning decisions made in the Parish.

**Dogs must be kept on leads at all times on the Sports Field** (Barby Cricket Club), they are only allowed on the area around the clubhouse & along the edge of the field by the hedge adjacent to Longdown Lane. Please do not take your dog around the field or onto the playing area. Please also clean up after your dog, placing any bags in a dog poo bin and not in one of the Cricket Club rubbish bins.

We do currently have **two vacancies for Parish Councillors**. You do not need to have any experience, just a desire to improve & support your community. We meet once per month and Councillors are also involved in other projects within the Parish. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor please contact me or our Clerk, Katrina Jones, [clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to have further information about any of the above or if there is any other matter that you would like to raise with the Parish Council

Faith Gorman, Chair Barby & Onley Parish Council [faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk](mailto:faith.gorman@bopc.org.uk)

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## **Report from the Parish Council for Barby & Onley Annual Parish Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

The past year saw the resignation from the Parish Council of our Chair, Paul Reynolds, & Vice Chair, Steve Gee. On behalf of all Councillors and the Parish our grateful thanks go to Paul & Steve for all their hard work & dedication to our communities over many years. The Parish is a much poorer place without their experience and wisdom on the Council.

Over the summer I was elected Chair of the Parish Council & Sarah Withington was elected Vice Chair and we welcomed Councillors Kirsty Towney & Thomas Hallam who were co-opted into the vacant seats left by Paul & Steve.

Thank you to all those who take on the role of Councillor; it is most rewarding working alongside a group of Councillors with a shared vision for improving the Parish for our whole community.

All the work that Councillors undertake is entirely voluntary and we all give up a considerable amount of our spare time to work to improve our communities.

To reiterate, sincere thanks to all Councillors over the past year and our sincere thanks to our Clerk, Katrina, for all of her hard work & support.

Our grateful thanks also go to Christine Dover, editor of the Parish newsletter, without whose time and dedication, the newsletter would not be published every month. Thank you to Dom Fisher for all his work in the Parish to improve our roads and to Gavin Callard for all his help and advice on environmental issues. We are most fortunate that the list of volunteers who carry out work within the Parish is extensive, so thank you to all our volunteers for your hard work to make our community a better place for us all to live.

In November, the Parish Council set its budget & requested a precept of £73,605 for the financial year starting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. Due to prudent financial control, we were able to request this level of precept which is just a 2% increase over last year's figure. This is the lowest percentage increase there has been for many years.

It is projected that we have ended the March 2025 financial year with a surplus and well within budget, consequently we are able to commit further funds to reserves for future community projects. Over the past year the Council has consolidated Parish bank accounts and moved Parish funds into further interest-bearing accounts. The new budget & the previous year's expenditure have been published in the newsletter & on our website.

Planning decisions are made by West Northants Council, although the Parish Council is a consultee. During the past year the Parish Council was consulted on 11 planning applications; 5 of which we raised objections to due their impact upon the Parish. All of these applications, that have been determined so far, have been approved by West Northants Council despite our objections.

In September the Parish Council took legal advice over the procedural errors and incorrect interpretation of planning policy made by West Northants Council in the determination of the Toft Hill planning application in Barby.

The revision of our Neighbourhood Development plan, that the Parish Council has been formulating over the past 2 years, passed independent external examination in February and will go to Parish referendum on 1<sup>st</sup> May. If a majority vote YES to our Neighbourhood Plan, it will become part of the statutory Development Plan for West Northants. Any planning decisions on housing and the environment, within the Parish, will then be made with reference to our revised Neighbourhood Plan which has been drawn up from feedback received from Parishioners as to how they wish to see the Parish develop.

During the past year the Parish Council organised the community speed watch programme and have obtained & placed advisory 20 mph speed signs around the Parish. In addition, we are working with West Northants Council to improve traffic signage on Cart Hill, Barby.

Over the past twelve months, the Parish Council has worked very hard to improve and assist our communities; time would not allow me to list all of our achievements tonight so I will mention just a few -

- We arranged for the footpath by the Derry in Barby to be cleared and the trees & shrubs overhanging the footpath to be cut back.
- We have purchased two new litter bins for Onley & are purchasing a new litter bin & a bench for the Ware in Barby.
- We arranged for the Barby village sign on the road into Barby from Daventry to be repaired.
- We gave grants to Barby Meadow Woods to purchase & install a dog poo bin and a grant to the Cricket Club for grass mowing at the sports field.
- We have also just awarded a grant to Barby village hall to assist with the cost of purchasing new chairs.
- We negotiated and entered into a new management agreement with the Cricket Club for their continued use of the Sports field.
- We now have a Parish Council representative on the board of Trustees at Barby Townlands Educational Charity, to improve communication between our organisations and to ensure BTEC have representation at the Parish Council.
- We arranged for the footpath from the top of Elkington Lane down to Dunchurch Marina, one of the paths that joins our two communities, to be cleared and for the stile and bridge over the stream to be repaired.

- Cllr Phil Wagg spent a considerable amount of his own time cutting back hedges & tidying up the small park in School Close, Barby for the benefit of us all
- The Parish Council are very grateful to the Barby and Onley Gardening Club for agreeing to take care of the wild flower area in Barby and for planting bulbs and shrubs around the bench on the Ware.
- On Remembrance Sunday, I had the honour of placing a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and all Parishioners at our Parish war memorial.

Going forward we have already started to establish our plans for further community improvements, which include -

- Traffic calming measures in Daventry Road, Barby.
- Having the water leak issue in Church Walk, resolved.
- Looking into a new children's playground facility for Onley & changing the play area surface in Barby.
- Updating the Parish website & transitioning to gov.uk email addresses for Councillors in accordance with good practice.

As a Parish Council we are aiming to have greater integration within our communities so we can ensure that the decisions we make are in accordance with Parishioners' wishes. One very positive way that we have started doing this is Councillors attending the breakfast club in Barby to obtain feedback from residents.

We have utilised this feedback in Council decision making and have resolved many of the problems reported to us and are working to resolve others. We appreciate how important it is to find out first hand from residents how they want the Council to improve the Parish

As a Parish Council we are here to serve our Community.

I would like to finish by thanking everyone within our Parish who gives up their time to improve our Communities & to make our Parish such a wonderful place to live.

Thank you to all those involved with the organising & running of clubs, charities, groups, organisations & events. For everyone involved with facilitating Onley Park Residents Association, the breakfast club in Barby, Trustees & management teams of our two village halls & Trustees of our other three Parish charities, to mention just a few – thank you to everyone who gets involved; all of us living in the Parish are most grateful to you.

Faith Gorman, Chair – Barby & Onley Parish Council

## LODGE FARM DEVELOPMENT

Rugby Borough Council (RBC) are considering sites to build around 3,500 new homes, over the next 5 years. One option that may be considered is Lodge Farm again. If this huge development went ahead it would mean over 2,500 new homes being built around Onley Village and on the other side of the A45. This would significantly impact on our road system especially through Dunchurch village and would ruin our Countryside forever. RBC are consulting on their proposals until 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025. You can send an objection against the Lodge Farm Development directly to RBC using [localplan@rugby.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@rugby.gov.uk) or come along to one of our drop in sessions to sign one of our objection template letters (there are several to choose from). Drop-in sessions are being held in Onley Village Hall on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 3.30-5.30 and in Barby Village Hall on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 5:30 to 7:30.

For more information please contact [sarah.withington@bopc.org.uk](mailto:sarah.withington@bopc.org.uk) or [dawn.cotton@bopc.org.uk](mailto:dawn.cotton@bopc.org.uk)



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## **Barby & Onley Parish Council**

### **Neighbourhood Plan Review**

**Referendum to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

#### **What is the Neighbourhood Plan?**

In simple terms it is a document that:

- Sets out policies that are to be used by West Northants Council when deciding on planning applications in the Parish - so it carries real legal weight.
- Has been developed by the local community, rather than West Northants Council, and therefore reflects the priorities and wishes of people living and working in the Parish as far as possible within the context of planning regulations and requirements.

#### **What is the question on the Ballot Paper?**

'Do you want West Northants Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan Review for the Parish of Barby & Onley to help it decide planning applications?'

#### **What would a YES vote mean?**

If a simple majority vote YES to the Plan in the Referendum, it will become part of the statutory Development Plan for West Northants. Any planning decisions and conditions e.g. on housing and the environment, within our Parish must be made with reference to our Neighbourhood Plan Review.

#### **What would a NO vote mean?**

If a simple majority vote NO to the Plan, the local protections and conditions stated in the Policies will not apply and West Northants Council will continue to make planning decisions based upon County-wide and national policies.

#### **Where can I get more information to help me decide?**

Go to the following webpage: [www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Or read a paper copy of the Plan, available at Barby Village Shop

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

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU VOTE – IT IS IMPORTANT**

**The referendum will take place at the same time as the local council elections. If you have a postal vote, you should have received your referendum voting form already**



## 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.

**Barby Village Hall Community Café** The bookswap café will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm to 4pm. Come and have a chat and a cup of tea and pick up a new book or jigsaw.

**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](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/barbycricketclub2)

**Barby Cricket Club** – 100 Club draw. The winners of the March 2025 draw were K. Last £80.00 S. Henderson £60.00 K. Hardbattle £40.00.

**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.

**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 May will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>. New Evergreen members are always welcome.

**Barby Local History Group** [www.barbylhg.org.uk](http://www.barbylhg.org.uk) - Our talk for the May meeting is "A County of Spires and Squires" by Derek Blunt on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April in Barby Village Hall at 7.45pm. Visitors are most welcome.

**WI** – Our next meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 in the Village Hall we look forward to welcoming one of our WI Advisors who will discuss with us the resolution "By-standers can be life savers" being taken to the 2025 National AGM in June. Our 2025/26 programme can be seen on the Village Hall notice board. We have a team entered in the County Quiz hosted by the Mercure Hotel in Daventry. We look forward to our planned walk around Barby Woods followed by lunch at the Willows. Tickets for our Mary Quant afternoon "Her later life, career & designs" from Mary 07751 245412 and Chris on 890963. £5 to include light refreshments. For more WI info ring Chris.

**Barby & Onley Gardening Club** - Our regular May meeting takes place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May when Trevor Wray will visit us to talk about Succulents. Talks begin at 7.40pm with refreshments served from 7.15pm. Visitors are always welcome.

**Barby and Onley Gardening Club Produce Show will take place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 at Barby Village Hall.**

**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

**Other Gardening Competitions:**



**The Bernard Scott Tallest Sunflower**

**Competition** is running again and open to all residents in Barby and Onley. Please see last month's newsletter for details of categories or call Sue Hives on 01788 890682.

**Outside Container Competition** is again open to anyone from Barby and Onley and all ages. Again, see last month's newsletter for details or contact Sue Hives, as above.

**Advance Notice:** Our popular **Plant Sale is taking place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June** on the Village Hall carpark.

## Other Notices

### Fund-raising for Barby Village Hall

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**Barby Garage Sale - Sunday 8th June 9am-1pm** If you are looking to clear out your garage or loft or shed or kid's bedroom, want to make some spending money for the summer holidays, happy to support local charities (Rugby food bank and Air Ambulance), then the annual Barby Garage Sale is for you. Advertised locally and always extremely well attended, sell from the comfort of your driveway. There will be a map available for buyers, so to get your house on the map and support local charities, drop in £10 in an envelope with your house address on, to either 4, Castle Mound or 45, Brackendale Drive before Thursday 5th June.

**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. The May Breakfast Café is Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>. The chosen charity is Paw Prints. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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[jane@shepherdsrow.co.uk](mailto:jane@shepherdsrow.co.uk)

**St. Mary's Church, Barby** Soup & Roll at St. Mary's Church, Barby on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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. Thank you to everyone for supporting St. Mary's. After this we will be taking a break until September.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June The Friday Singers are returning to St Mary's, to present a concert of varied music. More details next month.

**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.

### **Morris Dancers in Barby**



Chinewrde Morris dancers will be visiting Barby on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May. They will be dancing at the Arnold Arms at 12.30pm



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## Dates for your Diary

<b>May</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Council Elections and Neighbourhood Plan referendum
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Soup and a Roll – St. Mary's Church 12 noon-2.00pm
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Morris Dancers in Barby – 12.30pm at the Arnold Arms
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting – Onley Village Hall 7.30pm
	13 <sup>th</sup>	WI – Barby Village Hall 7.30pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Local History Group– Barby Village Hall 7.45pm
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Café – Barby Village Hall 9.30am-11.30am
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
<b>June</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	Barby and Onley Gardening Club – Barby Village Hall 7.15pm for 7.40pm start.
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Evergreen Club – Barby Village Hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Talk on Mary Quant – see front page for more details
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Barby Garage Sale and Plant Sale

## Your Current Parish Councillors

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