

BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

BABCARY SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE

3PM ON THE PLAYING FIELD

PLANTS CAKES CREAM TEAS
ICE CREAMS

ROBBO AND STEVO'S PROSECCO BAR

RAFFLE SKITTLES WHITE ELEPHANT

CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA SIDESHOWS

We would love to see you all at the Fete for a cream tea and a glass of prosecco. What could be better on a summer's day? Contributions to the Raffle or cake stall would be gratefully received.

Contributions for the July/August edition: 26th June

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

Date Wednesday 10th May 2023 Parish Council Draft Minutes 8pm at the Hut

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

Apologies: None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 17th April 2023 to be signed.

1) Matters Arising

- i) Somerset Day on the second Saturday in May (13th), Parish Council Somerset Flag purchased (SH).
- ii) The Chairman is investigating the Valuation List for Babcary in order to verify that all dwellings are included in the list for Council Tax given the surprising fall in the tax base last year.
- iii) Annual Audit to be confirmed before 03/07/2023
- iv) Annual General Meeting, open floor opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues of concern.
 - 1) Re-election of Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Simon Hoar, proposed by Mr. Graham Hughes & seconded by Mrs Melinda Terleske.
Vice chairman Mr Philip Sketchley re-elected, proposed by Simon Hoar seconded by Graham Hughes.
 - 2) Annual parish meeting open forum for members the public (zero attendance).
- v) Henry Hobhouse shared the very sad news that Mike Lewis had suddenly passed away on Tuesday 2nd of May. He was a long serving Somerset County and District councillor, very hardworking on behalf of this community and described by many as “a real gentleman”.
Mike will be enormously missed, for his good advice and for all his incredible dedication the people he served.

2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £16,212.17 Current Account Balance is £50

- i) Somerset Remittance Advice S0037378 (precept) 20/04/23 £4317.00
- ii) CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Payment, 18/02433/REM land at Baker Street Babcary 22/04/23 £1,194.00.
- iii) Babcary Domain Renewal (123) £129.45 (payable to Mr P Sketchley).

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 Bab Cary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EL

Applicant: Mr Guy Shearer

Application Number: 23/00723/FUL

The Parish Council reconsidered its objection in the light of further information from the applicants. They have confirmed that they have no intention of building to this design but wish to retain their rights under a class Q permission whilst they design something satisfactory and in keeping with the location. Following a long debate the council voted 4 votes to 3 to withdraw their objection in reliance on the assurance from Mr Shearer that he will not build this plan.

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

The appellants final comments are available on the Somerset planning portal site. The case now awaits a site visit from a planning inspector and a date for hearing.

3) Correspondence

- i) CPD credited maintenance & future proofing the EV Network webinar 31/05/23
We'll discuss why you should have an EV charging strategy, the common themes every local authority should explore, and what other elements will make an EV strategy unique to you. We'll explore future proofing, scalability, wider sustainable transport considerations, and more. You will be able to interact with other guests in the live chat and submit your questions for the panel of experts
- ii) FREE hybrid event to find out how to apply to SALC's health & wellbeing grant fund
16/05/23 Council Chamber Shepton Mallet.
- iii) Mental Healthcare Week 15/05/23.

4) Any Other Business

- i) Playing Field - children's fort, previously condemned by ROSPA due to rotten timber on the slide and elsewhere, tape had disappeared, Melinda volunteered to re-tape and display signs to deter use. The playing field committee are in the process of organising repairs but in the meantime the fort is closed.
- ii) HH advised that A359 Bridge at Queen Camel was closed due to water damage, flash flooding caused extensive damage in the local area from North Cadbury down through Queen Camel and on to West Camel. It rose 3.3 metres higher than usual.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: 8pm Monday 12th of June at the Hut.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

CHURCH ROTAS

Services

Sunday	28 th May	10.30	S.Barrow	Communion	With the Archdeacon
Sunday	4 th June	10.30	Lovington	Family service	
Sunday	10th June	12.30	Babcary	Wedding	Tom & Emma
Sunday	11 th June	10.30	N.Barrow	Family service	And Flower Festival
Sunday	18th June	10.30	Babcary	Matins	
Sunday	25 th June	10.30	Hornblotton	communion	

Cleaning

Flowers

Coffee

Sidesmen

4 th June	Janet and Lucy	Jo		
10 th June	Wedding			
11 th June	Sarah and Sarah	Teresa		
18 th June	Elisabeth & Mary	Mary	Michele & Lucy	Robin & Mel
25 th June	Judy and Sally	Elisabeth		

Wedding

At 12.30 on Saturday 10th June Tom Tubridy and Emma Bonnick are getting married in the church and we wish them good weather on the day and every happiness. As is the custom, the village children are all invited to come and "lock the gates" from about 12.55 - and be paid off for the privilege of releasing the happy couple on the way out.

Inter Village Boule Championship

The annual boules match will be held again at Pilla Dingle's house at South Barrow on the afternoon of Sunday 4th June. Babcary are the reigning champions but we're short of players! Please contact Robin Brown if you'd like to play.

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Babcary Sports Day

This year it will be held at 3pm on Saturday 15th July on the playing field. All the traditional races for age 5-15 plus a couple races for the under 5 - and the over 15s. Extended friends and family competitors are very welcome. Refreshments

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

We had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon on Saturday 6th May in honour of the King's coronation. The weather was kind after a morning of relentless rain and well over 100 people turned up for a cream tea. Many thanks to all of you who baked scones. We could barely keep up with the tea brewing and cream whipping!

The tug of war proved very entertaining with the women and children beating the men and Babcary beating Foddington. The eggs in the egg throwing competition seemed strangely unbreakable and after much throwing and rolling Isla and Jess were crowned the winners. Thank you to the children who made crowns – the winning crown was worn by.....mmm

The afternoon was rounded off with an excellent speech by Peter Sparkes and a toast to the King. As Peter so rightly said, no royal celebration would be complete without one of Glynis's superb cakes, which was beautifully decorated and quickly devoured. The children were presented with mugs (if you didn't get one, please let us know) and there are some left for sale at the Fete.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

3 rd June	Helen and Teresa	1 st July	Judy and Jane
10 th June	Lucy and Jenny	8 th July	Jan and Karen
17 th June	No Shop – Fete	15 th July	Caroline and TA
24 th June	Rita and Carole	22 nd July	Gilli and Shirley
		29 th July	Sally and Vee

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter from 1.10 – 1.35pm on Thursday 22nd June.

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Congratulations to Jane and Gerald Brock on becoming grandparents. Grandson Andreas was born to David and Penelope on 1st May

Congratulations to Holly & James Norman on the birth of Otis on 15th May. Lovely pictures on WhatsApp!

Congratulations to Lizzie Gilbert on passing out as a Detective Constable on 19th May.

Adopt a stile... or two!

We are so lucky to have many lovely walks along a good network of footpaths in the surrounding countryside of our village, which I for one enjoy using immensely. However, there are over 30 stiles on these footpaths, within a 2 mile radius of the village, which need to be kept clear throughout the year.

Last year I endeavoured to re-open some of the very overgrown stiles I came across so they could be used again and cut back yearly growth from the lesser used stiles. However, long term, what would be brilliant and needed is to keep all the stiles open and clear of brambles and new growth all year.

So I am appealing for anyone who walks the footpaths to occasionally take a pair of secateurs/loppers with them and clear back the new growth and brambles so that the stiles remain easy to use and this would only take minutes to do!

If anyone knows of any particularly inaccessible /overgrown stiles let me know as I am happy to attack them with some help!

Having taken a hard fall on a particularly slippery sleeper bridge last Autumn, I think it would be a great aim to chicken wire those more precarious stiles and wooden bridges which would benefit everyone and avoid future bruises or even breaks! I would like to suggest that anyone who wants help in chicken wiring a stile/sleeper, that they put a post on the village WhatsApp group chat as I am sure there are willing volunteers with a scrap of wire who could assist.

Many thanks and enjoy your walking!

Vee

D DAY 6th JUNE

I would like to make a scrapbook of all those years ago
so that one day our children would look through it, and then they would really know of
sacrifices made for the freedom we have today,
and of those who gave their lives for us, and who in foreign fields now lay.
The grieving ones they left behind, just their memories to hold dear;
husbands, sons and brothers, and as they left, we never knew their fear.
I wiped away a silent tear remembering years ago,
of how they sailed away then to face a mighty foe.
Lads in the convoys all around us, in every road and street,
they were the grandest bunch of men you could ever wish to meet.

We opened up our homes and hearts, we made them cups of tea, and
then a quietness descended when they put out to sea.
What were their thoughts as they sailed away, some never to return,
they had to end the tyranny for children yet unborn.
We owe a debt to all of them which can never be repaid,
unless we put this world to rights, and then the sacrifices made
will not have been in vain.

Let us remember those past dark years, we pulled together then,
we fought for what we knew was right, we can do it yet again.
I watched the veterans march today along the beaches they fought to take
with heads held high and medals gleaming, what a picture they did make.
And then I watched them on their pilgrimage to the rows of white crosses there
I saw them stand, remembering the grief they had to share.
So many of the fallen were only just young boys,
they would never know the peace we have, would never know the joys.
We have so many thanks to give, we will remember them with pride,
until our memories fade away, and we stand with them, side by side.

Betty Whitcher

WEATHER REPORT

April saw the continuation of above normal rainfall first observed during March, with 63.3mm of rainfall falling throughout the month. Rainfall occurred on half of the days within April, with accumulations ranging from 1 to 15 mm. Regionally the two-month period between March and April is the second wettest since records began in 1891. Reservoir storage levels remained stable throughout April maintaining storage of around 100%.

Steve Street

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 4 th June	Village Boules Championship	South Barrow pm
Saturday 10 th June	Wedding	Babcary Church 12.30pm
Monday 12 th June	PC Meeting	Hut 8pm
Saturday 17 th June	Fete	Playing Field 3pm
Sunday 18 th June	Matins Service	Babcary Church 10.30am
Thursday 22 nd June	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