

BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

Thank you to those of you who have replied to the Jubilee Celebration invitation. We really do need to know how many we are catering for, so please let us know by 27th May if you are intending to come. A reminder that the email address is shirleyhoar@gmail.com or text me on 07845226478. You can give your £1 per head to any committee member. There will also be a donations pot for anyone who is feeling generous as funds are rather low at the moment due to two barren years.

There will be a paying bar, a cocktail bar, and a smoothie bar (free for the children). It promises to be a great occasion and you can see the programme of events on the back of this Newsletter. Suggested dress code – wear anything in red, white and blue!

Contributions for the June edition: 23rd May

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

11th April 2022 Parish Meeting Draft Minutes

8pm at the Hut

Present: Mr Simon Hoar (Chairman), Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Jane Burnett, Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Philip Sketchley, Mr John Baber (Vice Chairman), Mr Henry Hobhouse (SSDC), Mr Mike Lewis (SSDC), Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk) & 3 Members of the public.

Apologies: Mr Kevin Messenger (SSDC) & Damian Pick.

- 1) Minutes of the Previous Meeting 14th March 2022 to be agreed, printed & signed with the correction that Graham Hughes was present.
- 2) Matters Arising
 - i) Static property in Dilkes Lane, enquiry currently with South Somerset Enforcement Officer (Heather) for further information, Henry Hobhouse

followed up on behalf of parish council along with Dave Kenyon, South Somerset Planning.

- ii) 2 temporary traffic monitors to ascertain extent of speeding in and around the village, traffic devices currently on order, awaiting delivery. Simon Hoar to chase Gary Warren regarding completion.
- iii) Concerns were raised re impending Pilton (Glastonbury) festival and the inevitable increase in traffic through Babcary and neighbouring villages, early contact to restrict sat nav use of vicinity as a short cut. Simon Hoar spoke with festival organisers who confirmed they are aware of Babcary concerns and will take necessary measures to avoid traffic problems.
- iv) Notification of AGM TO BE HELD 9th May 2022, election of Chairman & vice Chairman, Open Forum slot, open to Members of the Public.
- v) Parish Council election result: Six parish council members will be duly elected on 5th May; Glynis Kingston, Simon Hoar, Graham Hughes, Damien Pick, Phil Sketchley and Steve Street. There is therefore 1 vacancy. Anyone interested in being co opted onto the parish council should contact either Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk) or any of the parish councillors.

The Council thanked Mrs Jane Burnett & Mr John Baber (Vice Chairman) for their committed participation and dedication to the village as they stepped down after many years on the Parish Council and, in Jane's case, her work as chair of the Community Committee. The Chairman paid particular thanks for all their local knowledge and the support they have given him as Parish Chairman.

Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £23,473.61 (of which £6,500 Veranda grant).

Current Account Balance is £50

SSDC Remittance 11/04/22 £4,137.00

Parish Domain Website subscription to be paid next month.

3) Planning Consultations

- i) Ref. No: 22/00669/HOU | Received: Tue 08 Mar 2022 | Validated: Wed 06 Apr 2022
| Status: Awaiting decision
The Withies Hams Lane Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EG
Height and proposed footprint concerns raised but no objection overall.
- ii) The Hut Ref 22/00063/FUL-Recreation Ground, North Street, Babcary, response due 04th March 2022. Approved. Discussions re quotes in process.
Mr J. Ellis, member of the Playing Field Committee, attended the meeting for preliminary viewing of quotes and options.
- iii) Ref 22/00059/FUL-Land South of Hams Lane Babcary – Proposed Change of use from pasture to equestrian.
Decision awaited
The owner of the house adjacent attended meeting and highlighted material errors in the Ecology report, including scrublands, orchards, established badger setts omitted from application details. Proposed stallion enclosure 4 metre proximity to property. Parish Council to re contact the District Council with Parish views on construction.
- iv) Planning Application No 21/01054 and others The Red Lion Inn, still awaiting phosphate report.
Decision awaited.

- v) Land At South Barrow Road Bab Cary Somerton Somerset
Ref. No: 22/00393/FUL | Received: Fri 11 Feb 2022 | Validated: Mon 28 Feb 2022 |
Status: Awaiting decision
- vi) APPLICATION NO. 22/00465/LBC APPLICANT Mr Nik Feltham
PROPOSAL: Internal alterations and the erection of a single storey
extension with link to the main house and a 3-bay garage workshop.
LOCATION: Olive Farm, Les Rochettes Olive Farm Lane Bab Cary
Somerton Somerset TA11 7EJ
Decision awaited
- vii) Reference 21/03624/FUL Land At Baker Street Bab Cary Somerton TA11 7DU.
Erection of 2no. detached garages to serve 2no. dwellings approved by
17/00593/OUT (18/02433/REM)
Decision awaited

4) Correspondence

- i) Private Fostering, Do you know someone fostering a child? Request to display details on Parish Media site and parish news.
- ii) Local Council Elections 2022
- iii) BBC Radio Make a Difference Radio Awards, nominate local hero.
- iv) SSDC Webinar re-cap: Climate Crisis, what's all the fuss about? The 4 major contributors to climate change: transport, energy, food and industry (ask Jasmine for link to webinar reordering.
- v) Police News letter If you feel your area would benefit from a Community Speed Watch and would like to volunteer then go to the Avon and Somerset Police Website and press 'Apply'. We are always looking for extra volunteers!
- vi) New NALC Briefing - GB1-22 Ukraine Councils/Councilors should consider showing solidarity through signing up to the statement from the political leadership of the CEMR. Again further information can be found via Jasmine Tucker.
- vii) Parish Biodiversity Pack, The pack comes in four parts; an overview and introduction section, alongside three separate appendices that provide further detail and local case studies to support the i) planning and engagement, ii) development, and iii) delivery of your community environment plans. We have also included a series of practical tips for how you can manage your land for biodiversity, as well as in collaboration with local landowners (see Appendix 3).
- viii) Government confirms new 'Unitary' Somerset Council.
- ix) SSDC Update Coronavirus Support Section on The Government website is a valuable resource, on GOV.UK

5) Any Other Business

- i) Wessex Internet to go live at The Hut!! Date to be agreed.
- ii) On 1st April 2023, Somerset will become a unitary authority, replacing the current County Council and four District Councils with a single council governing the whole area. 16 Nov 2021, Mr Mike Lewis extended his thanks to Bab Cary Parish Council for their input over the years.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 9th May 2022 8pm in the Hut. Please note this is an open Annual Parish Meeting forum, open to everyone.

Parish Council Elections

We will have a vacancy on the parish council from 5th May – please get in contact with the parish clerk, Jazz Tucker, or a member of the parish council if you would like to be co-opted onto the council

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Services

Sunday	1 st May	10.30	Lovington	Communion	
Sunday	8 th May	10.30	S.Barrow	Matins	
Sunday	15 th May	10.30	Hornblotton	Communion	
Sunday	22 nd May	10.30	N.Barrow	Family Service	& baptism
Sunday	29 th May	10.30	Lovington	Communion	
Sunday	5th June	9.30	Babcary	Communion	Jubilee thanksgiving

Church Rotas

	Cleaning	Flowers	Coffee	Sidesmen
1 st May	Simon & Shirley	Lucy		
8 th May	Janet & Lucy	Karen		
15 th May	Sarah & Sarah	Rita		
22 nd May	Elisabeth&Mary	Jo		
29 th May	Judy & Sally	Teresa		
5 th June	Tom & Bridget	Mary		Michele & Mel

Bell ringing

The regular Babcary ringers have now reached such a pinnacle of technical skill (in their own estimation) that they could train some new ringers. We meet at 6pm on a Tuesday. If you've never tried it before just come along one Tuesday and have a look/have a try. No great strength is needed, it needs timing not muscle power, and it's an excellent upper body exercise for ages 9 to 90. Ringing debrief in a local pub afterwards for the thirsty.....

Lovington May Festival - Saturday 14th May

The Lovington School May Festival is being held from 12 til 4pm on Saturday 14th May. The Six Pilgrims will have stalls there; plants, cakes, bottle stall and white elephant to help raise much needed funds. Please come along and enjoy a good family day out and/or help with donations to our stalls – plants of all descriptions, cakes, flapjacks, muffins etc, all bottled drinks, alcoholic or not. Please pass them to a member of the PCC if you can't take them on the day.

PCC AGM – At the AGM on 21st April the PCC were re-elected and a particular note of thanks to the very many people who help keep our little church going: the cleaners, the flower girls, the coffee makers, the churchyard mowers, the organist, the auditor, the bell ringers and, last but not least, our Reader, Buff Powell and the dedicated band of retired clergy who help whilst we seek a new priest. SIH

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

AGM: Playing Field Committee 7pm on Tuesday 17th May in the Hut. The playing field committee looks after the Hut, tennis court and playing field and runs Sports Day, Bonfire Night and the Road Race. If you would like to help, please come along. Everyone welcome

Plans for the new veranda on the Hut are coming on well and we hope to start work this month.

Tennis 2022

The new season has started and tennis membership subs are due please. £50 for family membership, £25 for individual adults and £10 for children. Please do a BACS transfer to: Babcary Playing Field, sort code 09 01 55, account No. 7452 5181 giving your surname as reference. Once that is done, message Simon Hoar on 07904 344453, and you will be added to the new Tennis Whatsapp Group and given the new padlock code.

100 Club 2022

100 Club subs are due now as well please! This is a major source of funding for the upkeep of the playing field and the Hut. It is £12 per person per annum and half the money collected is distributed in prizes in four quarterly draws, the first draw being at the Fete on 25th June. Please do a BACS transfer to: Babcary Playing Field, sort code 09 01 55, account No. 7452 5181 giving your surname and 100 as a reference.

The winners of last 100 club draw were:

First: Phil Sketchley, second: John Baber, third: Jazz Tucker and the following won consolation prizes: Angie Holland, Lucy McD, Mary Paull, Emma Baber, Judy Jackson, Graham Hughes, Mehmet Aric and Sarah Stuckey.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Plans are well underway for the Jubilee celebrations – we just need to know how many people are coming! The next meeting will be at 7pm in the Hut on Friday 27th May, which is the deadline for accepting the invitation.

June is going to be a very busy month as we have the Fete on the 25th. It may be hot on the heels of the Jubilee, but we desperately need this fundraising event to revive our depleted coffers. It's also a thoroughly enjoyable English village occasion and we have sorely missed it for the past two years.

On another note, Mel Goymer is stepping down from organising the children's trip to the Christmas Pantomime at The Octagon, so we are looking for someone else to take on this role. She will pass on all the information that you would need. If you are interested, please email shirleyhoar@gmail.com. We are very grateful to Mel for the many years that she has done this valuable job, but her boys have now grown out of panto and it's time for someone else to take the reins.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

7 th May	Cordelia and Jules		4 th June	NO SHOP - JUBILEE
14 th May	Helen and Teresa		11 th June	Judy and Jane
21 st May	Lucy and Jenny		18 th June	Jan and Karen
28 th May	Rita and Carole		25 th June	NO SHOP - FETE
			2 nd July	Caroline and Tracyanne

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter on 12th May from 12.40 – 12.55pm

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Babcary welcomes to Mead Cottage Daniel and Sophie Hurring, with Oscar and Satya; Puffin, their friendly dog and Nasca and Ben who will be here occasionally. We hope that they will be very happy here.

We were saddened to hear that Beryl Dauncey has died at the grand old age of 96. Beryl lived much of her life at West Farm, but spent the last few years at Castle Nursing Home in Keinton Mandeville. We send our condolences to all her family. Her funeral will be held at Hornblotton Church on Tuesday 3rd May.

We are sorry to hear that Judy Jackson has been in hospital. Hopefully she will be home again by the time this Newsletter goes to print.

WEATHER REPORT

Babcary received 49.4mm (just under 2") of rain during March 2022 which is normal although less than 1mm fell during the last 15 days of the month. Reservoir stocks for the Wessex Region were at 100% capacity.

Steve Street

BABCARY ROUND WALKS NO.4

Babcary ----Foddington --- Babcary Meadows - Babcary

This is a short walk , 8.0 km (5 miles or 12000 steps) best in Spring and Summer as it is primarily on footpaths and bridleways which can be muddy after heavy rain.

Start at the playing field , turning right and walking past the Red Lion bearing left along Steart Lane . Just past Babcary House turn left along Dilkes Lane as the lane turns left by Willowbrook turn right in to a gate entrance and over a style heading for the kissing gate that you can see ahead.

Once in the large field , turn left and walk around the perimeter of the field , there is a small climb which give some great views back across the village and towards the Poldens.

You will come to a gap in the hedge which takes you on to a bridleway , turn left and walk ahead for about 1km , this brings you out on to a farm track , turn left and you will see the Babcary to Sparkford Road. Turn right in the direction of Sparkford until you reach a dutch barn on your right , opposite this is a finger post indicating a footpath to Newlands Lane , passing through a wide hedge/ copse. This has become overgrown so I suggest you break out on to the field on your right and follow the direction of the footpath in the field. You will pick up some footpath gates but the footpath is not signed , head up a farm track that will take you to Craddocks Farm and then follow the lane until it reaches the tarmacked road and go across the road and over a style in to a field with a solitary tree in the middle , you will see the exit , and there is a short walk around another field before exiting on the Foddington Road where you turn right walking past a number of houses before you reach a Hook Lane on your left which is a bridleway opposite Perry Hill Farm .

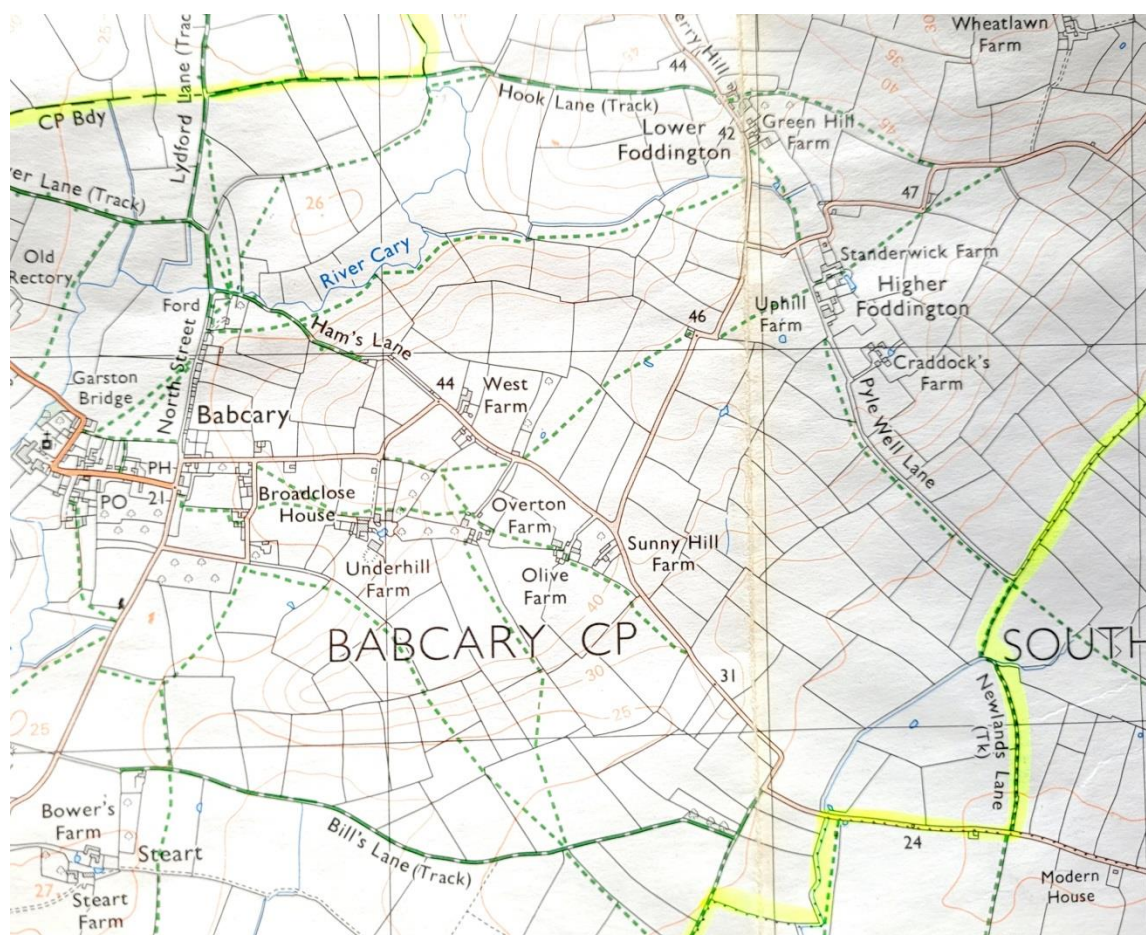
Follow the bridleway downhill until you reach a rather dilapidated gate, ahead is a mature hedge and line of trees, walk to the left of these and head left for a bridge over the River Cary. Once over the bridge follow the perimeter hedge on your right until you reach an arable field, depending on time of year this may be ploughed or crops growing, the path goes straight across the field to the kissing gate. On passing in to the next field you are in the Babcary Meadows SSSI. From late March to early April you will see cowslips in abundance, by the end of April in to May the orchids will be out. Follow the well defined path through three fields on entering the third field head left and once again cross the River Cary. Turn right, on reaching the ford turn left in to North Street which will take you back to the playing field.

As well as the wild flowers you may well see deer in the fields and I have frequently seen Little Egrets, Redwings and other hedgerow birds.

As always, keep dogs on a lead as there are fields with stock in them.

Enjoy your walk.

Graham Hughes



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 9 th May	PC Meeting & AGM	8pm Hut
Thursday 12 th May	Mobile Library	12.40 – 12.55 Bus shelter
Saturday 14 th May	Lovington May Festival	12 – 4 Lovington School
Tuesday 17 th May	Playing Field AGM	7pm Hut
Friday 27 th May	Deadline for Jubilee Lunch replies	
Friday 27 th May	Community Committee Meet	7pm Hut
Sunday 5 th June	Jubilee Thanksgiving Service	9.30 Babcary Church
Sunday 5 th June	Queen's Jubilee Party	12.30 playing field
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	Church 6pm

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5th June 2022

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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 9.30 Jubilee Thanksgiving Service - at the church
- 12.15 Arrival (parking on the playing field)
- 12.30 Hog Roast, salads, ice cream**
with a Pop up Bar and a Smoothies & Cocktails Bar
- 2.00 The Fun and Games begin:**
- (i) Tug of War Babcary v Foddington
Children and Ladies v Gentlemen
 - (ii) Wellie Wanging Competition (ladies & gentlemen's prizes)
 - (iii) Catch the Train (in teams of 4)
 - (iv) Wheelbarrow Race (in pairs)
 - (v) Leaky Bucket Race (in teams of 4)
 - (vi) Egg throwing (in pairs)
 - (vii) Pop Lacrosse Competition (individual)

Also running through the afternoon for you to wander over and have a go/have a look at any time

Vintage cars and tractors display – if you have one please get in contact

The Back to Front Bicycle

Skittles

Penalty shoot out

- 4.00 The Loyal Toast & National Anthem**
- 4.05 Cutting of the Jubilee Cake
- 4.15 Presentation of Commemorative Jubilee Mugs to the Babcary children & presentation of prizes
- 4.30 Jubilee Village Photograph** and close