

BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations such a success. It was an enjoyable afternoon despite the rain and lovely to see so many people having a good time. Just three weeks later we had the Fete - not quite such a grand occasion, but quintessentially English and a joy after an absence of three years.

As if June wasn't exciting enough, we now have Sports Day to look forward to in July!

BABCARY SPORTS DAY

SATURDAY 9TH JULY

3.00 PM ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Then in September we have the **BABCARY HARVEST SUPPER**: Saturday 10th at 6.00 for 6.30pm on the Playing Field. Tickets will be on sale at the Shop from late August.

Contributions for the September edition: 22nd August.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

13th June 2022 Parish Meeting Draft Minutes 8pm at The Hut

Present: Mr Graham Hughes (stand in Chairman), Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mr Damien Pick, Mr Steve Street, Mr Henry Hobhouse (SSDC), & Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Philip Sketchley, Mr Kevin Messenger (SSDC) & Mr Mike Lewis.

- 1) Minutes of the Previous Meeting 9th May 2022 agreed,
- 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 regarding completion, no updates, carry over to July.
 - iii) Register of Members Interests & General Notice of Registerable Interests along with Declaration of Acceptance of Office were read and signed, returned by Mrs J Tucker, scanned to Angela Cox.
 - iv) Blocked Ditch / Pipe Under Road – The Dairy House, Foddington Rd, Babcary, 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).
Councillors Graham Hughes and Damien Pick reported issue online portal prior to June Meeting, now awaiting action from Highways.

Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £27,663.18 (of which £6,500 Verandah grant, to be credited to Playing Field Committee).
Current Account Balance is £50
New Signatories now required.

- 3) Planning Consultations
 - i) Ref. No: 22/00669/HOU | Received: Tue 08 Mar 2022 | Validated: Wed 06 Apr 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision
Ref 22/00059/ The Withies Hams Lane Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EG
 - ii) FUL-Land South of Hams Lane Babcary – comments by 01st of March 2022
Proposed Change of use from pasture to equestrian.
Decision: APPROVED (approval subject to non-profit usage).
Entrance to land under review, recessed to gate to be amended, mobile stables pre-emptively installed.
 - iii) Planning Application No 21/01054 and others: The Red Lion Inn

Area East Planning on line meeting to decide on 18/05/22. Simon Hoar attended on behalf of PC, Mr Henry Hobhouse chaired the meeting.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E17wtl8ewDs&t=11631s>.

Refused.

- iv) 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
 - v) APPLICATION NO. 22/00465/LBC APPLICANT Mr Nik Feltham
Awaiting decision
 - vi) Reference 22/00726/FUL Land Adjoining Dove Cottage Formerly Shurlock Row North Street Bab Cary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EA Plan for a single detached dwelling. Received: Sat 12 Mar 2022 | Validated: Thu 07 Apr 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision
- 4) Correspondence
- i) Hiscox (prev. Came & Co) Company Limited £351.58 £42.19 £50.00 £443.77 £443.77 invoice raised, c. £65 increase from last year. Cheque raised, awaiting third signature.
 - 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.
 - iii) May 2022 Somerset GP Community Pharmacy Consultation Service, Now patients needing help with over 40 minor conditions including ear and eye conditions, hay fever, insect bites and sprains and strains, are being offered a same-day appointment with a community pharmacy of their choice, via their local GP.
 - iv) Death of a Senior Figure SSDC Information Pack - book of Condolence be acquired
 - v) Living with Covid, have you had your spring booster, available for the over 75's and immunosuppressed <https://somersecarers.org/news/june-news/> Autumn Campaign most probably to combine Flu & Covid jab. Hospitals easing visiting, 1 pre booked visitor is now allowed, no longer compulsory to wear a mask in hospital unless in cancer ward or Accident & Emergency Dept.
 - vi) Love Musgrove appeal for funds in their 25 years as a charitable entity, Somerset charity Appeal.
- 5) **Any Other Business**
- i) New Parish Councillors Training raised issue of Emails being passed from unsafe sources, suggested emails go via Parish Clerk not personal emails, Steve Street & Philip Sketchley.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 11th July 2022 @ 8.00pm in the Hut. No meeting in August.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Rotas

Services

Sunday	3rd July	10.30	Babcary	Family Service	
Sunday	10 th July	10.30	Lovington	Communion	Sea Sunday
Sunday	17 th July	10.30	Alford	Matins	
Sunday	24 th July	10.30	N.Barrow	Communion	
Saturday	30th July	2.30pm	Babcary	Wedding	Tom & Vicky
Sunday	31 st July	10.30	S.Barrow	Communion	
Sunday	7 th August	10.30	Hornblotton	Family service	
Sunday	14th August	10.30	Babcary	Communion	
Sunday	21 st August	10.30	Alford	Matins	
Sunday	28 th August	10.30	N.Barrow	Communion	

Cleaning

Flowers

Coffee

Sidesmen

3 rd July			??	Rory & Robin
10 th July				
17 th July				
24 th July				
31 st July				
7 th August				
14 th August			??	Simon & David
21 st August				
28 th August				

Babcary Wedding

Tom Brock and Vicky Holley get married here at 2.30pm on Saturday 30th July and we wish them and their families a perfect day.

All the village children are invited to gather at the main churchyard gates at about 2.45pm to lock in the happy couple - until a modest ransom is paid..... I've no idea what the origin of this particular custom is, other than children will use any excuse to extort a few bob off the adults.

Could the church mowers please be sure everything is neat and tidy for the day? Thank you.

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Tennis

The tennis WhatsApp group is up and running very well. If you wish to join please call Simon Hoar on 07904 344453.

Sports Day is back!

On Saturday 9th July at 3pm on the playing field Babcary Sports Day returns after a two year gap. We have all the traditional sports day events for 5-15year olds with cash prizes available to all (so you are welcome to bring your friends too) whilst the Babcary children also get points towards the Davies Cup. The races are age graded so everyone gets a fair crack at winning. There will also be two races for the toddlers and two for the “veterans” (everyone over 15). Teas and ice creams will be available so please come along to watch and enjoy what is sure to be a lovely sociable sunny afternoon.

At the end the prizes will be presented by a local celebrity, himself a former winner of the Davies Cup.

NB. Competitors need to register at 2.45 please and bring their slow bicycle.

Would the current cup holders (of the Davies, Horticultural and Egg Cups) please return the silverware to the hut on Saturday morning if not before.

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COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

At the time the last Newsletter went to print 170 people had signed up to the Jubilee celebrations. By the time we got to early June, that figure had gone up to 240! Fortunately all you kind, helpful people rallied round to ensure that everyone was catered for. Every table and chair in the village and beyond was brought into service and Sycamore Farm cooked extra hog so there was plenty of meat. Alan Brown and his assistant did a marvellous job of serving it all, while Lucy and Elisabeth produced endless bowls of largely home-grown salad. The Canterbury family worked flat out to provide a constant stream of delicious cocktails and smoothies and Robbo and Stevo's bar never stopped. The colourfully laid tables and all the village bunting looked a treat in the marquees and under the verandah. The Playing Field was also graced by a display of very smart vintage cars and tractors.

How did we manage to choose the wettest day of the year so far (according to our weatherman, Steve)? The games had to be curtailed somewhat, but a lot of fun was had in the first hour at least. Congratulations to Babcary for beating Foddington in the tug-o-war and then to the combined women and children who soundly beat the men. Once the rules had been established the mass egg throwing proved fun until there was a queue of people rushing into the hut to try to wash egg off their faces and clothes! We were very grateful to Sir Ian Diamond for his entertaining speech and for presenting the prizes and the children's jubilee mugs. It was a pity the National Anthem could not be led from the roof of the Hut, but "Brian May" did his best from the confines of the marquee, and there was no shortage of prosecco for the Royal Toast. Glynis, our resident professional baker, produced a beautiful celebration cake as always and – despite the panic over numbers – there was enough to go round!

We've never had so much clearing up to do, but everyone rose to the occasion and worked tirelessly during the ensuing 24 hours to get everything down and packed away. Not easy in all that rain! Many hands do indeed make light work and if we had not had so many willing helpers, it would have been a lot harder, so thank you one and all!

SUMMER FETE

We had another great team of helpers to get the Fete up and running on 25th June. The weather was less than promising and there was a lot of competition from other events, but it wasn't a bad afternoon in the end, and there was a good turnout of supporters. Ty kindly provided the ever popular "Win-a-Breakfast" stall; Fred G set up the china smashing and a smashing time was had by all judging by the money raised; Rita, Carole and Mary ran the White Elephant, which raised £111; Jan and Steve provided great entertainment with their Bottle Stall and Golf; Gary was drafted in to help Sarah with the Raffle and did an admirable job; Judy devised another excellent side-show which led to great competition from the men and was won by Graham. Many thanks to Helen for growing so many lovely plants and to everyone who made cakes or provided raffle prizes. The committee did a great job all round given that they were so short-staffed.

The raffle prize winners were: Chloe Teese; Charlie Gillespie; Jan Street; Helen Dauncey; Tom Clark; Tom Tubridy; Clive Thayer; Mehmet Aric; Mary Levett; Dot Compton; Michelle Baber; Steffi Thayer; Brian Hartnell; Teresa Gilbert and Peter Caldwell.

Altogether £652 was raised, which will help replenish our coffers after all the expenses of the last two years. Well done everyone!

HARVEST SUPPER

There will be a meeting on Friday 19th August at 7.00pm in the Hut to discuss the Harvest Supper, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday 10th September on the Playing Field, making full use of the new verandah.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

2 nd July	Caroline and Tracyanne		6 th Aug	Helen and Teresa
9 th July	NO SHOP – SPORTS DAY		13 th Aug	Lucy and Jenny
16 th July	Gilli and Shirley		20 th Aug	Rita and Carole
23 rd July	Sally and Vee		27 th Aug	Judy and Jane
30 th July	Cordelia and Jules		3 rd Sep	Jan and Karen

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter from on June 9th from 12.40 – 12.55pm

NEW VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Congratulations to Glynis and George on the birth of their second grandchild – a son, Archie, for Victoria and Richard, born on 16th June weighing 7lb 5oz. We are looking forward to seeing two little boys in the back of George's tractor!

WEATHER REPORT

Steve Street.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 3 rd July	Family service	10.30am in the church
Saturday 9 th July	Babcary Sports Day	2.45pm playing field
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	In the church 6pm
Every Saturday	Community shop	9.30-11am in the hut