

## **BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS**

**BABCARY HARVEST SUPPER**

**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**6.30 FOR 7.00PM**

**ON THE PLAYING FIELD**

**TICKETS £7 FOR ADULTS AND £3.50 FOR CHILDREN**

Available from the Shop or email [shirleyhoar@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyhoar@gmail.com)

Yes it's back - the first Harvest Supper since 2019! Book your tickets for a superb meal of turkey and ham and an evening of entertainment. We usually have apple pie for pudding, but at the last Harvest Supper not enough pie makers could be found so we had to resort to crumble. Several of the gentlemen said they would make apple pies next time so I hope you have remembered this rash promise! We would love to have more pies this year, especially for the Auction, so if anyone – male or female - is willing to make one, please let me know at the email above and I will deliver a foil pie dish.

Contributions for the October edition: 26<sup>th</sup> September

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## PARISH COUNCIL

### 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Parish Council Draft Minutes

**Present:** Mr Simon Hoar, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mr Graham Hughes, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mr Steve Street, Mr Henry Hobhouse (County Councillor), & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

**Apologies:** Mr Damien Pick, Mr Philip Sketchley & Mr Kevin Messenger (SSDC)

- 1) Minutes of the Previous Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 agreed & signed.
- 2) Matters Arising
  - i) Static property in Dilkes Lane, enquiry currently with South Somerset Enforcement Officer (Heather) for action. No further update.  
Mr Henry Hobhouse to contact local enforcement officer for further action.
  - 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 again re completion, no updates, carry over to September (Mr Dave Kenyon is aware).
  - iii) Blocked Ditch / Pipe Under Road – The Dairy House, Foddington Rd, Bab Cary, TA11 7EJ The treatment plant that serves our three properties is backing up so we have been out to where it discharges into the road ditch, only to find it backed up along the entire ditch (and possibly the pipe under the road appears to be blocked). The ditch drains away south eastwards down the hill to South Barrow and there is standing water both sides of where it passes beneath the road down to our properties (which is public road for some 30m down our drive).  
Highways have visited the site, ongoing maintenance has been requested.  
George Kingston has flushed out the pipes.

#### Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £21,167.85 (of which £6,500 Veranda grant, has been credited to Playing Field Committee).

Current Account Balance is £50  
New Signatory now required.

Invoice SSC £50, Councillor Essentials Training Steve Street & Philip Sketchley.  
Invoice £49.30 Jetpack, backup for Bab Cary Website, Phil Sketchley.

### 3) Planning Consultations

- i) Ref. No: 22/00669/HOU | Received: Tue 08 Mar 2022 | Validated: Wed 06 Apr 2022 | Status: APPROVED  
Ref 22/00059/ The Withies Hams Lane Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EG
- ii) Bowers Farm Steart Road Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EE22/01656/FUL | The erection of a timber barn, amended driveway, and alterations to the existing stone barns including reinstating blocked doors, rainwater goods and part change of use of Barn B from agricultural to equestrian to accommodate two stables, a tack room and feed store. | Bowers Farm Steart Road Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EERef. No: 22/01656/FUL | Received: Wed 01 Jun 2022 | Validated: Wed 06 Jul 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision  
No Objection from PC
- iii) 2022 | Validated: Wed 06 Jul 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision
- iv) The proposed change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian and the formation of horse gallop and training loop. Land At South Barrow Road Babcary Somerton Somerset.  
Ref. No: 22/00393/FUL | Received: Fri 11 Feb 2022 | Validated: Mon 28 Feb 2022 | Status: Approved (subject to conditions)
- v) APPLICATION NO. 22/00465/LBC APPLICANT Olive Farm, Les Rochettes Olive Farm Lane Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EJ  
Internal alterations and the erection of a single storey extension with link to the main house and a 3-bay garage workshop. Mr Nik Feltham  
Awaiting decision
- vi) Reference 22/00726/FUL Land Adjoining Dove Cottage Formerly Shurlock Row North Street Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EA Plan for a single detached dwelling. Received: Sat 12 Mar 2022 | Validated: Thu 07 Apr 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision
- vii) Ref. No: 22/01163/NMA | Received: Thu 14 Apr 2022 | Validated: Thu 14 Apr 2022 | Status: Decided  
Land Adj To The Brambles Main Street Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7DZ  
Non-material amendment to approved application 19/01170/FUL to change from glazed doors to a window opening in the living room on the north elevation. APPROVED

### 4) Correspondence

- i) Press Release - Support for Somerset households with food and energy bills  
Somerset residents who are struggling to pay the bills could be eligible for support with the cost of food, energy, water, and other essentials over the coming months. Somerset County Council has been allocated £3.8m to distribute before September 30th as part of the second round of funding provided through the Government's Household Support Fund. Just over £1.2m will be used during the school holidays to provide food vouchers

worth £10 a week to children eligible for Free School Meals and a further £1.3m will be used for one-off payments of £100 to residents on Pension Credit.

Applications are means-tested and can be made by anyone in urgent need of financial support.

For more information, visit: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/somerset-household-support-fund/>

Details to be placed on Bab Cary Facebook for local information.

Further advice can be given by Citizens Advice if requested 0808 278 7842

- ii) Somerset Climate Action Network, concerns raised regarding Climate Emergency, all councils asked to support notion that day to day living has impacted on World's Climate & any decisions made by the council need to take into consideration impact they may make. PC agreed they acknowledge the Climate Emergency and will take into consideration when making ongoing decisions.

SSDC's Environment Champions Network 01/07/22

We are taking this opportunity post-elections to highlight our South Somerset Environment Champions network and ask if you would kindly consider nominating a representative from your parish to join.

Please email [SSDCenvironment@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:SSDCenvironment@southsomerset.gov.uk)

A quick reminder about sharing SSDC's monthly environment newsletter where we keep you in the know on all things environment focused in South Somerset including news, projects, grants, learning, events and more! Click here to sign up, and please consider sharing the web-link with your wider networks/ communities.

- iii) Death of a Senior Figure SSD Letter & Information Pack  
Suggested Book of Condolences to be kept in Church for all parish members to give personal responses to the event, Condolences Book ordered by Parish Clerk.

- iv) Snowball users will be able to see what facilities and venues are available in their immediate location, they will be also able plan exciting days out giving people more freedom to access their communities, explore and travel with confidence.

Add details as to where is accessible for disabled.

**Anyone interested in further details, or wanting access to the site, contact Jasmine Tucker ([babcaryparishclerk@icloud.com](mailto:babcaryparishclerk@icloud.com)).**

- v) Somerset Health and Wellbeing Advisory Network  
There are FREE events hosted by Engage Somerset with support from Somerset County Council and they will be there to help anyone that needs to find out more about financial well-being and who to turn to for support and advice.

Date: Thursday 14th July 2022 Time: 10am - 2pm Cost: FREE

Venue: Castle Hotel, Taunton TA1 1NF

Date: Friday 8th July 2022 Time: 11am - 3pm Cost: FREE

Venue: Churchfield School, Burnham Road, Highbridge, Somerset TA9 3JF

- vi) Letter received re alleged planning breach in Baker Street. Case referred to SSDC planning enforcement.

#### 5) Any Other Business

- i) Kimi's Retreat, dog walking field usage changed to car parking for Glastonbury festival goers. PC to contact owner re unlicensed usage.
- ii) Upper Hill culvert has collapsed, roadside cleaners have missed the gully, Highways revisit required.
- iii) Overton & Olive Farm road has collapsed on right hand, Highways visit required.
- iv) Henry Hobhouse raised financial concerns, County Council down £1 Million on required budget.
- v) Henry Hobhouse brought to the councils attention the plight of armed forces accommodation, 17 ex forces are now in sheltered accommodation!
- vi) Gary Warren, County Highways Engineer, to be replaced by new Highway Engineer Andy Barron.

6) **Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 @ 8.00pm in the Hut.**

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

### Services

Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30	Lovington	Communion	
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30	S.Barrow	Family service	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Babcary</b>	<b>matins</b>	
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30	Hornblotton	Communion	
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	10.30	Alford	Family service	

### Church Rotas

	Cleaning	Flowers	Coffee	Sidesmen
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Sarah & Sarah	Sue		
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Elisabeth & Mary	Lucy		
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Judy & Sally	Karen	TBA	Fred & Mel
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Tom & Bridget	Rita		
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Nikki & Karen	Jo		

## **PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE**

### **100 Club**

The winner of the July draw was Jo Ellis with Jerry Spence and James Baber getting second and third prizes. Robin Brown, Rory MacDiarmid, Gerald Brock, Jane Diamond, Judy Herten, Helen Hughes, Karen Aric and Dawn MacLeod won a consolation prize.

### **Sports Day**

Babcary Sports Day returned, after a three year gap, on a glorious sunny afternoon in July. All the usual races were closely contested and some children ended the day with pockets full of cash.

In the Davies Cup competition for the Babcary children the top three were:

Charles Pitt     25 points

Isabella Pitt     24 points

James Baber     22 points

A clean sweep for the Pitts!

Our thanks to George Kingston (Davies Cup Winner 1966!) for giving away the prizes and to Judy Herten for running the races and Jan Street and Rory McD for standing in with the refreshments.

The under fives bean bag and under fives sprint were both won by Harriet James.

The veterans sprint was won by Richard Canterbury for the gentlemen and Becky Stagg for the ladies. The veterans three legged champions were Tim Moss and Simon Hoar.

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## **COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

At our meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> August we were busy preparing for the Harvest Supper, which we hope will be well attended after an absence of three years. We will be putting the new verandah to good use and the canvas sides should have arrived by then. For those of you new to the village, ticket prices include a two course meal with wine, beer, cider or soft drinks. There is also a raffle so we are hoping for a few donations of bottles, chocolates or biscuits. Nikki Hewson is kindly organising some musical entertainment and the evening will finish with the famous Babcary Auction.

The next meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the Christmas Bazaar in November.

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# OTHER ACTIVITIES

## Shop Rota

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Jan and Karen	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Sally and Vee
10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	NO SHOP – HARVEST SUPPER	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Cordelia and Jules
17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Caroline and Tracyanne	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Helen and Teresa
24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Gilli and Shirley	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Lucy and Jenny
		29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Rita and Carole

## Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter on September 1<sup>st</sup> from 12.40 – 12.55pm.

## Clock Golf Tournament

The annual clock golf tournament returns on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August after two years of Covid cancellations. Robin & Jenny Brown will kindly host the event at Percy House. The event starts at 2pm, no golfing skill is required, indeed this may be a disadvantage at the “Babcary Open”. Refreshments and convivial company guaranteed. Please contact Judy Herten on 07967 127313 or email judyaherten@gmail.com to register so that she can draw the first round pairings. There may, or may not, be large holes in the course depending on how much rain we have between the writing of this article and the 28<sup>th</sup>!

# NEW VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Welcome to Bianca at No.1 Baker Street and congratulations on the birth of a baby boy.

Congratulations to Sarah (nee Hoar) and Henry Bright on the birth of Lyra on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Welcome to Lee & Paula McMeekin and their son Jack who’ve just moved in to No.1 Chapel Yard.

## **Babcary Wedding Thanks**

Tom and Vicky Brock and their families would like to express their gratitude to everyone in the village who worked so hard to make their day a success. We **did** have a perfect day in no small part thanks to the people of Babcary who all contributed in so many ways: from the immaculate clean and serene state of the church; to the mown churchyard; the weed removal along the front wall and throughout the churchyard; the people who saved rose petals for confetti; friends who visited the church to see the bride and groom come in and out; Glynis for kindly supplying the ribbon to tie up the churchyard gates; the children who maintained the old tradition and demanded money to let the bride and groom out of the churchyard; the bellringers who turned out in force and sounded splendid; to Helen Croft for her help with our flowers; to Nikki for her skills as organist and to Buff who helped in advising before the day, also Simon for his behind the scenes organising, as ever. Thank you also to Bryan Kingston for the kind loaning of his field for parking for the congregation at the church which was much appreciated by our guests. We would also like to thank Jo for such a lovely stay at the Apple Store before the wedding.

Thank you too to the several people who kindly stopped and offered the groom and his party a lift to the church - they did wisely accept one in the back of a pick up truck ultimately - a shame the photographer wasn't on hand to witness it.

We also wanted to thank everyone for making us feel so welcome and part of your wonderful community. It meant a great deal to us to get married where Tom grew up and the wonderful sense of goodwill truly helped our day to feel magical.

So many people have offered good wishes before the event and kindly enquired how it went afterwards, all of which is much appreciated and shows Babcary in its true and friendly spirit.

With our thanks.

Tom and Vicky Brock and their families.

## **WEATHER REPORT**

In June Babcary received 53.7mm of rain the majority falling in the first week of the month. This was below the long-term average. Reservoir storage for Wessex Region fell throughout the month to 70% capacity.

July was a very dry month with only 10.2mm of rain falling during the month, mostly during the first week. This was well below the average of 53mm and the second driest July since regional records began in 1891. Wessex region reservoir stock fell to 62% of capacity.

**Steve Street**



## Exhibitions

Babcary Textile Artists, known as Textile Set, will be exhibiting WILD at Ilminster Arts Centre, The Meeting House, East Street, Ilminster, TA19 0AN 0146054973

Starts Tuesday 6 September and runs till Saturday 24 September

Opening times Tuesday - Saturday 9.30 to 3

The Centre now has a cafe and outdoor seating

*Please support your local artists!*

Gilli Salmons will also be exhibiting with Bath Textile Artists at Yate Heritage Centre, Church Lane, Yate, Bristol BS37 5BG

3 to 29 September, Tuesday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm & Saturday 10 am to 3 pm

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Clock Golf	2pm Percy House
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Mobile Library	12.40-12.55 bus shelter
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Supper	6.30 for 7 Playing Field
Monday 12 <sup>h</sup> September	Parish Council Meeting	8pm hut
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Matins Service	10.30 church
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Mobile Library	12.40-12.55 bus shelter
Every Tuesday	Bell ringing	6pm in the church
Every Saturday	Community shop	9.30-11am in the hut