

# BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

*You are warmly invited to  
A Cream Tea on the Playing Field  
At 3.30 pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
To celebrate the coronation of  
HM King Charles III*

The cream tea will be followed by some games, for those that wish, such as the tug of war, egg throwing, walking football etc. Wellie wanging is probably banned by Health & Safety after the wild throwing at the Jubilee but Babcary need to reclaim the tug of war crown from Foddington and the men need to do the same after being roundly beaten by a few women and children at the Jubilee.

Finally we will round off with prosecco, the loyal toast and national anthem and all the village children will be presented with specially commissioned Babcary Coronation bone china mugs. There will be some left over and available to purchase priced £6.50 each.

Dress code: Red, white and blue if possible. Children are requested to make and wear a crown and there will be a prize for the best crown.

You are welcome to bring wider family/friends. There is no need to book, it's all free but there will be a box for donations. A superb excuse for a pleasant afternoon in the sun with all your friends.

At 10am the bells across the Six Pilgrims will ring out to celebrate the occasion. There are 17 bells in total so it will be a stretch to find enough ringers but our two new ringers, Mel Terleske and Fred Gunn, are on course to ring for the Coronation. On Sunday at 10.30 there will be a special Coronation Thanksgiving service here at Babcary.

Contributions for the June edition: 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PARISH COUNCIL

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Parish Council Draft Minutes 8pm at The Hut

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

**Apologies:** Mr Philip Sketchley & Mr Mike Lewis (SC)

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 signed.

#### 1) Matters Arising

- i) The King's Coronation 11am on 6th May, Babcary Community planning Cream Tea on the Playing Field, 3.30pm, followed by 'Games' on the field.
- ii) Somerset Day on the second Saturday in May (13th), Parish Council Somerset Flag purchased (SH).
- iii) The Chairman is investigating the Valuation List for Babcary in order to verify that all dwellings are properly assessed for Council Tax given the surprising fall in the tax base last year, no further information.

#### 2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £11,888.79 Current Account Balance is £50

#### 3) Planning Consultation

- i) **Proposal: Full Planning application for the proposed development of 1 no. barn to a single residential dwelling**  
**Location: Craddocks Farm Perry Hill Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EL**  
**Applicant: Mr Guy Shearer**  
**Application Number: 23/00723/FUL**  
**Parish Council: Objection.**

- ii) **Notification of Appeal APP/R3325/W/22/3309133 21/01051/FUL The Red Lion Inn, Main Street Bab Cary**

Written representations have been lodged and we are now awaiting a visit by an inspector and then a listing date for the hearing.

### 3) Correspondence

- i) **Planning information for Parish Councils relating to the new Somerset Council**  
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at [planningsouth@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:planningsouth@somerset.gov.uk)  
New Template & New Planning Consultation Training pdf forwarded to all councillors.
- ii) The A303 Dualling Scheme
- iii) Changes to LINUX Web Package (PS)
- iv) New SALC (Somerset Association Of Local Councilors) Website  
Online website orientation sessions will be available with Sam for those who would like a guided tour - please email Sam for details:sam@somerset-alc.org.uk
- v) AGAR External Audit Completion Deadline 03/07/2023
- vi) Waste Services Update  
Collections on Bank Holidays Update (Kings Coronation) No collections on the extra bank holiday  
Monday, 8 May. Collections will be one day later for rest of the week  
New council, new website Very little has changed, but our online info has moved to: [www.somerset.gov.uk/waste](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/waste)
- vii) Somerset Bus Partnership,  
There's no membership fee. However, we invite members to consider whether they could make a voluntary donation to Somerset Bus Partnership. Campaigning for buses, producing literature, running bus stalls all need to be funded.

### 4) Any Other Business

- i) The usual potholes throughout Bab Cary were raised as an issue! Deer Park Farm and South Barrow Road noted.
- ii) Wessex WiFi to be installed at The Hut before May's Meeting!

- 5) **Date & Time of Next Meeting: 8pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of May, Bab Cary PC AGM.**  
**Annual parish meeting - all welcome.** Note this is on the Wednesday not the usual Monday due to the bank holiday.

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

### Services

Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	S.Barrow	Communion	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Babcary</b>	<b>Family service</b>	<b>Coronation thanksgiving</b>
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30	Hornblotton	Communion	
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> May	10.30	Alford	matins	
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30	S.Barrow	Communion	Archdeacon

### Cleaning

### Flowers

### Coffee

### Sidesmen

7 <sup>th</sup> May	Tom and Bridget	Su	Mary and Sally	Rory and Simon
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Nikki and Karen	Lucy		
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Rita and Jenny	Karen		
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Simon & Shirley	Rita		
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Janet and Lucy	Jo		

## PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

### Tennis Subs

The annual tennis club subs are due now please. £50 for family membership or £20 for adults and £10 for children, payable to Babcary Playing Field Committee. In return you have full access to the tennis court and we have a rudimentary booking system via a whatsapp group. Contact Simon Hoar 07904 344453 for more details.

**Diary date: Babcary Sports Day will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

At our AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> April Helen presented some very healthy accounts. Thanks to a normal year, we have caught up again after the pandemic. Gilli resigned as Secretary after many years of sterling service and Caroline kindly volunteered to take her place. Helen and I remain as Treasurer and Chairman respectively, and Gilli, Teresa, Karen, Robin and Jenny are staying on the team.

The Newsletter, now 41 years old, is distributed to 118 households and I would like to thank everyone who contributes, collates and delivers. It's no mean feat every month! It is also available electronically at [www.babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk/village-news/](http://www.babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk/village-news/) and this month will

be put on WhatsApp. If anyone prefers this and would like to opt out of receiving a hard copy, please message me on 07845226478.

The Shop, now 42 years old, has had an extremely good year thanks largely to Richard's coffee machine and Ty's pies! Most weeks the Hut is buzzing! Many thanks to the 18 people on the rota and to everyone who makes/grows all the delicious goodies on sale.

For those of you who like to plan in advance here is our calendar of events:

6<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Cream Tea

17<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fete

9<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Supper

25<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Bazaar

16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Shop

Top of the agenda is the coronation cream tea. We have no idea how many people will come, but we will cater for the entire village and look forward to seeing you all!

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Shop Rota

6 <sup>th</sup> May	No Shop - Coronation	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Helen and Teresa
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Gilli and Shirley	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Lucy and Jenny
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Sally and Vee	17 <sup>th</sup> June	No Shop - Fete
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Cordelia and Jules	24 <sup>th</sup> June	Rita and Carole
		1 <sup>st</sup> July	Judy and Jane

### Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter from 1.10 – 1.35pm. on the 25th May.

# Garden Open

Bush Farm, Babcary, TA11 7DS

**Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00 – 16.00**

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Garden, Water Garden, Potager, Tree Garden, Wild Flower  
Meadow, Woodland – Plant Sale – Garden Sculptures by local  
artist on display and sale

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Light Lunches and Teas

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Entry £5

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All proceeds raised for **help for HOMELESS**

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Charity No 1189539

## NEWS

### VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Congratulations to Gemma Spence for completing the London Marathon - and also raising over £4,000 for Alzheimers research .

We send Judy Herten our best wishes for a speedy recovery after her recent surgery.

### WEATHER REPORT

March saw the 'welcomed' return of rainfall to Babcary with 109.4mm (4.3 inch) falling throughout the month. It is the wettest March in Babcary since records began at this station in 1980 - from the 6th of March rainfall was recorded every day of the month. March 2023 is the third wettest in the Wessex Region since records began in 1891.

**Steve Street**

# CORONATION DAY 6 MAY 2023

We will always remember this Coronation Day in May

and send all our blessings to

King Charles III and Queen Camilla on this special day.

We all hope for a better world where anger and hatred will cease.

A world of hope, joy and love and peace.

Here are two people who care for others as we all care for them too.

So today means everything to them as it does for me and you.

*Betty Whitcher*

## CONCERT

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the concert on Sunday 23rd in Babcary church. It was a joy to share some live music making with you all and to witness such brilliant performances in our beautiful church.....great cake too! What a treat.

Thank you to Chloe, Esme, Richard, Paul, Upusana, Harry, Isla, Jess and all the pupils from Keinton Mandeville primary school who performed so brilliantly. The audience were pretty amazing too!

We raised £550 for the school - a fantastic amount! Thanks also to the PCC for providing a perfect venue – we are very grateful.

Here's to more music making in the future

Nikki & Mark

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Cream Tea	Playing Field 3.30pm
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Family Service	Church 10.30am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	PC Meeting	Hut 8pm
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Garden Open	Bush Farm 12 – 4pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Mobile Library	Bus shelter 1.10 – 1.35pm
Every Tuesday	Bell Ringing	6pm in the church
Every Saturday	Community Shop	9.30 – 11am in the hut

