

BABCARY NEWS AND VIEWS

We have been enjoying Nature's bounty over the past few weeks, celebrating harvest at our Harvest Supper and finding an abundance of home-grown vegetables at the Shop. There has been a bumper crop of blackberries in the hedgerows and the hawthorns are red with berries. Is this a sign of a harsh winter to come? As the nights draw in we head towards Halloween. The village children will no doubt be round for trick or treat on the 31st.

Contributions for the November edition: 23rd October.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 11th September 2023 Parish Council Draft Minutes 8pm at The Hut

Present: Mr Simon Hoar, Mr Graham Hughes, Mr Steve Street, Mrs Glynis Kingston, Mrs Melinda Terleske, Mr Damien Pick, Mr Phil Sketchley, Mr Henry Hobhouse (CC), Mr Kevin Messenger (CC) and Mrs Jasmine Tucker (Parish Clerk).

Apologies:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting 10th July 2023 agreed & signed.

1) Matters Arising

- i) Pot Holes around village have seen some attention, still requires completion.
- ii) Old climbing frame located in Playing field still has exposed stumps from metal sawn off frame, further investigations (GK to look into).
- iii) Phone Box needs repainting
- iv) Sink hole on Foddington Road opposite Redland Cottage reported two months ago was raised as a concern. Mr Henry Hobhouse has supplied the following "I believe you are referring to the pothole which has been caused by badger activity. We require an

inspection by an ecologist and then likely require a licence to work from Natural England (NE), the licence from NE can take some time to procure.” John Nicholson, Highways Somerset Council

2) Finance

Capital Reserve Account stands at £16,729.86 Current Account Balance is £50

3) Planning Consultation

- i) **Notification of Appeal APP/R3325/W/22/3309133 21/01051/FUL The Red Lion Inn, Main Street Babcary**
The Planning Inspectorate has ordered a full public hearing. Date to follow but either 24th or 25th October, location to be advised, no further information. *PS. Case listed for 24th October - and then postponed until further notice due to a lack of inspectors.*
- ii) Notification of intent to erect a steel portal framed apex building with fibre cement roof sheets.
Wheatlawn Farm Foddington Babcary Somerton Somerset TA11 7EL

Ref. No: 23/02198/AGN | Received: Wed 30 Aug 2023 | Validated: Wed 30 Aug 2023
| Status: Awaiting decision
- iii) **Newlands Farm Lane To The West Of Newlands Lane Babcary Somerset** Ref. No: 23/00800/FUL | Received: Tue 21 Mar 2023 | Validated: Wed 26 Apr 2023 Change of use of land to mixed agricultural/equestrian and construct stables building, straw barn, outdoor arena and horse walker | Status: Awaiting decision
- iv) **Address: Newlands Farm Lane To The West Of Newlands Lane Babcary Somerset**
Outline Application with all matters reserved for the erection of an equestrian worker's dwelling
Reference: 23/00792/OUT Status: Awaiting decision

3) Correspondence

Somerset Council request... Following some changes to working arrangements in Somerset Council please can you send any changes to contact details for your City,

- i) Town, Parish or Parish Meeting to the Democratic Services Team via email: democraticserviceteam@somerset.gov.uk
- ii) The draft minutes from the first LCN meeting for Levels & Moors have now been published here - Agenda for Local Community Network - South East Somerset (Wincanton) on Thursday, 22nd June, 2023, 7.00 pm - Modern Council
Do you have any information that relates to the priorities for residents and businesses in the area; for example a Parish Plan, any feedback from residents relating to a consultation or engagement exercise or recent data from a local organisation that might help paint a more detailed picture about the opportunities and issues in your area that you would like to share with the wider LCN? Simon Hoar to attend next meeting on line.

- iii) NALC consultation to update Model Financial Regulations, views on the technical aspects of regulations, which will inform the revisions.
- iv) Councillor Training Events, no takers.
- v) Dog Poop Bag Dispenser, PC agreed to install, Jasmine to source.
- vi) Phil Sketchley led a discussion on the future for villagers with oil boilers which were due to be banned from 2026, further information to be circulated via Babcary FaceBook & babcaryparishcouncil.org.uk. PS. *Superseded by Government U turn on 19th Sept.*
- vii) Somerset Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Conference Please join us at this year's Somerset Armed Forces Covenant Partnership conference on Tuesday 17th October, at The Canalside Centre, Marsh Lane, Bridgwater TA6 6LQ.
<https://forms.office.com/e/ZwEZ3aWPRW>
- viii) Code of Conduct, Simon to responded to accept on behalf of Babcary.

4) Any Other Business

- i) Graham Hughes raised a query re the community Defibrillator and its location. Asked the question is the phone box on Baker Street best location? Wouldn't the playing field be more sensible? Or potentially should we invest in another one?
- ii) Melinda raised worrying driver behaviour to horse riders on the roads and their lack of awareness, she has mentioned personally wearing a helmet cam, much the same as bike riders.
- iii) Footpath by The Old School sliding into the ditch, in need of repair.
Ownership/responsibility to be investigated - SH
- iv) Henry Hobhouse spoke regarding issues linked to Somerset Council (and many others such as Birmingham) nearing bankruptcy regarding overspending and the threat this poses to Adult Social Care, Children's Services and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 9th October in the Hut at 8pm.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Services

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| Sunday | 1 st Oct | 10.30 | S.Barrow | Family Service | & baptism |
| Sunday | 8 th Oct | 10.30 | Alford | Matins | |
| Sunday | 15 th Oct | 10.30 | N.Barrow | Communion | |
| Sunday | 22 nd Oct | 10.30 | Lovington | Communion | |
| Sunday | 29th Oct | 10.30 | Babcary | communion | |

Cleaning

Flowers

Coffee

Sidesmen

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| 1 st October | Jan and Lucy | Jo | | |
| 8 th October | Sarah & Sarah | Teresa | | |
| 15 th October | Elisabeth & Mary | Mary | | |
| 22 nd October | Judy and Sally | Elisabeth | | |
| 29 th October | Karen and Vee | Judy | Elisabeth & Lucy | Michele & Robin |

Church Allotments

There is a spare allotment behind the churchyard available for anyone who feels the need for some back breaking work albeit in a lovely location! Contact Simon Hoar on 07904 344453.

The Church Roof

Our church sits at the heart of the village and has done since time immemorial; the current building is mainly fourteenth century but there is thought to have been a church here since Saxon times. Whether we are regular churchgoers or not most of us see the church as a vital part of village life. The maintenance (and heating) of a large medieval building is not cheap and every five years we are obliged to have it checked over by an architect and undertake maintenance as necessary. Fortunately, our predecessors have kept up to date with the repair of the church and it is essentially in good condition. However, our latest survey has highlighted that the chancel roof needs replacement. The beautiful old hamstone tiles have gradually weathered and are now crumbling - fast - take a look the next time you pass by. Work required to retile the roof is estimated at over £60,000. This needs to be done in the next year.

Contrary to what you might imagine we receive no funding from the Church of England or the Government. The maintenance of this building is entirely dependent upon us, the people of Babcarry.

Some years ago we had a major drive to ask people to set up covenants (mainly by monthly bankers order). Most of these have now lapsed and, whilst the church's finances have been ticking over satisfactorily, we are now asking people to renew them under the Gift Aid system through which we could reclaim the tax and thereby get another 25p for every £1 given.

It is this kind of fundraising, along with some major grants, which allowed us to install the loo/servery and disabled access and to reinstate the West Gallery, both of which have proved to be huge assets for the church.

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PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Bonfire Night

Bonfire Night will be on Saturday 4th November. A huge bonfire, a magnificent firework display, a sumptuous hog roast and local real ales on the bar. Fire lit at 6.30pm, fireworks at 7pm. Car parking on the playing field.

Playing Field Committee - next meeting: 7pm in the hut on Tuesday 3rd Oct.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

We had a brilliant Harvest Supper on 9th September despite the heat. How did we manage to choose the hottest day of the year! In times gone by we would have been donning layer after layer as the evening progressed and still felt cold by the end.

The food was delicious with turkey, ham and cheese from Sycamore Farm, rolls kindly donated by Lievitos and home-made apple pies with Hurdlebrook cream. Many thanks to all those kind people who made the apple pies enabling us to have good portions for pudding with plenty of pies for the Auction.

There followed a marvellous line-up of entertainment thanks to Nikki Hewson and her gang of performers. Harry, Isla, Paul and Jasmine all sang brilliantly and the Pop-up choir did a great job too, thanks to Nikki's excellent training skills. The audience were good at joining in and would like to do more next year!

Dave Paull once again put his auctioneering skills to good use and raised some eye-watering sums over and over again as well as providing a one man comedy show. We also had a Raffle and the lucky prize winners were: John Crofts, Jane Burnett, Tristan Tucker, Jean Cutting (Karen's Mum), James Baber, Mel Terleske, Annabel Gilbert, Harry Hewson, Hermione Tucker and Dave Paull.

Next on the agenda is the Christmas Bazaar on 25th November so please save the date. There will be a meeting to discuss this at 7pm in the Hut on Friday 27th October.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Shop Rota

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| 7 th Oct | Sally and Vee | 4 th Nov | Rita and Carole |
| 14 th Oct | Cordelia and Jules | 11 th Nov | Judy and Jane |
| 21 st Oct | Helen and Teresa | 18 th Nov | Jan and Karen |
| 28 th Oct | Lucy and Jenny | 25 th Nov | No Shop - Bazaar |
| | | 2 nd Dec | Caroline and TracyAnne |

Mobile Library

Calls at the bus shelter from 1.10 – 1.35pm on the 12th October.



SHANTY NIGHT



On Saturday 21st October, **Trafalgar Night**, we are having a shanty night at North Barrow village hall. The noted shanty band, Fore Sail, from Cornwall will be leading (apparently they're friends of friends of the Fisherman's Friends) plus our local Four Foot Four band - but it's all about audience participation i.e. a good old sing-along to some cracking songs. The Wellerman, South Australia, Drunken Sailor, No hopers, jokers & rogues and many more. Grog and hard tack (and more palatable soup, bread and cheese) is included and more drinkable drinks are extra. Adults £10, children £5, concessions for retired admirals, Fleet Air Arm, retired pirates etc. It's all in support of Help for Homeless and North Barrow Church. See poster for details.

NEWS VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Congratulations to Alice and Charlie Gillespie on the birth of Robbie on 10th July; a little brother for Holly.

And congratulations to Grace and Alastair Lyle on the birth of Xander last month; a little brother for Georgia and Sienna.

And well done Steve "The Wildman" Wildman for completing the 670km Southern Divide bike ride across England, from Land's End to Rochester, unsupported.

Sad to hear that Canon George Rayner, our first house for duty priest, has just died at the ripe old age of 97, peacefully, on the Isle of Wight.

WEATHER REPORT

Babcary received 53.9mm (2.1") of rainfall during August which was 10mm below our long-term average.

Steve Street

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Tuesday 3 rd October | PF Committee Meeting | 7pm in the Hut |
| Monday 9 th October | PC Meeting | 8pm in the Hut |
| Thursday 12 th October | Mobile Library | 1.10-1.35pm Bus shelter |
| Saturday 21 st October | Shanty Night | North Barrow Village hall |
| Friday 27 th October | CC Meeting | 7pm in the Hut |
| Sunday 29 th October | Communion | 10.30am Babcary church |
| Every Tuesday | Bell Ringing | 6pm in the church |
| Every Saturday | Community Shop | 9.30 – 11am in the hut |

TRAFALGAR DAY

SHANTY NIGHT



Saturday 21st October
 North Barrow Village Hall
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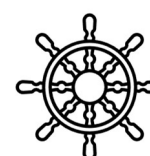


*A night of full on, raucous, shanty singing for all the crew;
 rant and roar!*

Grog, hard tack and other (more palatable) victuals included.
 More drinks available.



*Dress code: a nautical theme is optional
 stripes? a flag or two?*



Tickets £10 (£5 for children)
 Tickets from Simon Hoar on 07904 344453

The noted shanty band **Fore Sail** and celebrated local musicians
Four Foot Four will be there to lead the singing.

This is a Six Pilgrims fund raising event for
Help for Homeless and **North Barrow Church**